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SKYLOOK makes the following announcement with mingled feelings of regret and pride, the reasons for which will become apparent as you read.

The U.F.O.R.C. JOURNAL, the fine monthly publication of the UFO Research Committee, 3521 S. W. 104th St., Seattle, Washington, is no more. Mr. Rod B. Dyke, editor of the magazine and Director of the Committee, feels he must have more time to devote to the increasing demands of investigation and research, the main goal of UFORC. The group does plan to issue an exchange newsletter, similar to John F. Schuessler's UFO POTPOURRI.

We regret the demise of the UFORC JOURNAL, an important contribution to ufology, and have long respected its integrity in reporting the facts without embellishment or distortion and have emulated Rod in our own policy of "telling it as it is."

We announce with pride that Mr. Dyke and his associates have selected our own publication SKYLOOK to pick up their banner, figuratively speaking, and to carry it on in the magazine field. He writes: "SKYLOOK is one of the very few GOOD research magazines with top staff material. I know you'll keep it that way * * * we would like SKYLOOK to take over our subscription list * * * UFORC will support SKYLOOK in full * * * will write articles and send in material for publication. You will receive reports from all our foreign offices through me * * * UFORC will be researching all good sightings and will relay all findings on to you."

This confidence in SKYLOOK to fulfill their own high standards in investigating and reporting is an honor that brings with it a responsibility which we humbly accept in full awareness of all that it entails.

With this issue, we are adding the UFORC JOURNAL subscription list to our own and the subscribers will receive SKYLOOK for the duration of their subscription period. Where there is duplication, the subscription will be extended. We welcome our new readers and hope they will give SKYLOOK the same support accorded the JOURNAL, and we invite them to send in newspaper clippings, their own UFO reports, and letters to the editor. We want to know if SKYLOOK has your approval--and if not, why not. Let us hear from you.

With the support of the UFORC, we feel SKYLOOK is going to continue to improve, and you have our word that we are going to work at it!

The regular SKYLOOK masthead will appear on this page, as usual, with the next issue. We felt this announcement should be given the top spot.

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Another "Last Word". From the Editor's Desk

The mystery of unidentified flying objects has been solved again. This happens frequently, as our readers know, even tho the "solution" somehow never seems to cover ALL types of UFO's, as claimed.

This time the Air Force has come up with final and last word on the subject and they've had this ever since Oct. 16, 1967--even tho money continued to be poured into the Condon investigation. Such a waste!

And here is the latest "last word"--as reported in "The Tulsa World, " May 8, 1969. Read and form your own conclusions.

Highly authoritative military sources are claiming that the mystery of the "Flying Saucers"--which has intrigued Americans since 1947--finally has been solved. The craft, these sources say, have been positively identified as spy satellites.

The sources cite a smattering of chapter and verse, notably details on the crash of a saucer in a barren area of a Western state on the night of Oct. 16, 1967. This craft, it is claimed, was a satellite launched by the Soviet Union which apparently went out of control while still in the atmosphere. Here are the details provided by the sources:

The satellite was sighted by two unidentified persons 200 miles from the scene of the crash, about an hour before it went down. They described the craft as apparently "afire." Presumably, the craft was also picked up by military radar covering the area, since there are military installations in the general neighborhood.

At any rate, the crash luckily was seen by a member of the military family--an Air Force gunnery sergeant who was driving down an otherwise deserted highway. He saw the space ship explode and then hurtle to earth about 400 yards from the highway. The sergeant inspected the wreckage and concluded, rightly, that the craft had been unmanned. Then he returned to his base and reported his find to his superior officer.

Tight security was clamped down. The sergeant was moved into a private room in a special officers' barracks, where he was interrogated by no less than a brigadier general in an intelligence section. Meanwhile, Air Force Intelligence headquarters in Washington was notified. After the sergeant's story had been transcribed, he signed the original and three carbon copies, and also agreed in writing not to divulge to unauthorized persons what he had seen.

