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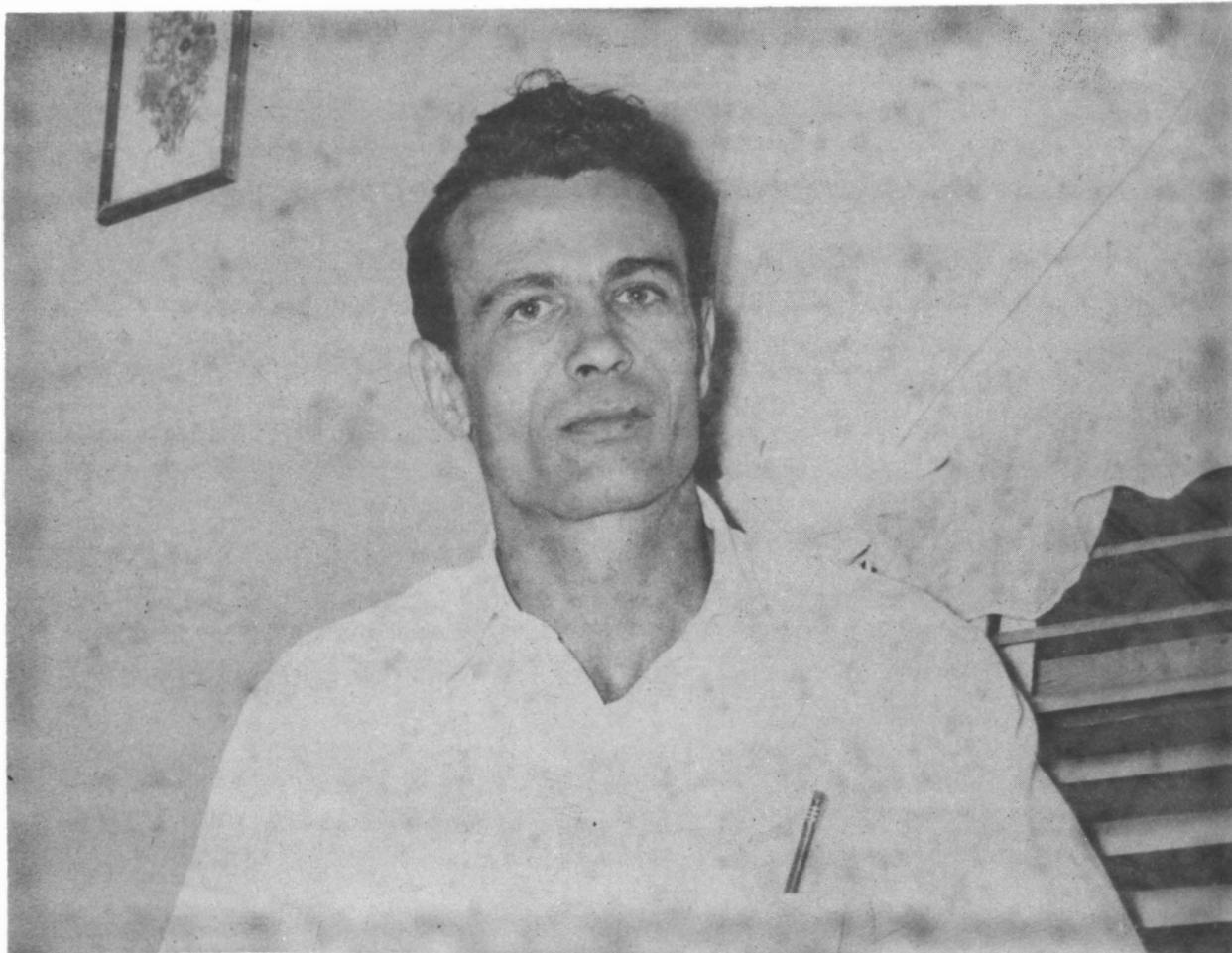
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EDITORIAL NOTES

An excellent article appeared in the December 1956 issue of URANUS, the best of the British saucer zines. Entitled "Adamski, the Last (Coffin) Nail", the article pointed out that both Adamski's books were "ghosted" by other writers. URANUS pointed out, as your SAUCER NEWS Editor already knew, that "Flying Saucers Have Landed" was "ghosted" by one "C.L.J.", who might as well be identified here as Clara John, editor of Washington D.C.'s "Little Listening Post". Mrs. John, in an angry open letter replying to URANUS, points out that "ghosting" a story does not necessarily mean improving on the plot. But here are Mrs. John's own words, written in 1953 and quoted now by URANUS: "Things (are) all mixed up, publicity not handled right, pathetic and his (Adamski's) story is too prosaic, not put together right...." If this does not imply that Mrs. John was ready to "jazz up" the Adamski story in order to make it better, than we don't know what does!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

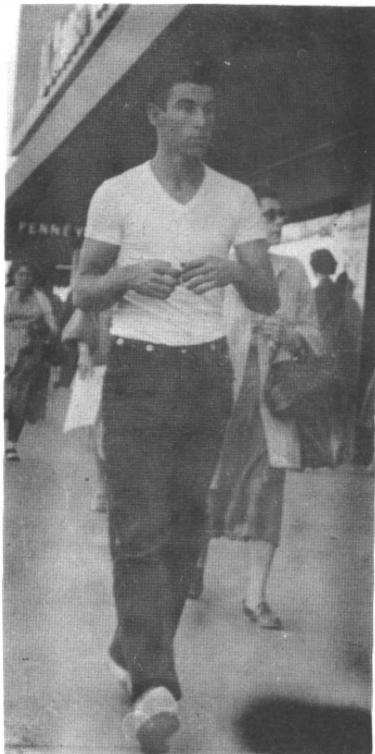
Further Word from Jim Fugatt, Who Claims to Have Proof That "Little Men" Exist

.....I can't wait till you get here, because so many people think I am crazy because I claim I talk to the space people. I don't think I could get a picture of them in person because I have never seen them in person 100%. I've just seen parts of them. But when you get here I will tell you of a scientist who has had some of their bodies under study for 20 years. I promise to do this. All you have to do is help me find him. He lives somewhere in California. When I say I can prove my proof to you, I simply mean that you might not see a saucer here but you most certainly will see what their signals look like. You see, they send signals to me because if they came down too close, so that I could see the saucer, then radar would pick them up and the U. S. Government would investigate; but as I only see their lights or signals, nobody gets wise and I always can go on without trouble....

