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C R E D I T S

We of THE SENTINEL made a grave error in not giving credit to the person responsible for the bulletin from London via Dorothy Kilgallen (May 1, 1955; #16). The clipping was submitted by Mr. Joe Wagner of Saginaw. Many pardons, Joe, for neglecting you.

ATTENTION SAUCER CLUBS

We are still looking for interested groups and individuals to handle SENTINELS. Remember this: you make $12\frac{1}{2}$ profit on every copy of THE SENTINEL you sell if you purchase in lots of 25 or more. Why not order a bunch today and have them on hand for your next saucer promotion!!!

STAFF

SAUCER SENTIMENTS -- THE EDITOR COMMENTS

Our sentiments this week are rather deep ones because this is our last week of reporting to you readers. It goes without saying that all of us here have enjoyed writing and publishing THE SAUCER SENTINEL for the past eleven months.

You have all been wonderfully patient subscribers and we have greatly appreciated your patronage and kind comments.

As you may or may not know, six of our seven staff members are teen-agers and four of us will attend college in the fall. Because we will all be attending different schools, it makes further publication of THE SENTINEL impossible.

Although we have come to some very definite conclusions about flying saucers and about the different people who are working in the field, it would only look as if we were trying to make a kill via print on our way out and therefore we will try to exclude sensationalism from this final issue.

At this time we would like to introduce the members of our staff.

D.W. (Dave) Oppermann, Executive Editor, is the head of Olympic Publications and originated THE SENTINEL a year ago this month. You have read his editorials in past issues. Dave, who graduated from Saginaw High School this June, has had a limited amount of previous newspaper writing experience and greatly enjoys work in the publication field. He will attend college in Ohio in the fall.

C. Russell (Chuck) Fickett, Assistant Editor, together with George Watson did most of the editing and condensing of the articles which have appeared in these pages. Chuck, who also graduated from Saginaw High in June, is a scholarship winner to the University of Michigan.

George Watson, Associate Editor, officiated as our contest editor and in this capacity he wrote our regular contest bulletins and kept a list of all the contestants and the points they earned. George and Chuck Fickett, did a great amount of the actual printing and assembling work of THE SENTINEL. George, another '55 S.H.S. graduate, plans to attend Bay City Junior College in the Fall.

Lionel Rickerfor, Associate Editor, who lives in New Orleans, always was on the lookout for saucer news and was constantly forwarding news-releases and articles along to us. He is a class A saucer investigator having done research in many local sightings. A high school graduate, besides being a former member of the Junior Academy of Science and The American Rocket Society, Lionel is at present time an amateur astronomer and constantly scans the heavens for saucers with his 400 power telescope.

Richard Granville, Managing Editor. All new subscriptions, book orders, and a great deal of other saucer correspondence was very capably handled in our offices by Dick. Besides these chores,

it was Dick who addressed THE SENTINELS and double-checked as they were mailed to be sure no subscriber would miss receiving his copy due to an error on our part. The youngest member of our staff, Dick will be a senior at Saginaw High this fall.

Robert Bassil, Technical Adviser, has the distinction of being the only staff member who is not still in his teens. (He has a very lovely wife and three wonderful children). Bob and his family came to Saginaw from England a little over a year ago and besides having a full time job as a salesman for the Gestetner Company (World's Largest Maker of Mimeograph Machines--you're welcome Bob), and being very active in civic affairs, he has spent countless hours in the evening and his spare time helping us with printing and other technical problems as they developed.

Jesse Lopez, Art & Layout Director. Jesse at times is rather embarrassed about his title because although he has produced some very fine drawings re the saucer subject, none have ever appeared in THE SENTINEL due to lack of space or reproduction complications. Let it be said at this time, however, that he is a very talented artist and very interested in the study of saucers. Although his drawings have never appeared in our pages, it is Jesse who does all the lettering and border work for us and arranges the articles in the order they are going to appear before and during the stenciling process. "Lope" is also a loyal Saginaw High student.

Mr. Jerry Howell and Mr. Robert Schiff have also voluntarily given us many hours of their time in helping us print, assemble, and mail THE SENTINEL, and we wish to thank them as well as the rest of our staff.

THE SENTINEL was printed in our far from elaborate offices at Six Holland Court here in Saginaw. As many of you already realize, it was reproduced by the mimeograph process, and I believe that THE SENTINEL was one of the few publications actually printed by the persons who wrote it. Most other saucerzines are printed by professional companies who are paid for their work.

As we have mentioned before, printing THE SENTINEL was only a part time job here at Olympic Publications. We did mimeographing service for many local concerns which kept us busy all the time.

We thought we could feel proud as teen-agers publishing THE SENTINEL which went out to twenty-four different states and 23 different cities right here in Michigan until we found out that two other prominent saucer publications are also published by teen-agers, but we can just hope this is a sign of a more up and coming group of youths in present and future years.

If I again tried to list here, everyone who has helped us out in some way or another, the list would fill the remaining pages of this issue, but they know who they are and many thanks to you all.