Then the Air Force went to work in earnest. Part of a company, armed to the teeth, was dispatched to stand guard over the wreckage. A special team equipped with a portable laboratory was flown out from Washington. Nine days after the team went to work, the scientists announced that the pieces of wreckage indisputably were the remains of a Soviet spy ship.

Fragments of electronic eavesdropping devices were salvaged. For the rest, sophisticated photographic equipment revealed markings in

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Cyrillic lettering that could be found only on a piece of Soviet equipment, and by spectroanalysis and chemical tests the experts determined that a certain metal alloy in the wreckage was positively of Russian origin.

This reported "positive" find, of course, is subject to the same quizzical look mandatory in the case of any "unofficial" report. The military, especially within the intelligence community, has been known to indulge in wishful thinking. But there was testimony as early as Nov. 3, 1967, that U. S. espionage had met with considerable success in tracking down Soviet efforts to turn exploration of space to military advantage.

On that date, then Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara announced that the Soviets were working on the development of something called FOBS--Fractional Orbit Bombardment System--designed to put nuclear bombs into orbit. McNamara got his done from the Defense Intelligence Agency, which picked up information on the new Soviet venture in the summer of 1966.

"Should the Pentagon choose officially to verify the identification, it will at least put an end to speculation that the "Flying Saucers" are vessels carrying visitors from Mars," the article concludes.

Our own "last word"--as far as we know, no serious UFO investigator has ever said the "flying saucers" are vessels carrying visitors from Mars. We don't KNOW what they are and where they are from--but are trying to find out. Apparently the "unidentified flying object" of the above report has been satisfactorily identified. But who is going to believe this proves that ALL unidentified flying objects are Russian spy ships? Not even the Russians!

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We welcome UFO reports, newspaper clippings and letters from readers. Enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope if you wish material returned. When possible, all reports should be in by the 20th. SKYLOOK is published the first of each month.

The editor reserves the right to reject reports and advertisements failing to meet SKYLOOK standards of integrity.

Midwest UFO Network Set Up

An event which we feel is to be of far reaching importance in the ufology field is scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 31, 1969, when serious researchers will meet in Quincy, Ill., to organize the Midwest UFO Network.

Dr. Allen R. Utke, Consultant to A. P. R. O. in Chemistry and Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the Wisconsin State University, Oshkosh, has proposed the organization to include the states of Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri. Quincy was selected as a central meeting location for the convenience of many scheduled to attend, with the 3-day Memorial Day holiday providing time for those driving greater distances.

Dr. Utke will direct the meeting. Setting up the organization and system of reporting and other related subjects will be discussed. John F. Schuessler, A. P. R. O. Consultant and Senior Engineer at the McDonnell-Douglas Astronautics, St. Louis, will be present as will Walt Andrus, co-chairman of the Illinois Section APRO and other key personnel from the Tri-State Area of Missouri, Illinois and Iowa, and other midwest states. Mr. Andrus, who has taken an active part in setting up the arrangements for the meeting, will be one of the Quincy hosts.

Both Mr. Andrus and Mr. Schuessler, staff members of SKYLOOK, will speak for this publication in pledging full support and cooperation.

A full report will appear in the JULY issue of SKYLOOK.

Moberly Resident Reports on UFO's

Our Missouri readers may have seen Larry Yoder's ads in their newspapers recently. Mr. Yoder, 30, of 515 Vincel, Moberly, Mo., became interested in UFO's in 1962 when he believes he saw one near Lake Spring, south of Rolla, Mo., but he didn't talk about it until March of this year when he became interested in the flurry of UFO reports in Missouri and ran some ads, requesting sighters to write him.

The object Mr. Yoder saw in 1962 was a bright light "like a welding arc" on a hill about a fourth of a mile away. It appeared to be about 30 feet in diameter. "This really frightened me," Mr. Yoder told a reporter of the "Moberly Monitor-Index & Evening Democrat", "and I drove to town in a hurry."