JIM FUGATT

Phoenix, Arizona

(Editor's Note: It begins to sound as if Mr. Fugatt's proof is not as definite as he indicated at first. However, we will still investigate personally if we get the chance. - The above photo is a recent snapshot of Mr. Fugatt.)



Concerning the "International Bankers"

(Editor's Note: For a long while we refused to take seriously any of the current rumors concerning an alleged organization called the "International Bankers". (In any case it would appear that this organization has no connection with "The Organization" we discussed in the June-July issue.) Recently, however, your Editor has received several very thought-provoking letters concerning the "International Bankers". The most unusual of these letters is reproduced below in full.)

Here in Bombay, there is much dismay among members of our club called the "Vimanians", over numerous letters which have been sent to people showing interest in the Vimenas. The few copies of your rival Editor's "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers" made an immediate impression on us. We would like you to know that we, too, have experienced for some time these visitations from taciturn but menacing young men of apparently Northern Asian or Western race-type.

Simultaneously, we have received polite but sinister letters from the very "International Bankers" whose name figures so much these days from the Occidental side of the UFO world. We are not racially as "hard-boiled" as you people seem to be, and therefore we are genuinely distressed to find ourselves in receipt of these strangely phrased threatening letters. Some of the letters have been quite offensive and all that I have seen have been worded very peculiarly in most uncommon English.

The men who have called at the homes of us "Vimanians" have made us feel most uncomfortable by constantly referring to our own nationalistic difficulties and our relationship with the U.S.S.R. They do not

appear to be Communist in their outlook but, during the late British regime they would certainly have been classified as "agents provocateurs" and their occasional suggestions would most definitely have been condemned as being seditious.

The letters that I have seen as well as the few common details which I have gleaned from those who have not been too badly scared to discuss their "visitors", contain a strong element of interest in happenings in the region of Tibet. From Pakistan I have heard of one or more of these strangers asking questions concerning the political situation on the borders of Afghanistan, Waziristan, and Nepal.

The strangest thing about this mystery is that, at no time, have there been any direct references on the part of these questioners to their own country. In fact it has been felt that they do not live on this Earth at all but that they are agents from Outer Space. To some degree they are exceptionally well-informed, but sometimes on matters of commonest common knowledge, they are definitely more ignorant than young school children. The strangest thing of all about them is that they refuse to take any form of refreshment - even European food.

We would like to know how this mystery aligns itself with any similar experiences in the United States. Frankly we are not a little afraid of the possible consequences in the light of Mr. Gray Barker's disturbing book.

I do not want you to reproduce any of the material which I have enclosed. These phrases have been chosen from six letters that I have seen for myself. The recipients are particularly anxious not to be identified and they realize that this would be possible if the "International Bankers" had an opportunity to compare the individual phraseologies with the copies that it is feared that they may make of their strange correspondence.

NOORALI KASSAMALI KANJI  
Bombay, India

#### Miscellaneous Letters

In William Labb's letter, which was published in the Oct. - Nov. SAUCER NEWS, he stated that the film "Unidentified Flying Objects" was probably withdrawn from Connecticut theatres because of censorship. I entirely disagree with him.

The film made its appearance in the Akron - Cuyahoga Falls area around Sept. 7th, and continued to play in local theatres until the end of September. If there had been any censorship involved it would have been effective in every state. Also the film was given a very good review by our newspaper movie columnist. He said it was "unquestionably the most sensational and thought-provoking documentary of our time."

I found only one fault in the movie. Instead of wasting so much time with explanations of all the precautions taken by the Air Force, they should have included many more important sightings....

JOHN L. ZELLER  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

I quote from the Indianapolis Times: "Barcelona, Spain, Sept. 12, 1956: The special committee of the Geophysical Year went into secret session today to discuss the many phenomena to be studied by scientists of the world between July, 1957, and December, 1958." Haven't saucers been called "Phenomena" dozens of times? JAMES COONS  
Indianapolis, Indiana

A REPORT ON WASHINGTON D.C.'s NICAP  
(National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena)  
- by M. K. Jessup -

NICAP was conceived as a great boon to the field of saucer research, and an elaborate organizational structure was set up on paper during September and October, 1956, after preliminary meetings in July and August. A number of devoted people pitched in with help and advice. The most notable of these was Mrs. Rose Hackett, who served NICAP devotedly and sincerely for many months without pay. Without Mrs. Hackett, it is my belief that NICAP would have folded up before Christmas.

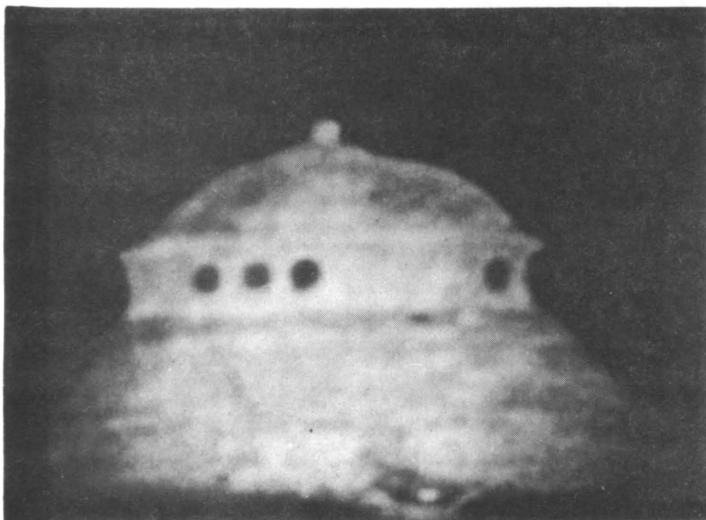
The avowed aims of NICAP made it appear as a great gift to Saucerdom, but it soon developed that the organization had every appearance of being designed for the pecuniary gain of a few promoters. The apparently undercover deal with Baltimore firms for vague "public relations" work was the first such move to be smoked out at the November 1, 1956 election attended by approximately 19 voting members. The payoff came, however, with T. Townsend Brown's announcement of a salary structure for about seven officials, himself among them, totaling over \$85,000. There were many other evidences of apparent mismanagement, which would have been worse without the firm, unselfish guidance of Mrs. Hackett.