Let me state that it is with tears in our eyes that we say "Au Revoir" to all you wonderful readers and we deeply hope to get the chance to do business with you again in the future.

The Staff
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-----advertisement-----

HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SUBSCRIBE FOR "THE SAUCERIAN"

THE SAUCERIAN is a commercially-printed publication, issued every three months. Subscription price is \$2.00 for six issues, sent to you on a money-back guarantee that you must consider it the best publication in the saucer field today.

For example, the current Spring issue, contains a full accounting of the spectacular saucer sightings experienced recently in France, with amazing details of strange occupants of saucer-like craft seen CLOSE UP by French citizens. Read how a little boy swears he saw a dwarf-like creature in a flying saucer in a Kansas wheat field. Read the details of the sensational lie detector test that was given to a Michigan man who swore he saw a saucer land and little men surrounding it.

Frank Edwards, fearless newscaster, recently stopped by the "Silence Group," retells the strange story of Oliver Larch, the true account of how a little boy was literally snatched off the face of the Earth. John Otto tells in great detail of his message to the space people via radio and the sensational code message received in return.

George Adamski breaks a long silence and replies to the many people trying to discredit his story of meeting a man from Venus. You'll enjoy reading his article, TIME WILL TELL, written exclusively for THE SAUCERIAN.

We have a few copies of this big Spring issue left, ready to be sent out to you. And the next issue, now in preparation, promises to be even more exciting. The material we have come across for this forthcoming issue is so startling that we will not divulge the nature of it until release date for our own protection. We can hint, however, that it may break wide-open the shocking story of how flying saucer researchers have been silenced by strange visitors who threatened their lives if they did not turn over certain evidence in their possession and if they continued to investigate the saucer mystery too deeply. If for some reason we should not be permitted to publish this material we will have other information to impart of very outstanding nature.

You really have to see THE SAUCERIAN to appreciate how well it covers the saucer field. So we suggest you RUSH the coupon below to us AT ONCE with your remittance.

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LETTERS - TO - THE - EDITOR

May Never Have The Answer...

I dislike having the saucers used to convey messages, warnings, prophecies, and the like. While such messages may be "true" for the human being who "transmits" them, they are by nature non-verifiable and subjective. My interest is strictly in establishing the detailed facts about specific sightings: who saw what, on what date, at what time, what did the object(s) look like, how did they behave, and so forth. There is no general catalogue of sightings, and I am sure that there are a great many more important cases than have been described nationally.

Concerning supposed personal contacts: Some of the reports of saucer occupants being seen have the ring of truth. But all reports of two-way communication, whether by speech, by gestures, by mental telepathy, or by radio, sound invented.

I suspect that some of the accounts of two-way communication are the result of sheer impatience. It is easy to become frustrated by these long years of multiplying riddles to which we never get a final and definite answer. "Why doesn't something happen? Well, then I'll make it happen."

Anyone who plans to study saucers objectively should realize the strong possibility that we may never have the answer (in our lifetime, that is).

Miss I.L.D.,
New York, New York.

Losing Interest in Subject...

I am losing interest in the subject (of flying saucers) due to the mud-slinging and quarrels, and to the fiction that is being passed off as factual. I believe little of my late readings.

I am sorry your paper is being discontinued!

Mrs. A.A.,
St. Louis, Michigan.

No Closer To Solution of Mystery...

It was quite a shock to get your letter saying you're discontinuing THE SENTINEL. I assume, however, it's one of those things that have got so many other saucer publishers--just too much work.

I'm not just saying this to flatter you, but of all the saucerzines I have received I believe THE SENTINEL is just about the best in coverage. You have been doing a great job, and I do hope conditions are such that you can again publish it one of these days.

As far as the Mystery is concerned, I frankly think I'm no closer to any solution than I was when I got into the thing; it may be there is no one answer to fit the entire picture. As I see it from here, the Saucer Mystery involves a number of phenomena, including U.S. weapons, hallucinations, hoaxes, AND extraterrestrials, though the latter may represent a more complex idea than we would normally ascribe to outer space--in other words, 4-D or something of that order.

G.B.,
Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Put Pressure On Congress...

I believe more pressure should be exerted on Congress to have the Government's data made public, seeing the space people seem to be friendly.

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Instead, the Government blares and advertises everything the Communists do and at the same time state they are our worst enemies. Something is wrong. The American public isn't as dumb as its political representatives are.

C.C.H.,
Amherst, Ohio.

Up and Coming Youth...

I am extremely sorry to hear of the termination of publication of THE SAUCER SENTINEL which I felt was one of the finest periodicals in the Flying Saucer field.

I was pleasantly surprised to hear that the staff of THE SENTINEL are teen-agers. I guess the youth of the world are really coming up today.

You did an excellent bit of editing on the Vail article ("Saucer Film Sequence Believed to be Fake", SENTINEL, May 1, page 12). Congratulations.

M.B.M.,
Los Angeles, California.

Good Information...

THE SAUCER SENTINEL... has some very good information in it and keep printing all you can about sightings of the Flying Saucers.

John A. Shpil,
Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan.

Financial Benefits Cause Doubt...