Mr. Yoder, who attended high school in Moberly, is associated with his father in the locksmith business in that city. He is married and has four children. His placing an ad in the Moberly newspaper led to an interview and the newspaper gave Mr. Yoder's opinions on UFO's and his investigations considerable publicity in lengthy articles appearing April 18 and May 1st. We have adapted our report from these articles, kindly sent to us by Mr. Yoder.

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His investigation lists 45 persons in North Missouri as being on record in seeing UFO's between March 2 and March 19 and they reside in the following counties: Randolph, Callaway, Chariton, Clinton, Linn, Macon, Shelby, Adair, Schuyler, Knox and Morgan. He visited some of the sites where UFO's were reported and checked for radiation with a geiger counter, but found no trace of radiation--and no imprints or burned places.

As some of his reports have appeared in the April and May issues of SKYLOOK (ours from other sources), we will not repeat them here, but he has one from Moberly which we did not have and we find it quite interesting:--the lady, who does not wish to be named, reported that on April 16 at about 8:30 p.m. she was northbound on 151, north of Madison and driving about 65 miles per hour when she saw what she first thought was a falling star, but then noted the object--about 300 or 400 feet from the ground and a quarter mile away--made a right angle turn and started following her along the highway. She said she became frightened.

She described the object as being oval in shape, larger than a car, with the bottom part a brilliant white--brighter than anything she had ever seen. She noted that the two-way radio in her car would not function during the time she was being followed. Also, her car radio became faint. As she neared the Route K junction, after being followed by the object about a mile, she switched her headlights to bright and at that moment the UFO turned a brilliant white all over for a matter of seconds, then the light went out. She said she could see a dome atop the object as it banked to the left and went out of sight.

Mr. Yoder wrote letters urging government investigation of UFO's. One written to Missouri's Gov. Warren E. Hearnes brought the reply that "there is no one here in the State of Missouri that I know of who would have the facilities or the authority to investigate UFOs. I would suggest that you direct your correspondence to someone in the federal government, such as your U. S. senators or your congressman."

As a result of the publicity given Mr. Yoder in his home town, an interested reader came to his home with a copy of "UFOs Identified" by Philip J. Klass. As our SKYLOOK readers know, Mr. Klass "identifies" UFO's as being "plasma" (and see May issue of SKYLOOK for Mr. Klass' offer of \$10,000 etc). Mr. Yoder read the book and it is to his credit that he says, "I know there are hundreds of UFO reports which cannot be explained away so easily."

Scientific Company Offers Service

A. Roy Davis, of Green Cove Springs, Fla., 32043, offers free of charge any of the services, including analytical reports, of the "Roy Davis Scientific Company" and his letterhead lists: Co-operative Research; Biomagnetic, Biological, Radiation, Nuclear Radiation Research; Medical and Agricultural Biomagnetic Research; Clinical, Electro-Chemical Research; Conceptive Space Research and Environmental Research.

SKYLOOK appreciates his offer and suggests our researchers jot down the address for future reference.

More on the Michigan Lights

The May issue of SKYLOOK carried a report of lights seen in Michigan during March and further reports have come in from that area.

Mrs. Jane Barnard, 301 N. Catherine, Bay City, first heard about a UFO on her Citizen's Band radio about 11:45 p. m. March 13, and she reported she then saw a twinkling light "jumping all over" in the southwest skies. The object traveled slowly to the northwest, and to get a better view, Mrs. Barnard, her husband, and another couple drove into the country where, at Wheeler and Three Mile, they stopped their car and watched the lights through binoculars.

"It looked like a light at the end of a lariat that somebody was shaking," Mrs. Barnard told the "Bay City Times." They watched the lights until after 1 am and also strange lights in the west.