Very early in the history of NICAP, Mr. Brown made it clear that NICAP was not an organization of UFO people nor by UFO people, and whether it was intended to ever be for UFO people will now never be known. It was stated bluntly that UFO authors would not be permitted to hold administrative positions in NICAP, and an effort was made to staff the Board of Governors with anti-UFO personnel. It is believed that only the unselfish efforts of Major Keyhoe prevented Mr. Brown and his associates from doing this. Time after time potential donors of funds approached NICAP and withdrew after contact. Expenses ran very high to maintain a false front of bigness, and news releases gave the erroneous impression that the group was doing real UFO investigation, whereas actually it was not.

The true meaning of NICAP as planned by Mr. Brown and associates became painfully apparent in the January elections, in which Messrs Brown and Rush tried to elect themselves to the Board of Governors by acquiring the excessive voting weight set up for the founders who donated \$1000 in exchange for 100 votes. It is rumored that neither Brown nor Rush had fully paid for these memberships, except through the ruse of paying themselves salary checks (on an inflated scale) and then donating the money back to NICAP. This ruse is rumor and has not been confirmed, but there seems every reason to accept it as true. This would have given them complete control of all phases of NICAP, as they would have been the only Governors in Washington, and would have confirmed their own self-appointment to top salary jobs, some paying in the range of \$17,000 to \$18,000 per year. This move was squelched at the meeting, at the last minute, by Major Keyhoe, who forced Brown and Rush to withdraw their candidacy. The previous Board was then re-elected by acclamation, although some had expressed a desire to withdraw. That was on January 14th.

On January 15th the Board of Governors met, and it is to the everlasting credit of the Board, headed by Admiral Fahrney, and abetted by Jim McAshen of Knoxville, Tenn., that they made a thorough housecleaning in NICAP, both in regard to policy and personnel. All previous personnel have now been dropped, except Mrs. Hackett, whose honest devotion to duty has remained unquestioned. Major Keyhoe was appointed temporary Director, and he and Mrs.

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#### MENGER'S ADAMSKI-TYPE SAUCERS

- by Lonzo Dove -

I do not wish, nor am I qualified, to handle private contacts with flying saucers and their pilots, because this is in the field of psychiatrics, best practiced in professional isolated quarters. But when these "contactees" blunder out of their ectoplasm world into the fields of astronomy, physics, and photography, I can answer them with some degree of experience, and I can make sound judgments as to the worth of the evidence they are offering.

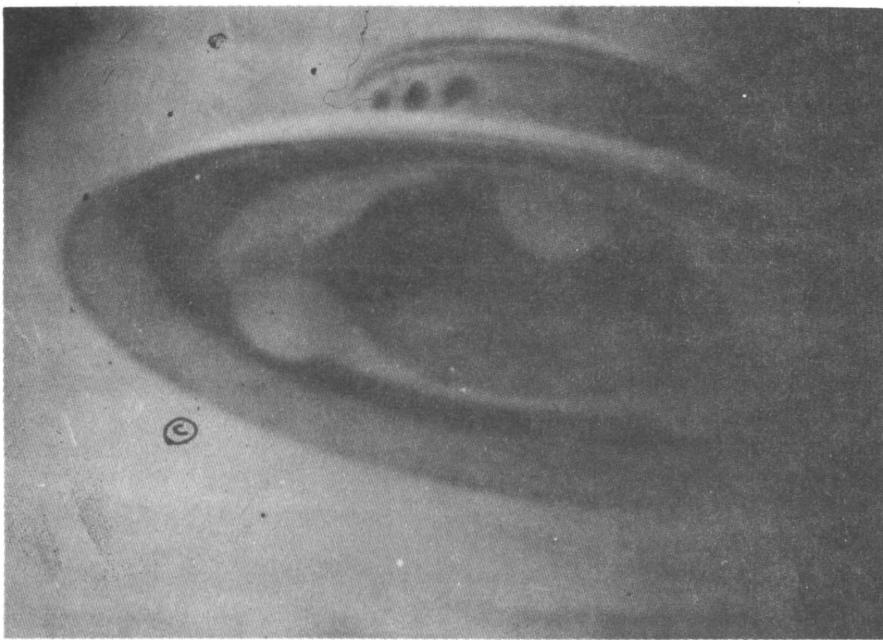
Howard Menger will make a better living back at his job of sign painting, unless his brushwork photography fools more people than I hope it does. For the marks of his trade are spread all over his saucer photographs. The six examples that I have seen are only snapshots of two different crude paintings on a flat plane of two dimensions, taken by varied lighting and distance with a dark background. I refer to the photographs published by Van Tassel and accepted by him as authentic according to his "Research Wisdom". (Editor's Note: Two of Menger's photos appear at the top of this page, but unfortunately they have not been reproduced here in sufficient detail for analysis.)