I find it hard to believe any so called contacts in which the person "contacted" turned it into a financial advantage for himself.

Sorry to see such a fine publication stop.

James V. Syler,
Canton, Ohio.

Ballot Idea Interesting...

May I know why THE SAUCER SENTINEL is folding up? You had a good publication.

Your BALLOT idea sounded interesting.

Mrs. W. C. John,
Washington, D.C.

(The reason for our closing is given in this issue in a story starting on page three. -EDITOR.)

Doesn't Want to Miss an Issue...

I like THE SAUCER SENTINEL very much. I wouldn't want to miss an issue. I can hardly wait for the next one.

Mrs. Stevie Stach,
Rosenberg, Texas.

Down to Earth Publication...

I find the SAUCER SENTINEL a down to Earth report of sincere reading and enjoy all articles contained in reports.

I would like to have these news reports continued as they are really swell! Can't be beat!

Mrs. C. U.,
Livonia, Michigan.

Wants to Obtain Back Issues...

I was certainly sorry to hear that THE SENTINEL will cease publication with the next issue. I have enjoyed reading the saucer news while it was
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COMINGEVENTS

Following is a tentative schedule of forthcoming lectures by saucer prominents. In many cases the place of the lecture has not been announced yet and therefore cannot be listed here.

Buck Nelson

BUCK NELSON is a small rancher from Missouri who had a saucer come down several months ago and knock him down inadvertently. Since then the visitors have bent over backwards to make up for it, feeling very badly about the accident. He is a 70-year-old man, WAS crippled with arthritis, and the neighbors (who have said that saucers have been in the vicinity) say they have noted quite a change about him. Nelson has been investigated by a nurse and an attorney in Springfield, Missouri, and they feel he is rational, sincere, and VERY spry. Nelson claims that the visitors from outer space took him on a three-day trip. First they went to Mars where he walked on that planet, and then to the moon (both sides) and he walked on that, and then to Venus where he ate in their homes.

July 26th (Tuesday) and July 28th (Thursday), Detroit, Michigan, Veteran's Memorial Building, 151 West Jefferson, 8:15 P.M. Tickets available at Grinnell's for \$1.25 including tax. Program under the auspices of the Study Group on Interplanetary Relationships.

George Adamski

GEORGE ADAMSKI is co-author of FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED and author of INSIDE THE SPACE SHIPS. He claims to have talked to inhabitants from Mars, Venus, and Saturn.

September 20th and 21st (Tuesday and Wednesday), Detroit, Michigan, Detroit Institute of Arts.

September 23rd (Friday), Grand Rapids, Michigan.

September 26th (Monday), Columbus, Ohio.

September 27th-30th (Tuesday-Friday), Chicago, Illinois.

Desmond Leslie

DESMOND LESLIE, besides being a cousin of Winston Churchill, is a saucer researcher and co-author of FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED.

October 14th (Friday), Detroit, Michigan, Detroit Institute of Arts.

October 17th-18th (Monday-Tuesday), Grand Rapids, Michigan.

October 19th (Wednesday), Davenport, Iowa.

October 20th-21st (Thursday-Friday), Cleveland, Ohio.

Signed Opinion:

FLYING

SAUCER

ATTACK

by Roy A. Gallant

Condensed from Summertime Magazine

Before we try to answer the question, "What is a flying saucer?", let's take a look at three stories about...well, you name it after you read them.

THE FIRST STORY: For years sailors in the tropics have seen strange balls of light wandering around their ships at night. These objects are called "fire balls" because that's just what they look like and are about the size of a basketball. Sometimes fire balls appear atop the masts of sailing ships. And some of them glow so brightly that a sailor sitting on deck at night can read a book by their light. Sometimes, these fire balls come wandering in near a ship, then wander away into the darkness.

THE SECOND STORY: In tropical and semi-tropical areas people walking through the woods after a rain storm have reported seeing balls of fire. Suddenly and quite mysteriously the fire balls appear, bounce around a bit, then either explode with a loud "bang" or go flying off through the trees and disappear.

THE THIRD STORY: A friend of mine once told me about the strangest telephone call he ever made. He was in a country store with an old-fashioned telephone you have to crank. After whirling the crank several times he was surprised to see a small ball of fire pop out of the telephone. It ran down the wall, across the floor, and climbed into a box of ripe tomatoes where it exploded and splattered several startled onlookers with tomato juice.

What makes these three stories important? Well, they all deal with fire balls which have been appearing to the amusement and amazement of people for hundreds of years. Actually they are nothing more than balls of static electricity. And they may well be what many people have mistakenly called "flying saucers." Years ago people called them "ghosts," "evil spirits," or any other name that seemed to explain them. And since they were most easily seen at night, people had trouble judging their actual size and distance. This, of course, added to the mystery of just what they were.

What many people don't realize is that our Army, Navy and Air Force have very strange objects in the air day and night. We have planes of odd designs that travel twice the speed of sound. We have hundreds of balloons dangling metal objects that radar instruments track. We have big plastic bags used for cosmic ray study. All of these objects can be and have been mistaken for "flying saucers."