That same night the Iosco County Sheriff's office reported that an unidentified woman called the office about 8:30 p.m. to report she had been followed by a "flying saucer." She was traveling along Esmond Road from Sand Lake to Hale when "an object larger than a truck, light green on the bottom and glowing yellow on the top," began to follow her. "It followed me about half way to Hale, then took off straight up without a sound," she said.

The Houghton "Daily Mining Gazette" carried a story from Calumet where lights in the sky--massive, moving and red-orange--were sighted. One resident said he first observed the light about 8:30 and that with his wife and daughter watched it break in two, move out of sight and then reappear and again part before traveling in a north-westerly direction from their line of vision.

"I have never seen anything like it," he said. "It was a perfect giant circle with a sort of gold ring around it. When it broke in two, the pair of circles, of the same color, moved together out of sight."

"The Daily Tribune" of Royal Oak, Michigan, said that ten persons in the Holland area reported sighting a bright, unidentified object which took about an hour to cross the sky, from south to north, before dawn, March 13. An officer at the Selfridge Air Force Base said no radar reports or aircraft sightings of UFOs were reported and he commented the object may have been some type of "space junk." Sightings of this object were also reported in Owosso, Corunna, Port Huron and Detroit. At Holland, Michigan, the object was reported as being seen about 4:45 a.m. The "Evening Sentinel" said, "The object which was reported to be about as bright as the planet Venus but did not blink, took about a half hour to cross the sky from south to north before dawn today."

The "Bay City Times" on March 15 carried a spectacular story of a sighting made by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Johnson, but when questioned by an investigator after the report was published, Mrs. Johnson tamed down what seems to have been a reporter's "build up" of the incident. As gathered by the investigator's conversation with Mrs. Johnson, this is what happened: the Johnsons, of Hale, Michigan, were driving through rural Iosco County Thursday night (March 13) when they saw

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a very bright object, predominantly white on top and green-yellow on bottom. They believed the object to be a quarter of a mile distant and could not distinguish a definite shape as the light, or lights, were too bright. It was reported the object followed them about five miles, then suddenly shot up into the air and disappeared. The time was 8 p. m.

On March 13, the "Utica Daily Sentinel" quoted one observer as saying, "It had green, yellow and red blinking lights and hovered over my house for a couple of minutes. It was shaped like a saucer and was heading north at a terrific rate of speed."

Meanwhile, back on the ranch--or at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, to be specific, Dr. Hudson Hoagland, president emeritus of the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology and a member of the board of directors of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, was saying (as quoted by the "Macomb Daily") he feels that in the course of time UFO's will be largely forgotten "like the bogus spiritualism of yester-year." Hoagland says the Condon Report adds "massive additional weight to the already overwhelming improbability of visits by UFOs guided by intelligent beings."

Gee, Doc, where were YOU the nights all the lights went on?

Credits: Lou Farish and Rod B. Dyke.

----- Missouri Residents See Strange Object

Carl William Eberlein, of Salisbury, Mo., told the "Press-Spectator" that he witnessed a strange flying object near his home on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1969, shortly after 9:p.m. The object appeared to be a round ball, probably smaller than a car, with an orange-red color. He called his wife who came out and saw it too as it traveled in a southeasterly direction at about 30 to 35 miles per hour and appeared to be about 100 feet above the ground. There was no audible sound as the object passed over the Eberlein back yard.

Fearing they would not be believed, the couple made no mention of the incident until newspapers began reporting the flurry of UFO sightings in north Missouri.

Source: "Press-Spectator," Salisbury, Mo., March 14, 1969

----- Cigar-Shaped UFO Seen by Two Illinois Deputies

Deputies Raymond Richards and Joseph Volenec, Du Page County, Ill. said they saw a cigar-shaped object, 100 feet long, with four small white lights, one red light and two stubby wings. They sighted it at 3:25 a.m. March 8, 1969, while patrolling Illinois 53 near Thorndale Road, near Itasca. It hovered above them at an altitude of 1,000 feet, they said, then flew away without a sound when they turned their spotlights on it.

