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our readers speak

LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR

Cardenas Wishes He Had True Answer

...As I have said all along, I'd never believed in such as flying saucers or seen anything to even connect any proof so naturally I was very much surprised, and can't really describe my feelings or how anyone else would have reacted under such an experience.

Oh well, I wish I knew the true answer to it all. There must be an answer and an explanation to all things.

Maybe someday we will know the answer!

Lawrence Cardenas,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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One of the Fortunate Ones

...I happen to be one of many in this area which have been fortunate enough to have seen these "mysterious" saucer objects. I am eager to learn what others have observed.

Albert H. Baller,  
Greenfield, Massachusetts.

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Reader Wonders About Bender Story

...I really wonder what is the true story of Mr. Bender. Did he actually have a clue to what the Flying Saucers are and was he visited by U.S. officials? How come the other Flying Saucer publications were not visited? Or, was it that Mr. Bender could not get anymore information to write about Flying Saucers to put out his publication?

Lawrence Pearson,  
Brooklyn, New York.

(Mr. Pearson is undoubtedly referring to Albert K. Bender of the now defunct International Flying Saucers Bureau. Bender says that he found out what the saucers are but is not allowed to reveal what he knows. He was supposedly visited by Government officials and ordered to stop printing his publication. -ED.)

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Got any gripes? Send 'em to the Editor at 6 Holland Court, Saginaw, Mich.

Read latest Saucer Sentinel Contest News in this issue. Complete contest details in December 1st issue.

an exclusive feature

### SENTINEL CONTEST BULLETIN NO. 3

The only change in the standings this week is in the third place slot. By the time the next issue goes to press, the total points earned will be well over the 1000 mark.

#### LATEST SAUCER SENTINEL CONTEST STANDINGS

##### Top Three Contestants

Mrs. Alice Schrank, Saginaw, Mich.....	328
Alden B. Dow, Midland, Mich.....	260
Mrs. John P. Hedrick, Birmingham, Mich....	144
Total points thus far recorded.....	936

##### Prizes

First: \$4.00. Second: Your choice of any one of the books listed in "Available Saucer Literature."

Keep sending in news articles, manuscripts, letters-to-the-editor, etc.

(To new subscribers: Complete details re the contest appeared in the December 1st issue and will be included again in the next issue.)

a regular feature

### QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"The man called Jesus is about to return. How can one make such a statement? How can one know when the time is to be?"

"The Bible says, there will be signs in the heavens. God's people in spacecraft are being sighted daily many times all over the world.

"The space people are the angels of God. They can manifest visible human form.

"The spacecraft and their people are only one of the signs of the time, of the return of Jesus."

---George W. Van Tassel in his forthcoming book, "Into This World and Out Again."

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"The Flying Saucers are flying thick and fast around Italy and many a skeptic is eating his words. Recently, they were over Florence three days in a row. The Italy sightings are not being published in the United States, but one Air Force ROTC member has reported that there is major interest in Saucers on the part of top officials. One ROTC group recently had a two hour Saucer lecture at the Canton, Ohio, jet base. Air Force officers admitted that the government knows Saucers exist but they will not let out such information yet because they are afraid many people will panic."

---George Hunt Williamson in Valor

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"We have a war department, but not a department of peace."

---Truman Bethurum

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"The Air Force must be intelligent enough to realize the tremendous propaganda panic weapon they are putting into the hands of an enemy nation by withholding the truth. If the enemy hit us tomorrow with everything they have, simultaneously dropping leaflets and broadcasting on all possible

radio frequencies that the flying saucers were their own weapons and that they were about to eliminate us with them, then the Air Force would have a panic on their hands!

"Another objection I have to the Air Force's withholding information is that they are deifying themselves when they take the liberty of putting the American public five to seven years behind on getting accustomed to the fact that is quite likely we are being explored by interplanetary visitors. If panic is feared, why let the news be a blow? Why not gradual education? And what right does the Air Force have to put our civilization behind the times by keeping them in ignorance? It's too big a subject, and it belongs to the WORLD, not the Air Force alone!"

---William B. Nash in The Saucerian

the Cardenas story

CARDENAS STICKS BY HIS STORY OF SEEING SAUCER AND LITTLE MEN

(EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW)

The following is an interview between the editor and Lawrence Cardenas of Detroit who reported seeing a flying saucer and little men near a Dearborn road last September. (See Sentinel: Nov. 1, page 3; Nov. 15, page 1; Dec. 1, pages 3-8).