But what about airline pilots who know about all this stuff, and who have seen saucers? And what about all the people who have seen saucers from cars in broad daylight? Are they just seeing things? The Air Force says, yes. And the Air Force should know because it's been studying such reports for years.

If you know something about air--how it behaves--you know that the air comes in layers of different temperatures. Frequently, hot air sandwiches are formed: a layer of hot air is trapped between two layers of cold air. When this happens, the sandwich produces a mirror. In case you don't know it, these air mirrors are what cause people to see mirages on the desert.

How do these air mirrors work? The airline pilot who reports a "strange object" with portholes says it flew beside him for several miles, then

suddenly shot straight up at 900 miles an hour, and disappeared. A flying saucer? Did the pilot actually see something? Sure he did. Only he didn't realize that what he saw was a reflection of his own plane, caught in an air mirror and twisted out of shape.

When the mirror turned, it sent the reflection of the pilot's plane "mysteriously speeding off" in a different direction. If you've ever seen trick mirrors at a circus or a fair you can understand how air mirrors play tricks on unsuspecting pilots.

Let's leave the airline pilots and imagine that you're out on a hike. Suddenly, someone says, "Look! Look at that silver thing going across the sky. It's a flying saucer!"

You look and see a silver thing racing over the earth. For about ten seconds it speeds at 1,000 miles an hour in a straight line. It dives toward the ground, then straight up and zooms away out of sight. Several of you see the same thing. You tell other people about it, and it is called a "flying saucer." Several "objects" such as this have been reported by people on hikes, people waiting for a bus, and people driving along in automobiles. What are they?

They are discs of light reflected from the windshields of automobiles which may be 30 or so miles away. Here's how it works:

The windshield of the car catches the sun's rays, then reflects them into the sky where they hit an air mirror and bounce down to you on the ground. It's that simple. As the car takes a turn it causes the disc to move sideways. And when the car begins to go down a hill, the disc of light dives toward the ground. Then as the car climbs a hill, the disc also climbs. Finally, it disappears when the air mirror ends.

Many reliable people say they have seen what they call "flying saucers." But what do they actually mean when they use the expression? A space ship from some other planet? Usually they mean just this--but unless they know a few facts about space travel they don't realize how absurd their notion really is.

Tomorrow down at the beach ask George if he thinks there are such things as "flying saucers," and ask him if he thinks they are strange ships from outer space. Chances are he'll say, yes. Then, when you go back to school ask your science teacher the same question. Chances are he'll say, no.

Most scientists who know about space travel will tell you that flying saucers are the bunk. Why? Because what we know about all the other planets in our solar system tells us that life as we know it can't exist on them.

News-Release:

FRENCH DESIGNER UNVEILS FLYING SAUCER

Paris, France-Associated Press-July 5th-Pictures have been released showing an engineless model of the French Aerodyne--latest version of the flying saucer machine.

The plane, unveiled in Paris by designer Rene Couzinet, has a diameter of almost 27 feet. Upper and lower circular sections will revolve in opposite directions when powered by three 135-horsepower engines and the turbojet reactor which is visible on the underside of the craft. Pilot and passengers will be carried within a transparent cupola at the top center of the machine. Designer hopes the experimental plane will fly next year.

A GUIDE FOR SUBSCRIBING TO SAUCER PUBLICATIONS

Since THE SENTINEL has now ceased publication, many of our readers will want to subscribe to a new magazine. For our readers' convenience we have published below a list of the better saucer publications available at the present time.

FLYING SAUCER NEWS SERVICE RESEARCH BULLETIN, published by Thomas M. Comella on the 21st of each month. \$2.00 per year. Flying Saucer News Service, 20019 Scottsdale Boulevard, Shaker Heights 22, Ohio.

The latest issue had six pages and included the following articles: "Ex-Marine Challenges Air Force--'I Proved Flying Saucers Are Real!',", "No Change in Air Force Policy, Recent Correspondence Shows", "The Enigma of the 'Saucer' That Changes Shape--Is It Tangible?", "Dan Fry Tells of 4,000 Mile Ride in a Saucer", "Saucers Photographed Over New York", "Report Russian Super Missile; Uses a Saucer-Like Propulsion?", "Comet-Like Object Traverses British Isles", "West Virginia Monster Story Gets More Documentation", "The Editor Speaking."

A copy of this issue may be obtained by sending 25¢ to the above given address.

LITTLE LISTENING POST, released every so often by Clara John, 4811 Illinois Avenue, Washington 11, D.C. Four issues, \$1.00.

The news is presented in capsule form and although only half of the magazine is concerned with flying saucer doings, it is a very worthwhile publication to subscribe to. Last issue had five pages.

SAUCER NEWS (formerly NEXUS), published bi-monthly by James W. Moseley, P.O. Box 163, Fort Lee, New Jersey. \$1.00 for three issues, \$2.00 per year.