Source: Chicago "Daily News", March 11, 1969

UFO Over Mt. Vernon, Ill.

A UFO--described as "more brilliant than any rainbow you ever saw" was sighted southeast of Mt. Vernon, Ill., at 9:20, Wednesday night, April 23, 1969.

The man who reported the object said he wanted to remain anonymous. "I don't want my neighbors kidding me," he told the reporter. He said the cigar-shaped object was a vivid red color. He saw it hovering at tree-top level for a few seconds, then it disappeared into the southwest at tremendous speed, leaving a bluish vapor trail. "It was out of sight in a few seconds," he said.

Source: "The Register-News," Mt. Vernon, Ill. Credit: C. S. Thanks!)

Strange Lights Deflect Car's Steering

Steve Gladfelter, 19, of 216 South Emporia, El Dorado, Kansas, and his girl friend had a frightening experience about 11 p. m. the night of March 24, 1969, when they were about four miles southeast of El Dorado.

Steve said they spotted two "lights" on the ground of an open field. They were about 25 feet apart and about 10 feet in diameter and approximately 100 yards from the car. He turned the car around to go by the scene again for a closer look when the car suddenly went out of control. "I was traveling 15 miles per hour," he said, "but I had no control over the steering wheel. The car went down the road at an angle, but did stay on the road." It traveled about 150 feet "before the wheels seemed to take hold."

Each light flashed several times, he reported, then stopped, leaving a slight blue glow. His companion was so frightened, Steve said, he took her home, then returned to the scene, but the lights had disappeared, and he could find nothing unusual.

Source: "The Kansas Newsletter," Silver Lake, Kansas

Oklahoma Reports More UFO's

A mysterious unidentified flying object hovering for five minutes over the Watonga, Okla., airport was reported seen about 8:30 p.m. Friday night, March 7, 1969.

Milton Banta, Watonga printer, said he and his neighbor, Gary Edsall, took time-delay pictures of the "big round light with long rays of light extending out from the object." Banta also reported that two-way radio reception or transmitting was cut supposedly by the presence of the "light two times bigger than the evening star."

Policemen Keith Kelly and James Winters also saw the strange light.

Source: "Watonga Republican," Watonga, Okla. March 13, 1969

SKYLOOK Has Kansas Representative

Miss Kietha Fish, of Research Associates, Inc., Silver Lake, Kansas, has consented to become our Kansas representative and to send us UFO reports from our neighboring state. Miss Fish is one of the Directors of "The Kansas Newsletter" which made its appearance in May and is the official publication of the research group.

The neat little, offset monthly bulletin reflects an interest in varied phenomena with ufology perhaps heading the list. A sample copy is 25¢ and the subscription is \$3.00 per year. Write Research Associates, Inc., P. O. Box 8, Silver Lake, Kansas 66539.

Writer Gives Lou Farish Title

In a recent letter to the editor, John A. Keel, well known writer in the ufology field, commented: "More emphasis should be placed upon scholarly historical research. There are thousands of old books and records which must be studied and sifted. Very few ufologists are making an effort to do this important work. Farish is our 'historical expert' (whether he wants the job or not) and can advise researchers willing to undertake this task."

And Jen Stevens (editor of UFO SKYWATCH) says in the Nov-Dec issue of her magazine: "Lucius Farish is one of the foremost 'Airship' historians." Lou's articles have appeared in several UFO publications as well as in the slick paper magazines which feature ufology now and then.

SKYLOOK is proud to have him on the staff. In addition to "In Others' Words," a regular feature, Lou has contributed material since almost our first issue.

UFO's Pursue Car

You've all heard the old saw: "What would a dog do with a car if he caught one?" Bringing it up to date, why does a UFO chase a car? More and more of these cases are reported. Compared to the apparent speed, capability and maneuverability of a UFO, any auto must seem a toy-like vehicle. So what's the attraction? What do you think?