Q - Is it true that members of the Detroit Free Press asked you to take the test?

A - Yes.

Q - Were you offered any money in return for taking the test?

A - No.

Q - In taking the test do you feel that Sgt. Whaley or others were unfair to you in any way?

A - No. I think they did not believe in such as Flying Saucers.

Q - Have you found many other people besides the members of the Detroit Flying Saucer Club who you feel believe your story?

A - Yes.

Q - It has been stated that although you know you did see something that morning, you are now beginning to doubt that it was actually a flying saucer or that there were "little men." Is this true?

A - It is not true.

Q - Do you still feel you did the right thing by not stopping to investigate these men because of the chance you might have lost your job?

A - I don't know!

Q - Are you now regretful that you ever told others about your experience?

A - No.

Q - Do you actually believe that what you saw were visitors from outer space?

A - Yes.

"Available Saucer Literature" will appear again in the January 1st issue.

the editor comments  
SAUCER SENTIMENTS

Although we found no one who denied that it was possible that the earth could end soon as Dr. Laughead predicted, we heard of only one person who actually believed it was going to happen and made preparations.

A student at Michigan State College made a down payment on a Cadillac, figuring "he wouldn't have to make the rest of the payments and wanted to enjoy it while he could."

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Many thanks to Gray Barker of The Saucerian and Henry Maday of The Vimana for the kind reviews given the Sentinel in their publications.

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The January 1st issue will be larger than usual due to a special feature entitled, "Saucer News in 1954," a complete review of the year's most important saucer events. We are sure you will find the issue most interesting. If you would like extra copies, please send 15¢ per copy to Olympic Publications, 6 Holland Court, Saginaw, Michigan. (This price is for regular subscribers only.)

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Still anxious to hear our readers' comments on the Cardenas story. Send them along to the Editor at the above address.

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Please remember that the quotes we publish in our "Quotes of the Week" column do not necessarily agree with our own opinions. They are published because we feel them to be of interest to our readers.

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The current issue of The Saucerian has 48 pages, and I agree with the editor that it is the finest issue he has put out yet.

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We hope to start off the new year right and have our January 1st issue out on time. Thanking you for your kind patience, I wish you all a late Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

news-release

MSC DOCTOR PREDICTS WORLD'S END AND RESCUE BY FLYING SAUCERS

East Lansing-AP-December 16-A prediction that the world will come to an end December 21st became a matter of official business before the state board of agriculture, governing body of Michigan State College yesterday.

Dr. John A. Hannah, MSC president, reported to the board that Dr. Charles A. Laughead, a staff physician at the college hospital, had submitted his resignation because of his belief the world will end Dec. 21.

"I first heard about this business from a delegation of students who came to me," Dr. Hannah told the board. "They said Dr. Laughead had been holding meetings at his home and teaching the beliefs of some peculiar religious sect."

Dr. Hannah said the group believes that the world will end Dec. 21 and that flying saucers from Venus or Mars--Dr. Hannah wasn't sure which--would rescue some of the survivors.

"We understand Dr. Laughead is disposing of his possessions and is getting ready to move to some mountain top to await the rescue," the MSC president said.

Dr. C. J. Menzies, director of the college hospital, confirmed that Dr. Laughead had talked to him about the sect. Dr. Menzies' recollection



was that the group believed the world would disintegrate Dec. 21 and that Martians in flying saucers would rescue a select few.

"As I understand, the sect members are going to wait on mountain tops at various locations for the rescue," Dr. Menzies said.

#### End-of-World Day Only the Beginning

Chicago-UP-December 17-Dr. Charles Laughead, who resigned from Michigan State College after predicting the end of the world, said yesterday that the beginning of the end already has started.

Laughead, 44-year-old physician, said he was misunderstood in reports at East Lansing, Mich., that he foresaw the end of the world next Tuesday.

Actually, he said, that date will see only "a turning point toward catastrophe in this part of the world." He said he meant earthquakes and tidal waves in the Central United States.

"I myself expect to be in the world in the shape I now represent on Dec. 22," Laughead said. "But what changes I am making in my life as a result of this prophecy are matters of my personal conviction--not for public explanation.