The latest issue had eighteen pages and included the following articles: "Editorials", "Letters-to-the-Editor", "The Somerset Giants" by John Pitt, "Recent News Items", "Leslie Strikes Back" Part Two by Desmond Leslie, "Do Saucers Navigate the Earth's Magnetic Field?" by Richard Cohen, "Further Revelations About Adamski" by Irma Baker, and "Is Mr. Scully a Cynic?" by Harold T. Wilkins.

A copy of this issue may be obtained by sending 35¢ to the above given address.

THE SAUCERIAN, edited and published quarterly by Gray Barker, Box 2228, Clarksburg, West Virginia. (See advertisement on page five of this issue). Six issue subscription, \$2.00.

The latest issue had sixty-four pages and contained thirty seven articles. The by-lines included such names as Frank Edwards, George Adamski, Dominic Lucchesi, John Otto, and M.K. Jessup. A copy of this issue may be obtained by sending 35¢ to the above given address.

SAUCERS, edited by Max B. Miller, published approximately quarterly by Flying Saucers International, P.O. Box 35034, Los Angeles 35, California. (See advertisement on page fifteen of this issue). Four issues, \$1.00.

The latest issue had sixteen pages and included the following articles: "Space Craft and Interstellar Communication" by John Otto, "Miscellany", "The Second Annual Spacecraft Convention" by Daniel W. Fry, "Light Beam Circuit Diagrams", U.F.O. News, "Three U.F.O.'s in One Day" by James F. Roddy, "Inside the Space Ships", "Book & Book Notes". A copy of this issue may be obtained by sending 25¢ to the above given address.

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LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR

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news! Publication twice a month was fine. I know all saucer fans will miss this service. You have done a very outstanding job in my opinion.

I am enclosing the ballot as requested. I can't make my mind up about #5 however (Question: Do you believe any of the many stories of personal contacts with visitors from other planets?), so have left it blank. Too many of these stories sound too weak to me, yet I wonder what kind of a story I would tell if such a thing happened to me.

I would like to obtain issues #1 and #2 of the SENTINEL to complete my file. Also, I would like to obtain No's. #1 and #2 of THE NEW ZEALAND FLYING SAUCER, Winter 1954-55 issue of BRITISH FLYING SAUCER NEWS, Volume I, issues #1 and #2 of THE LITTLE LISTENING POST, Volume I, issues #1, #2, and #3 of NEXUS, all of Volume I of THE ROUNDHOUSE and No. 2 of OURINOS. I need these issues to complete my files and will pay for these items. Perhaps some SENTINEL reader may have copies they no longer wish to keep. I plan to keep my collection intact.

Again let me express my sorrow to see THE SAUCER SENTINEL come to such an abrupt end. If publication resumes in the future please notify me.

Francis Brownley,
33 Sherrill Street,
Geneva, New York.

(Thank you Miss Brownley, for your very kind comments. If any of our readers can supply the back issues she is looking for, write Miss Brownley at her address which is given above. -EDITOR.)

More Newspaper Reporting...

There is not enough newspaper reporting or publicity nor is there enough effort by our Government to solve the mystery.

Sorry you are closing shop. I enjoyed your publication very much.

D.W. McLain,
Highland Park, Illinois.

It is a Wonderful Age...

Concerning the Adamski-Moseley question on the ballot: Are you asking us to judge the veracity of the statements summarily given by one or both of the protagonists? I should not like to do that. Mr. A. is quoted as stating, (pg. 10, Saucer Sentinel, 5-15-55): "Truth needs neither exposure nor defense". I agree. There is an eternal law paraphrased by a wise one: "Judge not lest ye be judged". Punishment by that law itself paradoxically hurts more than all the verbal "sticks and stones" of personal judgement.

It is truly a wonderful age! The 'phenomena' is willing but the race consciousness is weak. President Eisenhower went to the heart of the matter when he said: "In the long run...the kind of peace that will allow people to be really tranquil and confident in their daily pursuits...will be achieved only when nations have achieved that mutual trust."

Perhaps that peace will have to be manifested here on earth before we can enjoy the visitors from space, en masse.

The telecast movie, "The Red Planet Mars", expresses the principle basic to establishing the peace necessary to ushering in our spacious age.

For whatever reason the next issue (this issue) is to be the last, we're sorry! We looked forward to the little publication with zest each time.

Helen H. Jackson,
Washington, D.C.

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(Sorry we didn't have room for all of your wonderful letters!!!! -EDITOR)

Special Report

CONTROVERSY RAGES AMONG SAUCER PROMINENTS

- Conclusion -

by D.W. Oppermann

In our last issue we covered the Adamski-Moseley controversy. In this issue we will sum up the other saucer arguments. The following is a "crazy, mixed up battle" with fighters coming from all corners and striking anyone near them. Try and follow, please. It may be difficult.