On Dec. 12, 1968, Richard Snyder, of Stillwater, Daniel O'Malley, of Latham, and Mark Lanou of Mechanicville, N. Y. said they were pursued across the countryside by three UFO's early that morning. The men first encountered the UFO's shortly after 5 a.m. as they drove on route 146. The objects, described as "transparent, tire-shaped objects," followed, increasing their speed and changing direction as needed. When the men attempted to "hide" behind a building, the objects found and hovered over about 400 feet up, twinkling as they switched from brilliant red to greenish blue to "orangish", then sped away.

Credit: SKYWATCH, Box 124, Schoharie, N. Y. 12157.

A. Look at the Sky

The planet Mercury will be visible throughout May and will reach inferior conjunction (Mercury will be between the earth and sun) on May 29.

Venus will be a brilliant -4.2 magnitude during May and will be a spectacular object in the eastern sky before sunrise during June.

Mars will be 45,000,000 miles from Earth on May 31. It will reach a -2.0 magnitude and will be quite near the red star, Antares, which is in the constellation Corpius. Mars will be seen in the constellation Ophiuchus in the southern sky.

The giant Jupiter is visible most of the evening high in the southern sky at magnitude -1.8.

Saturn will be visible in the early morning before sunrise at a -.7 magnitude in Aries.

The Planet Mars, Part II: The Martian Atmosphere and Two Unusual Moons

We do know that the Martian atmosphere is quite thin compared to that of the Earth. This fact was confirmed by the Mariner probe of 1965. There appear to be small amounts of oxygen and water vapor in the Martian atmosphere, probably 5 per cent or less water vapor than is found in our own atmosphere and about 1/1000 as much oxygen.

C Clouds have been observed during the close approaches and are three types--the white clouds, blue-white clouds and the yellowish "dust" clouds. The white clouds are believed to occur high in the Martian atmosphere and generally form at about noon and seem to increase in size during the Martian afternoon. These clouds have been seen extending beyond the edge of the planet's disk. An estimate then may be made as to the altitude of the clouds and they have been estimated to be up to 12 miles above the planet's surface.

The yellow clouds are seen quite often and they are believed to be closer to the surface. They will cover a large area of the planet on occasion. They will be seen over the same area of the planet for periods of several weeks.

The blue-white clouds are quite rare and are similar to ice haze associated with frost. During the opposition of 1954 an unusual W-shaped cloud formed every afternoon for a considerable time. The general form of the cloud was similar to the ground features below it.

The north and south polar caps are quite visible even in small telescopes. They are generally believed to be surface deposits of snow or frost. It is believed that the polar caps are very thin, possibly only inches thick, as they will almost completely disappear during the northern or southern summer. Carbon dioxide has been detected in the atmosphere and is probably about twice the amount found

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in the Earth's atmosphere. Although the temperature at the equator rises to over 80 degrees, the thin atmosphere cannot hold the surface heat and the temperature falls rapidly as evening nears.

The two Martian moons were discovered by the Director of the Naval Observatory, Asaph Hall, in 1877. The outer moon was observed on August 11, the inner satellite on August 17. The outer moon was named Deimos and the inner Phobos.

Phobos is some 3,700 miles from the planet's surface and moves around the planet three times each day. The outer moon, Deimos, is located about 12,500 miles above the planet and completes one revolution in about 7 hours and 40 minutes. Phobos rises in the west and is the larger of the two, having a diameter of less than 10 miles.

The Martian moons are indeed a mystery, some Soviet scientists have even considered the possibility that the moons might be even smaller than the estimated 5 and 10 miles diameters. They say that the moons might be quite small if their surface area was more light reflective than a rocky surface might be. Also, the Russian scientists have said that they appear to move in nearly circular orbits around the planet. This type of speculation is most interesting, but only time will tell the true nature of these tiny satellites.