"// Mr. Dove //

One of the six Menger pictures I have seen shows an unlighted silhouette cut-out form of a Venusian in front of a partly lighted saucer. Here the spotlight was narrowed in order to avoid the man; But this same saucer is shown in another fully lighted pose without the man. Both have the very same perspective and proportion of form and markings, and every brush mark or spray smudge shows in the same shape and relative position in both photographs. And there are no three-

// Below: One of George Adamski's "scout ships" //



position a bit on the concave band. If there is a face in any of these port-holes, it must be a monster instead of a man, for at this close distance a face would photograph distinctly in a sharp focus picture as this proves to be. Yet no details show except the tell-tale paint blemishes. On the right edge of the dome midway between the top button and the band flange, there is a small bright daub projecting clearly in both poses. Moreover, this space measures slightly different on the right and left sides, while a real dome would be symmetrical.

Menger's other photographs show another aspect drawing in which the different lighting intensity does not hide the blemish marks, which show up in the same shape and positions in all poses of the saucer. The close-up blur violates the law of optics by being less detailed than the farther views, and this proves that the picture is not of a real saucer in photographic range.

These photos are so evidently faked that it is almost foolish to even criticize them, except that many busy people might otherwise accept them as authentic in wish fulfillment of the real elusive flying saucers. Finishing a polaroid picture in front of witnesses does not tell how the film was exposed in the first place; That takes close scrutiny and analysis such as I have just done above.



Above: One of Howard Menger's "scout ships"

dimensional light reflections or shadows. Such duplicate views are practically impossible of a real object in flight at different times and seen from different viewpoints.

In both the photos I refer to, the same funny blemishes in outline are visible. The left edge of the dome shows the same brush line and daubs of light and dark in the same positions. The portholes are the same even to the markings inside them, and they have not changed

COANDA'S FLYING SAUCERS  
- by Justin Case and James W. Moseley -

Two recent magazine articles should be of great interest to flying saucer enthusiasts, for they throw a strong light on some of the UFO reports that have baffled the experts.

The first of these articles appeared in the May 1956 issue of "Flying" Magazine, under the title "The Coanda Story". The second was in the December 1956 "True" Magazine, with the title "The Jet Propelled Genius and His Mighty Blow". Both articles are about Professor Henri Coanda, a French mathematician, engineer and scientist.

In 1904 Prof. Coanda first saw an airplane fly and became interested in air flight. But the crude, propeller-driven craft with its multitude of moving parts was too complicated, inefficient and offensive to his scientific tastes, so he set about to design a much simpler craft. This would have no propeller, and only a minimum of moving parts. He hoped to create lift by producing a vacuum over his craft by blowing jets of hot gases below and on either side of a slender fuselage. The tail was to be delta-shaped.

Fortunately for him, his parents were wealthy and Prof. Coanda was able to pursue his designs. After he built his craft he mounted it on a locomotive to test its performance while in motion. Then one day he took it out to an airfield intending only to run it on the ground. Unexpectedly it rose in the air, flew forward, crashed into a wall and burst into flames. We now know that Prof. Coanda was the first man ever to fly a jet-propelled aircraft - as far back as 1910!

His parents heard of this accident and refused to finance him any further for fear he might be killed in such experiments. Deprived of such support, Prof. Coanda was unable to resume his research on jet aircraft till 1930. This time he proposed to build a "lenticular aerodyne", - a disc-shaped craft which got its lift from a vacuum created by circular motion of gases, somewhat as a tornado creates a vacuum within itself. In 1932 his experiments proved he could produce in this manner a lifting force of about 450 pounds per square foot!

Scientists heard about his work and asked him to write some articles on it, but Prof. Coanda had no time for writing, and hence very little was known of his work. After he made laboratory models of his craft and tested them to his satisfaction, he took out patents on his inventions in France, Germany, England, and the United States. This was in 1935. Although news of these patents was available to the world, no one came to see him about them.

However it is important to note that a prominent French government scientist in 1938 published a paper describing how he was able to produce a lift of about 400 pounds per square foot by the application of Coanda's theories.

World War II broke out and Prof. Coanda stopped his research. We know that the Germans developed jet propulsion to a high degree during the War, but Prof. Coanda does not think they developed his lenticular aerodyne. The Russians took over some German scientists after the War, and Prof. Coanda thinks that some UFO reports over Northern Europe were probably the results of Russian experiments with his ideas.

In 1945 an American colonel brought Prof. Coanda to Wright Field, in Dayton, Ohio. This is where new aircraft are developed and tested for the Air Force by NACA, the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics. It is also where ATIC, the Air Technical Intelligence Center, is located. This is the group that in 1947 began to investigate flying saucers for the Air

Force. The NACA scientists and engineers listened politely as Prof. Coanda explained his theories - how he expected to build a disc-shaped aircraft, without wings, and driven by a vacuum created by the circular motion of jets of air. But they were openly skeptical and Prof. Coanda realized he would have to build his lenticular aerodyne himself.

He is now engaged in this work. His craft will weigh 900 pounds empty, carry one to four people, fly at 300 miles per hour with a range of 1,000 miles, and be able to fly straight up and to hover. It will be able to take off and land in a small front yard.

There you have a brief summary of the contents of the two articles mentioned above. From them we know now that the principles of a radically new type of aircraft and propulsion were given to the world by Prof. Coanda in 1935. They were verified in 1938. The Germans undoubtedly knew about them and experimented with them during World War II. Our own NACA must have known it in 1935, but if not, then surely in 1945 when Prof. Coanda visited them.

Let us not be deceived by the fact that no one came to see Prof. Coanda in 1935 when he took out patents on his inventions in several countries. This does not mean the military men in those countries were not interested. It is much more likely that they secretly set up work on them but pretended no interest in order to cover up their secrecy.

Prof. Coanda's lenticular aerodyne has the same shape that is attributed to flying saucers. Its expected performance closely resembles the maneuvers of many flying saucers. A vertical force of 400 pounds per square foot under a disc is easily enough to explain the rapid upward accelerations of the UFO's. When the disc is tilted, the horizontal component of this force just as easily explains the rapid horizontal accelerations of the UFO's. In addition, Prof. Coanda claims that his craft can change direction very sharply - another characteristic of the UFO's. His jet propulsion sometimes produces a trailing flame, also a frequent UFO characteristic.