ROUND ONE - Scully. "Scully Breaks a Long Silence"; NEXUS, March, 1955. Written by Frank Scully. Summary: Scully said of Harold Wilkins' FLYING SAUCERS ON THE ATTACK: "It was subtitled "Startling NEW revelations of one of the most incredible stories of our age". It contained nothing startling and certainly nothing new, except a new accumulation of misinformation and a curious method of reprinting old stuff with blind credits." Changing the subject, he stated: "As I have not admitted anywhere to anybody, anytime, that it (his book) was a goax, it is up to characters such as Wilkins, Leslie, Moseley, et al to put up or shut up. They've had a field day up to now because I have been so busy writing other books I haven't had time to bother with these schnecks. But I am serving notice, as of this moment, that they retract their libels or hire themselves a good lawyer." He goes on to supposedly thoroughly discredit Moseley as a thorough investigator.

ROUND TWO - Fitt. "Leslie in the Limelight"; NEXUS, March, 1955. Written by John Fitt. In this article, Fitt, an Englishman like Leslie, thoroughly tears apart Leslie and the "Aero Biometer"--the machine with which Leslie supposedly proved Adamski's saucer photographs genuine. Further on, Fitt refers to Truman Betherum as "a narrow-minded kill-joy" and quotes Leslie as saying the Betherum was so uneducated that he must be telling the truth.

ROUND THREE - Leslie. "Letters-to-the-Editor"; NEXUS, May, 1955. A letter written by Desmond Leslie in answer to the article by Fitt. Summary: "Who and what is Fitt??? No one of any prominence in the English saucer world seems to know... Is he real? Or is he the pen name for the funny author of the funny "Williamspoon" type of article that NEXUS seems to run to, owing to lack of intelligent material with which to fill its pages? The author (whoever-he-be) of this work of fiction which pretends to reveal my innermost secrets has never met me; nor I him, and seems to know as much about me as I know about him, which is precisely nil in either case. His article is such a fantastic mass of inaccuracies and invention that I cannot spare the time even to begin to answer it. However, by all means let him continue to write about Adamski and myself if he wishes; for, as Shakespeare said: 'What great ones do, the less will prattle on.'

ROUND FOUR - Wilkins. "Is Mr. Scully a Cynic or is He Dancing with Tears in His Eyes?"; NEXUS, June-July, 1955. Written by Harold T. Wilkins in answer to Scully's article (Round I). Summary: "I found Mr. Scully's book about the saucers from Venus a most diverting production; nor did I feel at all inclined to high-hat Mr. Scully because of some rather bad 'bloomers', as the British call them, of a technical character, in relation to the mechanics of nuclear fission and so on. We all make mistakes; but not all of us acknowledge them, or take it very well when some "friend" too candidly points them out to us."

RESULTS OF THE SENTINEL POLL

Saginaw, Michigan--The response to our poll (see last issue, page fifteen) was not overwhelming but satisfactory. Readers from all parts of the country mailed in ballots so the results should determine the opinion in most parts of the U.S. The percentage figures used below have been rounded off for convenience.

Question 1: Are you satisfied with the government's explanation that all saucer sightings can be passed off as natural phenomena, hoaxes, hallucinations, etc.? Yes, 10%; NO, 90%.

Question 2: Are you ashamed to have your friends know that you are interested in the study of flying saucers? Yes, 0%; NO, 100%.

Question 3: Do you think flying saucers are interplanetary? YES, 80%; NO, 20%.

Question 4: Do you favor the government's secrecy in regards to the subject? Yes, 10%; NO, 90%.

Question 5: Do you believe any of the many stories of personal contacts with visitors from other planets? YES, 50%; NO, 50%.

Question 6: Do you belong to a saucer club at the present time? Yes, 20%; NO, 80%.

Question 7: Do you subscribe to any saucer publications besides THE SENTINEL? YES, 70%; No, 30%.

On the question, "Whom do you favor in the Adamski-Moseley controversy?" Moseley won out with a ratio of 2 to 1. Some of the comments received on this particular question were: "Moseley, but not merely because of the questions of fact that he has raised. The more serious discrepancies in Adamski's books are of a psychological and logical nature. I believe he saw saucers--possibly two of them on the November 20 occasion--but I profoundly doubt his stories of telepathic communication, trips in saucers, etc." "Everyone has a right to his own opinion on all subjects, and no one should make a practice of trying to make a liar out of, or discredit anyone else because of their opinion." "I am inclined to favor Moseley but I am not sure. I believe Adamski is at least sincere in what he believes in." "I favor Moseley though I think him quarrelsome", etc.

In answer to the question, "How many saucer books have you read?", some answered as high as sixteen. However, the average number was eight. Part two of the question: "which one did you enjoy the most?" Although almost every saucer book received votes we shall list the top five in their order here:

1. Flying Saucers from Outer Space, by Donald E. Keyhoe
2. Flying Saucers Have Landed, by D. Leslie and G. Adamski
3. Flying Saucers Are Real, by Donald E. Keyhoe
4. The Case for the UFOs, by H. K. Jessup
5. Flying Saucers on the Attack, Harold T. Wilkins

Miss I.D. of New York, New York, followed her choice by saying, "Keyhoe's writings are best from the standpoint of a strict reporting of evidence." This typified most of the other comments made on the question.

In a poll taken last September in SAUCERS Magazine by Flying Saucers International, Keyhoe also turned out to be the favorite.