Next month: Part III. The Canals and the Possibility of Life

S P A C E N O T E S

Soviets Land Two Probes on Venus

The Soviet Union placed a 2,491 pound probe on the planet Venus at about 7:30 a.m. Moscow time, May 16, 1969. The probe was a capsule which was dropped from Venus 5 before it entered the atmosphere. The probe made a 53 minute descent, by parachute, while taking temperature, pressure and chemical composition readings. It was launched on its 217,000,000 flight January 5.

The second Venus probe launched by the Soviet Union earlier this year landed on Venus about 24 hours after the first probe. The Venus 6 made a 51 minute descent, by parachute, transmitting data during that period. Venus 6 came into the atmosphere some 186 miles from the point where Venus 5 had entered the day before. Both probes failed to send additional information after reaching the surface. A small parachute of heat-resistant material was released to be replaced by a second main chute after the rate of descent had slowed to 688 feet per second.

Credit: Ted Phillips.

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News and Views from Here and There

Earth Emits Radio Signals Much Like Jupiter's

Dr. Robert G. Stone of the Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md., of N. A. S. A., reported in Washington April 21st that the Earth emits bursts of A. M. (amplitude modulation) radio signals much like those from Jupiter.

The spacecraft, Radio Astronomy Explorer 28, was launched last July 4, and in orbit 3,640 miles above the Earth it extended tubular antennas measuring 1,5000 feet from tip to tip with the purpose of studying low-frequency radio signals from space which cannot penetrate Earth's atmosphere. In the low frequency Explorer 38 was designed to measure frequencies including the AM broadcast band on Earth and discovered Earth's signals are similar to those detected in the past from the giant planet Jupiter.

Credit: SAUCER SCOOP, 6464 34th Ave. No. St. Petersburg, Fla. 33710

Astronaut Thinks Other Planet Life Likely

Astronaut James A. Lovell, Jr., a member of the Apollo 8 crew which orbited the moon last December, said in an address to the Arkansas Bankers Association, "There are 100 million suns like ours. Some of these must have planets which support life as we know it or intelligent life of some form."

Source: Memphis "Commercial Appeal"--Credit, Mrs. Orpha Ray.

More on the Michalak Case

Recently we encouraged a medical doctor to write to a friend of his at the Mayo Clinic and inquire into the controversial Michalak case. (Mr. Michalak suffered UFO burns in 1967 and, according to recent newspaper reports, visited the Mayo Clinic for an examination in 1968.) A reply dated April 1, 1969, states in part: "I have checked through our registration desk and I find that we have never had a patient by that name registered at the Mayo Clinic. If he had been a patient, I suspect that I would not have been able to send you information without a release from him, state laws being what they are, but I can tell you that we don't know anything about him."

It is possible, of course, that Mr. Michalak entered the clinic under an assumed name. The above correspondence is reliable and honest.

John Keel, from his newsletter ANOMALY, May issue.

News and Views from Here and There

Another 1897 Airship Report

While the arguments continue as to whether that 1897 airship was an unidentified flying object, more reports come in as interested researchers delve into the old newspaper files, and they always provide interesting reading.

This one comes from "The Daily Kennebec Journal, " Augusta, Maine, April 12, 1897:--Sioux City, Ia. April 11.--Many claim to have seen the airship. Up to date, however, it has invariably been on the wing on such occasions. R. H. Butler, of this county, claims he caught it "roosting."

His account is as follows: "Every Saturday I drive into Sioux City. On my return last week, I reached the driveway near my house about 12:15 A.M. and turned in to get to my barn. I had gone about half the way when I saw light just over the off horse's ear. I strained my eyes: and when I got a good look, I nearly fell off the seat. I was looking at a ship. At the top was what I took for a big, cigar-shaped balloon. It was about 35 feet long, 10 or 12 feet thick and lay on its side. Underneath it was a car something like those on the Ferris Wheel at the World's Fair. It had a row of windows along the side and the light shone through them."