Note that flying saucers began to appear in large numbers over the United States in late 1947, about two years after Prof. Coanda visited NACA at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. The second largest number of UFO reports in any area of the U.S. came from Dayton, Ohio. This information comes from the Air Force's Special Report No. 14, which gives 146 UFO reports from Washington, D.C., followed closely by 144 reports from Dayton. So we see that a great many reports came from the area where we would expect them if NACA was experimenting with Prof. Coanda's lenticular aerodyne.

Finally, we know that our Air Force has taken over the development of a saucer-shaped aircraft started by AVRO, Ltd. of Canada. Also, in October of 1955, Air Force Secretary Quarles stated that the Air Force, Army, and Navy have on hand and on order some aircraft that look and act like flying saucers, and that we will be seeing more of these craft in the future.

All this adds up to strong evidence that flying saucers are man-made after all, and not intelligent visitors from space. It does not explain all UFO sightings, especially those seen over foreign and under-developed countries and in remote parts of the world. But then no one explanation will account for all UFO reports, and it is not reasonable to expect it to do so. However, Prof. Coanda has given us an explanation that fits a considerable number of them. Perhaps Captain Ruppelt's panel of scientists were right after all when they said there was no evidence whatever that UFO's come from some other planet.

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**THE FLYING SAUCER STATUS QUO**  
**- by John Phillip Bessor -**

At this stage of the flying saucer drama, every honest researcher must certainly be filled with righteous indignation at the entire subject having been taken over by the mystics and esotericists. When the Air Force publicly turned its back on the subject in 1950 this was bound to happen. Up till then, the mystics remained in their holes, fearing to come out and proclaim themselves for fear the Air Force might shame them by declaring the saucers to be American or Russian guided missiles. So the Air Force went into its hole, and the mice came out of theirs, reaping the harvest which the Air Force had planted, at the expense of the taxpayers' money. In short, the Air Force blithely handed over to the cultists the whole flying saucer mystery, after we taxpayers had paid them to investigate it.

Remember, there was never a mention of humanoids landing in saucers from 1947 till the summer of 1949, when two old desert prospectors told of a saucer landing and of two little fellows who jumped out of the craft and scurried over the sand dunes. Then came Scully's book in 1950, and the grand science-fiction race was on - Adamski leading, with his male Apollo with long hair and ski-pants, and Desmond Leslie right behind him, holding on to Adamski's coat-tails for dear life.

It is inconceivable to me that such "great" personages as Lord Dowding of England should be taken in by these wild yarns of space people and intelligent contacts with them. Frankly, if an Adamski, a Williamson or an Angelucci ever did encounter a bona fide flying saucer, you can bet that he would die of fright right on the spot!

These fiction yarns and fiction books describing space contacts and rides in saucers, would be downright humorous were it not for the fact that so many people take them seriously, in consequence of which the whole subject of flying saucers is falling apart. The Air Force has abandoned it; the press services suppress all news of it, and the "carrion crows," the opportunists, have taken it over for themselves. The saucer mystery has, with few exceptions, an exceedingly poor press. Most saucer magazine "editors" exert themselves to publish the most ludicrous saucer bulletins or periodicals imaginable, which grade-school children would blush to receive.

Let us hope that one day there will be a betterment of the entire situation, and that the greatest mystery of our age shall once again be treated with the intelligent respect and concern it so justly deserves.

**THE DEATH OF CAPTAIN MANTELL (by Kenneth H. Ford)**

Shape exploding with light  
 over the bending man in the cockpit  
 wears a face of smooth sadness  
 for fumbling spent on kneeling years  
 for worn bone of unspeaking man  
 in the nave of unrehearsed tears....  
 Armed with swept-back wings for hands,  
 cursing animal forced to ram  
 a shape of light formed and reformed,  
 emerging from a parliament of galactic peers;  
 yet, they have seen us in our thunder,  
 heedless of blasted and bewildered fears  
 and with inhuman sadness switch off the light  
 to wait, for yet another thousand years....

SPACE MESSAGES - THEIR METHODS OF TRANSMISSION, THEIR CONTENT, AND THEIR WORTH  
 - by John Pitt -

It has been suggested in a well-known book on the subject that flying saucers have been visiting our skies for the past 18,619,797 years. However, the present epidemic of sightings dates back no further than 1947, and claims of communication between Terrestrials and the supposed "Intelligences" manning these saucers did not come to our attention till after 1947.

It has never ceased to amaze me that while 75% of the people involved in a determined study of UFO's are still uncertain of even the most rudimentary and immediately desirable data, there exists this 25% which, seemingly having mastered the problem of mental anti-gravity, is now fully convinced that there are some among themselves who can and do communicate by various means with Brothers from Outer Space.

The methods by which these communications have been received are various, but it is apparent that the quality of the messages that have been made public is always about the same. There is, one might say, the same element of utter speciousness in all supposed communication from Outer Space.

To date I have noted that in all but a very few instances these messages have been transmitted by means generally associated with Spirit Communication. I have been surprised to see that many people who might, under different circumstances, have expressed considerable skepticism at any Spirit "message" received via the parlor-game "mediumship" of wine-glass and alphabet or by ouija-board, are willing to accept as authentic messages of a similar intellectual content from unseen "Intelligences" who claim to be "Spacemen" rather than "Spirits". I do not feel duty bound to question the phenomenon of Trance Mediumship even though there have been a regrettable number of instances wherein this has been abused, but there are those who do not possess even my faith in the authenticity of this form of Mediumship but who are prepared to accept at face value these "messages" from "Spacemen", whereas eyebrows would be raised if any "Spirit-ism" had been suggested.

Perhaps I should add here that it is rather noticeable that the "Spirit World", usually so knowledgeable and often prophetic, did not prepare its Earthly associates for the onslaught of the UFO's until after the first random sightings had been recorded in the newspapers. Since then it is again noticeable that nothing seems to have been uttered by any "guide" that has not been said or written some time before either in book or article form. Here we have, so it seems, a more up-to-date "Intelligence" system than the "guides" themselves!