A good new foreign saucer magazine is the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, published every other month by Flying Saucer Service Ltd., 1 Doughty Street, London, W.C.1., England. The Annual Subscription of £1 10 or foreign equivalent, includes the use of the magazine's Research Service. Last issue had 32 professionally printed pages.

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BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS, Frank Scully, Henry Holt and Company, \$2.95. Copyrighted in 1950, this is probably the first and most controversial book on the subject ever published in this country.

THE CASE FOR THE UFOs, M.K. Jessup, Citadel Press, \$3.50. Last released a month or so ago, this book is having the good success it deserves. The study of flying saucers from a properly factual standpoint.

CATAclysm HAS BEGUN, George Hunt Williamson, New Age Publishing Company. Tells how a violent upheaval in this planet has begun and what our space friends are doing about it.

THE COMING OF THE SAUCERS, Kenneth Arnold and Ray Palmer, privately published by the authors, \$4.00. Describes Arnold's historic sighting of the flying saucers over Mt. Rainier. Includes the story of the ill-fated Tacoma incident which resulted in the deaths of two Army Intelligence Officers.

FLYING SAUCER FROM MARS, Sir Cedric Allingham, British Book Centre, \$2.75. An Englishman comes across a Martian in the Scottish highlands. "Pictures" accompany the text.

FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE, Major Donald E. Keyhoe, Henry Holt and Company, \$3.00. In our opinion, the best book out on the subject yet. Gives the story behind the government's investigation.

FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED, Desmond Leslie and George Adamski, Werner Laurie and British Book Centre, \$3.50. Part One, by D. Leslie, is an almanac of saucer sightings. Part Two, by G. Adamski, tells of his encountering a Venusian in the California desert.

FLYING SAUCERS ON THE ATTICK, Harold T. Wilkins, Citadel Press, \$3.50. An excellent reference book for saucer researchers.

INSIDE THE SPACE SHIPS, George Adamski, Abelard-Schuman, \$3.50. In our opinion, George should have stopped writing after his first book. Although this is a story we should like to believe is true, Adamski goes too far even for us gullible saucer enthusiasts.

I RODE A FLYING SAUCER, George W. Van Tassel, New Age Publishing Company, \$1.00. This was not a physical but psychic adventure and although this fact may discourage many, it is as believeable as most other saucer fables.

THE SECRET OF THE SAUCERS, Orfeo Angelucci, edited by Ray Palmer,

Amherst Press, \$3.00. Just released a couple of months ago, this book is already in its second printing according to the publisher. This book deals with psychic experiences.

THE SAUCERS SPEAK, George Hunt Williamson and Alfred Bailey, New Age Publishing Company, \$2.00. A couple of Adamski's cohorts tell how they talked to a flying saucer via short wave radio.

SPACE, GRAVITY AND FLYING SAUCERS, Leonard Cramp, British Book Centre, \$3.00. This book is a little too technical for the common layman but Cramp expounds some very good theories.

TO MEN OF EARTH, Daniel W. Fry, New Age Publishing Company, \$1.00. The message given by a spaceman to Fry to relate to his fellow earth men. (See WHITE SANDS INCIDENT below).

WE COME IN PEACE, Dr. Franklin Thomas, New Age Publishing Company, \$1.00. A Martian lands in Austria and confers with Dr. Thomas.

THE WHITE SANDS INCIDENT, Daniel W. Fry, New Age Publishing Company, \$1.50. A White Sands engineer is picked up by a flying saucer and is taken on a short pleasure cruise to New York City and back.

Forthcoming Books

FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY, Major Donald E. Keyhoe, Henry Holt and Company. This book is bound to be a must not only for saucer enthusiasts but for everyone, everywhere.

Pamphlets & Small Booklets

VISITORS FROM SPACE, Eugene H. Drake, published by The Fellowship of Golden Illumination, 1014 So. Lake Street, Los Angeles 6, California, \$1.00. Describes inside of space ship, some of the mechanism used and other information about other planets. The Venusian Commander "Arania" and the Sub-Commander "Estralon" bring much needed information and inspiration.

LIFE ON THE PLANETS--VENUS, Eugene H. Drake, The Fellowship of Golden Illumination, \$1.00. Describes the life on Venus and information about a number of other planets.

THE MYSTERY OF THE FLYING SAUCERS, Frank Manning, Failet & Fenedo, Inc., 152 Baronne, New Orleans 12, La. Very rare (only two hundred copies known to exist). Expresses the belief that flying saucers are messengers from God and that Venus itself is Heaven.

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" L I K E A F L Y I N G S A U C E R "

Reprinted from Time Magazine

At Disneyland, the gigantic amusement park in Anaheim, Calif., scheduled to open in mid-July, Walt Disney will have a theater for a 360 degree screen.

which he confidently expects represents the final step in evolution of the wide screen. Last week Disney gave the press a peek at it; standing on a platform in the middle of a circular theater, the viewer watched a 15-minute scenic tour of Monument Valley, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Balboa Bay, had the sensation of looking out of the same car or boat that the eleven-camera unit had worked from. The sense of motion was impressive. Said DAILY VARIETY: "Like riding in a flying saucer."