The prophecy itself, he said, was given him by Mrs. Dorothy E. Martin, of Oak Park, Ill., who described herself as being able to write down communications from the spirit world.

The prophecy which brought the controversy involving Laughead into the open was signed by "Sananda."

#### Says Space People Tell of World's End

East Lansing-Detroit Free Press-December 17-The Michigan State College campus has been buzzing for days over Dr. Charles A. Laughead's prediction that a "major change would take place on the earth" Dec. 21.

On that date the first of a series of events will take place that within two weeks will result in the end of the world, Dr. Laughead predicted.

A major city in the Great Lakes area will first be swallowed up, Laughead said, indicating that one of the lakes would move in to cover the city. Within 30 days after this fatal date, all who are to survive the world's ending will be saved, Laughead said.

He held weekly meetings for the past year in his home on the outskirts of East Lansing. Flying saucers and the end of the world were major topics of discussion.

The story goes back to last year's Rose Bowl game when Laughead and his wife went to California.

On a side trip to Mt. Palomar to look at the 200-inch telescope, the Laugheads met George Adamski, co-author of the book, Flying Saucers Have Landed.

The writer-scientist talked for three hours with the Lansing couple about "visitors" to earth, with whom Adamski claims to have made contact.

The Laugheads were interested. Flying saucers fitted into a pattern of belief they have held since they quit their jobs as medical missionaries in Egypt in the 1940s.

When Laughead came to East Lansing in 1948, he began working with the Christian Student Foundation, an interdenominational organization.

He headed a "quest group" that sought universal truths.

Then in the fall of 1953, flying saucers were introduced to the group and were all the rage, but Laughead emphasized that they were merely phenomena, and the important thing was the idea behind them.

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This, he said, was an understanding of what he called universal truths sent from beings in outer space to people on the earth who received them.

Last spring Laughead entertained flying saucer lecturers in his home. They were mostly persons who had written books or lectured on saucers.

One lecturer, Dr. George Hunt Williamson, of Arizona, attributed religious significance to saucer phenomena. In a talk in Laughead's home Williamson predicted the second coming of Christ within the next few years.

The saucer craze abated after a while, but the "truths" were thought by some at the Christian Student Foundation to be infringing on religious dogmas.

### Laugheads Mentally Ill, Sister Charges

Lansing-Detroit Free Press-December 23-A sister of Dr. Charles Laughead, who predicted that half the continent would be wiped away Tuesday, Dec. 21, petitioned the court to have him and his wife committed to a mental hospital.

Contacted at Oak Park, Ill., where he reportedly is seeking employment, Dr. Laughead said he was leaving immediately for East Lansing by car.

Dr. Laughead vowed to continue his prophecies of doom in order to alert the people of the world and "avoid panic."

Undismayed by his sister's action, Dr. Laughead handed newsmen a prepared statement which said he would work in closer harmony with Mrs. Dorothy Martin, 53, to "complete" their prophecy of the end of the world.

Mrs. Martin claims to receive the prophecies from creatures in outer space which she relays to Dr. Laughead.

Dr. Laughead declared that "cataclismic events" would wipe out half the continent on Tuesday, Dec. 21. He described himself as a "reporter" for Mrs. Martin.

Mrs. Martin later revised the prediction, declaring that the disaster had been averted "by intervention on the part of God."

### Laughead Out to Prove His Sanity

Lansing-AP-December 24-Dr. Charles A. Laughead has returned home and declared he is ready to prove his sanity.

"I'm going to spend Christmas with my family and after I prove my sanity I'm going to look for a new job," he said.

### She's Quitting World, Prophetess Predicts

Oak Park, Ill.-AP-December 25-Mrs. Dorothy Martin predicted yesterday that she and "other believers" will be transported "out of this world by her space brothers" at 7 p.m. Friday, during a Christmas carol sing on her front lawn.

### Outer Spacers Fail to Pick Up Laughead

Chicago-UP-December 26-Dr. Charles Laughead wouldn't have been surprised if his friends the "connoiters" had yanked him into outer space Friday night. But he kept his feet on the ground.

As 100 persons watched, Laughead and some fellow believers sang Xmas carols and waited to be "lifted up" from the earth.

Laughead said afterward, "I think maybe it was out spirits that were lifted."

If this was so, Mrs. Dorothy Martin's latest prediction came off better than did her forecast of a tidal wave last Tuesday.

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