Next to "Mediumship", but please, not too near, must come the claims from the Telepaths. Telepathy has played a very important role in "Saucery". We cannot forget the numerous instances of intuition connected with saucer sightings and landings. In this particular aspect of the subject we need mention only the Telepathic "messages" that have been relayed, sometimes onto tape, and sometimes directly to listeners by the natural or unnatural voice of the Telepath himself. Readers will please note that this method is in many ways more down-to-Earth than natural Mediumship, and that it appeals to those who might feel sour toward any hint of "Spookery". Readers will also please note that, to date, there has been no stigma attached to spurious Telepathy.

There remain for discussion only two other methods of "Space Communication". The first is by means of signaling directly to the Saucers. The second, used by "Spacemen" in signaling Earth, is a method as yet undiscovered by their Terrestrial brothers - a method by which the voices of

the "Spacemen" are impressed onto tape without the customary use of a tape recorder.

Readers will probably remember that during the initial stages of the invasion of Normandy in 1944, the Germans made use of what was then described as "Black Light" - a variation of infra-red illumination which, undetectable by the target, allowed snipers to pick out (or rather to "pick off") at night their opposite numbers. It would now appear that an idea on much the same lines is being adopted and that another German invention, sonic-light signaling, has been applied to the same end - in this case a peaceful one, namely that of signaling with a hand lamp to the (invisible) Saucers, which, by some stretch of either their or our own imagination, signal back in the same way. It is claimed that when "translated" from "light" into "sound", "messages" in either Galactial Code or in "Clear" can be and are transmitted to and received from the "Spacemen" hovering rather conveniently overhead. This rather intricate and impressively "scientific" method is, I must admit, a rather hit or miss means of communication. The ability on the part of the "Spacemen" to dispense with any form of recording device is, by comparison, an invention of undisguisable genius.

For awhile simple Telepathy was used by the particular contact group referred to above. Then, for reasons that need not be discussed, it was decided by the "Spacemen" that they might obtain better results if they cut out the human element, and so they intimated that a quantity of presumably virgin tape should be set aside for their use. When the providers of the tape later played the reels on their recorder they were surprised (?) to discover that voices of their "Spacemen" could clearly be heard.

It will be appreciated, I hope, that I have not mentioned the names of any of the groups or individuals concerned in these various ways and means of communication. It will also be appreciated, or so I hope, that I have tried to leave it to you the readers to decide whether or not any of the methods I have described can honestly be said to obviate the possibility of Terrestrial "assistance".

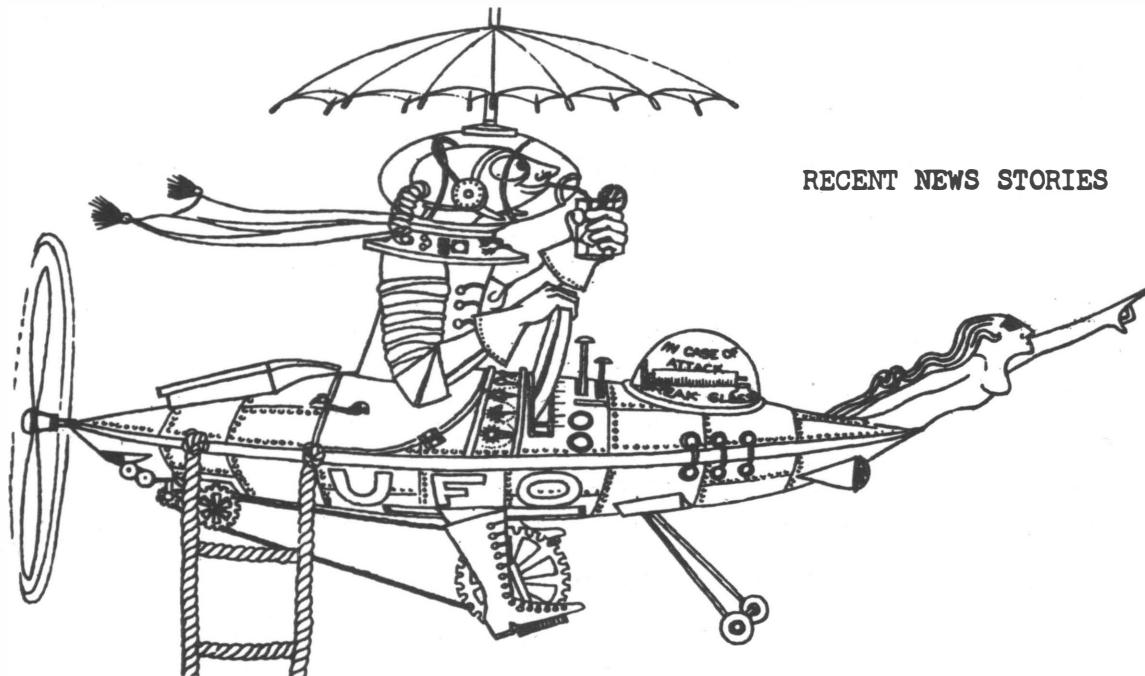
Turning our attention now to the "revelations" themselves, we find that, in spite of the different methods of communication, the canon of these variously-received lecturettes is one that is common to them all. Furthermore, the quality of this material seems to vary but little in individual cases. The accents of the communicators seem to vary according to the native accents of the Earthmen to whom they talk, but the lingua franca of Science-Fictioneze smooths out any outstanding linguistic difficulties.

There is a remarkable paradox in these communications. Despite a mechanical repetition of avowals of (purest) brotherly love between the peoples of the Planets in our local Solar back-yard, there enters from time to time the intimation that we of Terra may have to be destroyed by these our Brothers because we are endangering them by our continued Atomic research.