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Last week we of THE SAUCER SENTINEL saw the Universal-International picture, "This Island Earth." Time Magazine had this to say:

"This Island Earth" stays earthbound just a little too long as Scientist Rex Reason grows increasingly suspicious of a house party thrown by Jeff Morrow, an eggheaded visitor from outer space. But when Rex and his beautiful fellow scientist Faith Domergue try to escape, they are scooped into a flying saucer and whizzed off to the planet of Metalune to help their hard-pressed host fight off some neighboring spacemen. The interplanetary war that follows has Metalune looking like a giant pinball machine screaming "Tilt!" in seven different colors (the picture is in technicolor). What with dodging flaming meteors and grappling with odious mutants (half-human and half-insect monsters that have a weakness for female earthlings), Rex and Faith are mighty lucky to grab a seat on the last spaceship back to Earth.

Even as far as saucer-enthusiasts go, I think TIME has summed up the movie very nicely. It certainly is far from our idea of what saucer occupants should act like. However, we do enjoy seeing almost anything in which our beloved flying saucers play a part.

Rex Reason, star of the movie, was interviewed on the Jack Eigan show several weeks ago. When Eigan asked Reason how he felt about flying saucers, the gruff-voiced star answered: "I really can't comment on that because I haven't studied the matter but I certainly don't deny the fact that they could exist".

Jack Eigan discusses flying saucers rather often on his show and John Otto is a regular guest. We suggest our readers listen in some time. The show is on radio Tuesday through Sunday every week over WMAQ, Chicago, 670 on your dial. Time: 11:15 to 1:30, CDT. The show is heard in thirty-eight states at the present time, and whether he mentions saucers or not, it is still a fascinating show.

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Reprinted from Newsweek Magazine--Back in 1947, it was flying saucers. A year ago, the nation was baffled by pockmarked and exploding automobile windshields. Last week the heat wave carried in a fresh and harmless hysteria: Garden hoses doing an Indian-rope act in reverse. The hoses have suddenly started burrowing into the earth and not even teams of horses can pull them out. One straight-faced New York expert suggested that little men grown lonely in their gloomy life just beneath the surface of the earth, were playing pranks to draw attention.

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NEW SAUCER GROUT FOUNDED IN DETROIT

Detroit, Michigan--Recently, a new saucer organization was founded here in the Motor City. It is headed by Mrs. Laura Marxer and the very official sounding name of the society is The Study Group on Interplanetary Relationships.

The group's purpose: To gather information wherever possible concerning flying saucers and visitors from outer space to present to the people in the form of literature, magazines, pictures and lecturers for each individual to evaluate for himself; to make possible ways and means for each interested individual to take the initiative in passing on information concerning saucers and visitors to other people and to participate, if not interested in actual leadership, in small groups that can meet more often than can lectures be presented; to establish a clear, concise, where-ever factual, physical stand concerning saucers and visitors, that there may not be confused thinking on the part of the newcomers to the saucer situation and accepted it 100% but have found themselves bewildered by the many theories presented.

The Study Group takes the definite stand that, while they do not discount psychical research nor extra-sensory perception, it has no place in research done concerning saucers and visitors.

The available services of the SGOIFR include a tape-rental library where many fine tape-recordings of past saucer lectures are available for nominal rental fees to those who are ready to take the initiative by gathering people about them in their homes and study the tapes and the lecturers, themselves. Recorders are also available for rental. Pamphlets on their findings will be furnished, free of cost, to those groups for study purposes. All the available saucer books are on their book tables for sale, with their recommendations, pro or con, for they believe that a man should have an acquaintance with all saucer literature in order to have a basis for comparison.

The new group also takes the stand that there are no triangular-shaped people nor people with six arms and twelves eyes coming our way; that these people are not coming from inside the earth; and, that there are no evil saucers coming our way.

The Study Group feels the first step in helping to spread the word is for each individual to want to take the initiative, and they are very happy to help those who have this desire to find way to do so. The best way, they feel, is to become a Discussion Group leader, and here are their directions to become one. Mrs. Marge Simpson, 1036 Longfellow, Royal Oak, Michigan, is in charge of the mailing list and she will be happy upon your request to furnish you with the names of the saucer-minded people in your area. If it is not a long list, call the people and discuss having a series of meetings, perhaps just to talk the first time, or to have a tape. Decide on when to have them meet in your home, or if you home isn't big enough, call upon some of the people on the list and ask them to co-host with you, furnishing their home, and you the initiative.

And above all, keep talking the saucer situation up. Know that any ridicule is happening to the person ridiculing--not to you--for no one can disprove anything to you and the ridiculer will have to come to accept the situation himself, eventually, perhaps the hard way. If the person is not ready to consider the situation, don't waste time nor energy on him but go along to the next one who might be hungrily waiting for it.

If you are interested in knowing more about The Study Group, write Mrs. Laura Marxer, 24720 Carlyle Street, Dearborn, Michigan. / / /