Another remarkable attribute of "Spacemen" is their ability to digest and to plagiarize novel ideas from Terrestrial Science-Fiction periodicals. Further proof of their "intelligence" can be found in the manner in which an idea "conceived" by one "Spaceman" addressing one group may, immediately after it has been publicized, form the basis of a further "revelation" given by another "Brother" to another group. There are numerous instances of this kind.

When invited to offer visible or tangible proof of their existence, these "Spacemen" offer a most unusual perversion of logic. They say, in effect, that they do not expect to be believed by any people other than those whom the materialistically-minded would brand as fools. There is, I admit, a limited soundness in this argument.

On the subject of the flying saucers themselves, the "Spacemen" tend to differ. Whether this difference is prompted by deliberation on their united part to keep us all in suspense, emulating the Air Ministry and the Pentagon, or merely a manifestation of un-brotherly professional jealousy, I do not know. I do know, however, that there have been numerous occasions when the "Spacemen" have waved this subject aside, the excuse being given that our minds are incapable of assimilating such intricacies as those concerning their methods of flight and propulsion. It seems, therefore, that we can receive any amount of gratuitous information on the Cosmos and indeed, I suppose, on almost any branch of near-science about which nothing is claimed to be known even by the most assertive of our poor misinformed scientists; but specific questions on matters of immediate concern are answered only in the best cryptic and evasive style.



**TOURISTS TANGLE WITH SAUCER IN NEBRASKA:** On Nov. 21st, Mrs. H. E. Wagner of Deephaven, Minn., was driving with her son on the way home for Thanksgiving. Near Fremont, Nebraska, while driving along icy roads at about 10-30 p.m., they stopped to put chains on the car. All of a sudden their car was lit up by a flashing silver light, so bright that it temporarily blinded them. The light lasted only a few seconds, but at the same time that the strange light appeared, a terrible gust of wind almost ripped off the son's jacket, according to his story. Before this incident they had seen no car headlights anywhere near them on the road, and they had noticed very little wind at all. Both mother and son were very frightened by the incident. A thorough check of the car showed no damage. However, Don Motzko, the son, was quoted as saying, "The incident was too eerie. It's got to mean something. Mother said it's a warning, and I think that's what it is, too."

**LATEST WORD ON THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN:** Two recent news stories are of interest concerning our old friend the abominable snowman of the Himalayas. The first, dated Dec. 14th, says that Swiss Alpinist Fritz Mueller is abandoning his hunt for the snowman after the longest stay any European has ever made on Mount Everest. Mueller said that he failed to find any clues to the legendary animal in spite of his extensive search. The second article,

dated Dec. 31st, states that an American-sponsored expedition has already assembled in Calcutta, India, to begin a new effort to find the snowman. The group, sponsored by the San Antonio, Texas, Zoological Society, is expected to get under way from Calcutta in the next few weeks.

**RADAR TRACKS SAUCER AT 4,000 M.P.H. NEAR MIAMI:** One of the most interesting sightings in a long while occurred last Dec. 13th in Miami, Florida, where Donald Freestone, a radar operator for Pan American Airways, saw an unidentified "blip" on his scope while testing weather radar equipment at the Miami airport. Surprised by the unexpected target return on his screen, Freestone called fellow employees. Six of his colleagues confirmed the finding. Freestone said that the unidentified object was four to five times larger than any aircraft he had previously observed on radar. It appeared to be egg-shaped or oval-shaped, and to have a double pattern resembling an hour glass or figure eight. The object first appeared on the screen at about 65 miles southwest of Miami, at an altitude of between 7,000 and 8,000 feet. It disappeared from the scope and reappeared several times. Its estimated speed most of the time that it was visible was between 550 and 650 m.p.h. It moved to a position about 50 miles from the airport and remained stationary for two or three minutes. However, one time it was noted that the target moved 20 miles in about six sweeps or rotations of the radar antenna, which rotates at a speed of 20 times a minute. This indicates that it was then traveling at about 4,000 m.p.h. The object was last seen at about 100 miles from Miami, still moving southwest. It was watched on the radar screen for about 20 minutes altogether, by six people, from 11-15 to 11-35 a.m.

**NEWS BRIEFS FROM OVERSEAS:** In Adelaide, England, Mrs. Ralph Peake reported last Oct. 20th that blue rain fell the previous Sunday in the rural area where she lives. The rain was accompanied by a thunderstorm, and came soon after an atomic test at Maralinga, 300 miles away.....Last Oct. 14th a meteorological station in central Japan reported that it had recorded abnormally high atmospheric shocks, bigger than those usually recorded during a nuclear test explosion. The Observatory was unable to give any explanation for the shocks, which lasted for a period of 13 hours and 46 minutes....A live eel, 20 inches long, fell from the sky at Dovercourt, Essex, England, on Oct. 16th.....In our October-November issue (page 9), we reported the excitement caused by remote-controlled saucer models released over a public road by a R. A. F. corporal stationed in Anglesey, England. On Nov. 4th another stir was caused by the same corporal. This time the local population was amazed to see cigar-shaped objects hurtling across the sky, leaving a trail of smoke and flame. Corporal Rimmer disclosed that his saucers are now rocket-powered, run by ordinary firecrackers. (How he does this, we don't know! - Editor.) - (Our thanks for the above series of news items go to correspondent Brian Essenhight of Kent, England.)

**MINNESOTA FARMER SPOTS SAUCER OVER HIS YARD:** Harold Thompson, a farmer living in Cottonwood County, Minn., reported seeing a saucer at 10 p. m. last Nov. 28th while doing his usual evening chores. "I had just finished some work in the barn," he said, "and I was walking to the house when I saw the thing hovering about three or four hundred feet off the ground. At first I thought it might be an airplane, but then it shot straight up in the air and hovered there for awhile." Thompson rushed into the farmhouse and got his binoculars. He watched the saucer-shaped object change from a light red to a cherry red as the object gained altitude rapidly. At other times, it appeared to be purple and green. Then all of a sudden it disappeared. Through

binoculars the saucer appeared to have a number of small windows. "My wife and I had been laughing about all these flying saucer stories from South Dakota," said Thompson, "but we're not laughing now."

**SAUCER SEEN BY MINNESOTA FARM COUPLE:** A story very similar to the above comes from Luverne, Minn., dated Dec. 20th; Mrs. Elmer Hamann says that she was called by her husband one morning the previous week, at 4-45 a.m., to look at a strange light which was hovering at tree-top level only about a half mile away from their farmhouse. The light was reddish at first, and then changed to green as the object moved away. The Hamanns watched the strange light for over an hour. Mrs. Hamann said that her husband was going to drive down to where the light was, but decided not to. He also thought of calling some of his neighbors, but did not do so because of the late hour. Mrs. Hamann said that the light made no noise and did not appear to have any special form that could be identified with a solid object.

**MINNESOTA COUPLE CHASE SAUCER IN THEIR CAR:** Still another Minnesota report, this one even more interesting, comes from Forest Lake, dated Dec. 6th. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mofett, together with several house guests, saw a saucer at about 9-45 p.m., and chased it for almost an hour in the family car. When first spotted, the object was moving back and forth and up and down, at almost tree-top level, a few blocks to the east of them. The Mofetts thought at first that it must be a plane in trouble, but they heard no motor noise whatever. The saucer appeared to have two windows, one a luminous red and the other a luminous green in color. It seemed to have an oblong shape. They followed it along the highway toward the east, traveling at a moderate rate of speed in their car. The saucer continued to hover low over the tree tops, and did not move at any great speed at any time. However, they were unable to drive directly under the object as they had hoped to do, so at 10-30 they gave up the chase. However, during the entire drive they had been within a few hundred yards of the brightly-lighted saucer, which they believe to be the same unidentified craft that was seen over St. Paul, Minn., earlier the same week.

**DID MON-KA SHOW UP AFTER ALL???** A letter to the Los Angeles Mirror-News, dated Nov. 13th, reads in part as follows: "I was surprised to read that Mon-Ka and his Martians did not appear in their space craft. How odd! I saw the space craft, at 10-30 p.m. on Nov. 7th (the exact time that Mon-Ka was scheduled to appear - Editor.) I called a neighbor and together we went out to the street, where we had a clear view of it. It was directly over the city of Los Angeles." However, the fact remains that 400 saucer fans who assembled in a different part of Los Angeles to welcome Mon-ka, saw nothing.

**MYSTERY EXPLOSION IN MINNESOTA BAFFLES AUTHORITIES:** A mysterious explosion, "like thunder, only worse", startled residents of Anoka, Minn., last Dec. 11th. The incident touched off an all-night search by Anoka city and county police, who failed to turn up any trace of an airplane crash, dynamiting, bomb blast, or other event that could account for the noise. The following day planes were dispatched to search the entire area, but still nothing was found. The blast was heard as far away as several neighboring towns, and houses were shaken throughout the area.

**SAUCER BRIEFS:** A new article by your Editor (not on saucers, however) will appear in the March or April issue of FATE Magazine.... One of the newly-elected vice-presidents of New York's Civilian Saucer Intel-

ligence is being ousted for failing to adhere to the organization's rather narrow "party line" concerning saucers. Difference of opinion just is not welcome in C.S.I.....We now have a somewhat mysterious disappearance within our own club. El-Jay Koch, our Staff Artist, has disappeared from his Buffalo, New York home without leaving any forwarding address. Will any subscriber who knows the present whereabouts of Mr. Koch please contact us...A new book called "Flying Saucers, Fact or Fiction" is to be published in February by Max Miller, editor of Los Angeles' quarterly magazine called "Saucers"....

We now have further information about George Williamson's trip to Peru, which we mentioned briefly in the December-January issue. Williamson's new organization is called "The Brotherhood of the Seven Rays". Approximately eight people from the United States have already joined Williamson in starting a self-supporting farming colony somewhere in the northern part of Peru. The purposes of the group are not made too clear in the literature we have seen, but apparently they chose Peru because it is far away from whatever disasters may be in store for the U. S., and because it is supposedly an ideal area for meditation and research. We wish these people good luck, for we think they will really need it!

#### SPLINTERS FROM A GLASS PLANET ARE FALLING ON AUSTRALIA:

According to a recent report by two scientists of the National Bureau of Standards in Washington D.C., there are large masses of glass from outer space which are hitting the top of the earth's atmosphere at speeds from seven to 45 miles per second, and which are shattered into tiny bits that fall to earth in showers. The scientists believe that the glass is probably the remains of a very ancient glass planet in the solar system, which blew up or was smashed millions of years ago. The planet apparently was made of glass of a very high quality, better than Man has been able to produce. These fragments have fallen over large areas of Australia, as well as elsewhere. The scientists speculate that this falling glass, seen on radar, could account for flying saucer reports, though this idea seems absurd to us.

#### ABOUT OUR NEXT ISSUE:

We are pleased to announce that the April-May issue will include a long and most unusual article by Thomas Comella, entitled "Flying Saucer Research on Trial". Mr. Comella is the former editor of the Flying Saucer News Service Research Bulletin. He later stopped publication of his own bulletin in order to merge his organization with George Williamson's Telonic Research Center, which has recently folded up. Some of the opinions Mr. Comella expresses in his article for SAUCER NEWS are not too complimentary to your Editor, but in line with our policy of printing all sides of the saucer controversy, we are going to print his article in full and without major editing.

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Hackett are now busy trying to re-establish NICAP as a truly UFO enterprise. They have a good chance of success, and their intentions are beyond question. It is not my belief that NICAP has any connection with the Government, nor is there any move under way to use NICAP for damaging the interests of UFO people, contrary to reports. I recommend that the "thumbs down" attitude toward NICAP during the past few weeks be replaced with a return to open-minded watchful waiting. Major Keyhoe has a tough assignment, but everyone knows him and has confidence in him. Let's not do anything to hurt or hinder his efforts.