"As I approached, the folks in the boat heard me and they started into the air. It sounded like a bunch of quail going up. In four or five minutes the ship went out of sight, traveling toward the south. I think it rose at an angle of 40 or 45 degrees."

The general opinion among his neighbors is that Butler had been drinking before he left town.

Credit: Brent Raynes, Perkins Lane, Hallowell, Maine, 0437.

Radio Program Whets UFO Interest

Ray L. Wright, of Springfield, Ill., and member of the Illinois Section APRO, discussed UFO's and the Condon Report and answered questions phoned in "live" on Evan Wayne's "Niteline" program, May 5.

The 10-to-midnight program is on station WTAX, Springfield, and is a CBS affiliate. Mr. Wright's presentation awakened new interest in the capital city which has been rather indifferent toward UFO's. No doubt Ray will be invited to speak at various public gatherings as a result of his talk.

Credit: Walt Andrus, Co-Chairman Illinois Section APRO

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Mexico Has APRO Bulletin

Volume 1, Number 1, "Boletin De APRO Mexico" has made its appearance in Mexico and will be published bi-monthly. Affiliated with A. P. R. O. it is the first APRO publication to appear in Spanish. For the benefit of those who do not read Spanish, there is a two-page English summary.

Mexico, up to now, has been indifferent on the UFO subject, editor Jesus Hernandez Garibay, reports. He believes this is largely due to lack of knowledge which "hopefully, will change with time."

Five UFO sightings during 1968 are given. On March 25, Dr. Jose de Jesus Fonseca and his wife, of Mexico City, saw a spherical, luminous object moving at a great velocity and it was followed "by a sort of halo that ended in a point and appeared to be three times as large as the object itself."

August 10, witnesses at Poza Rica, Veracruz, observed five spherical yellowish-white objects, flying in formation in a north-south direction for about a five minute period. When directly overhead, they broke formation and the four smaller ones continued south and the larger one disappeared toward the west. All observers agreed they were traveling too fast to be conventional air craft.

August 13 numerous persons in Mexico City sighted a pear-shaped UFO. It had a yellowish-colored luminous aureola, and a blue light in the center of it. The size of the object was approximately 3 feet .

Sept. 21 a municipal employee of Yecapixtla saw a circular flying object which discharged black smoke. It disappeared suddenly.

Sept. 23 near Cuernavaca, a lawyer reported seeing a luminous object hovering near the city. This sighting coincided with a blackout in Cuernavaca.

SKYLOOK extends good wishes to the new publication--and Ye Ed wishes she had studied Spanish. Those who did may wish to obtain a copy of the magazine. The address is APRO Mexico, Apartado Postal 1978, Mexico 1, D. F., Mexico.

More on Fireball Seen over U. S. and Mexico

The April issue of SKYLOOK carried an article on a bright fireball observed over northern Mexico, New Mexico, Texas and Arizona. A large number of fragments fell around the Mexican town of Pueblito de Allende. The meteor was described as a brilliant blue-white in color, leaving a glowing train behind it. To date about 770 pounds of meteoritic material has been found. The fragments are of a rare type of meteorite, containing much carbon, water and hydrocarbons.

Credit: Ted Phillips.

NORTH, SOUTH, EAST and WEST of the U. S. A.

Mystery Fireball Streaks Over Britain

The London "Daily Mirror" reported that on Friday night, April 25, 1969, a mystery green fireball flashed through the sky over Britain and thousands of people all over the country phoned police stations and the Ministry of Defence after the object streaked overhead, leaving a glowing yellow trail. Sightings were also reported from Scotland and Ireland where observers reported an explosion.

The "Daily Sketch" reported that train driver Erwin Phillips saw the glowing ball from the cab of the 9:21 Diesel as it waited at Hersham Surrey Station. "I thought it was a flying saucer and that it was going to cut my train in half," he said. "It swooped out of the sky and frightened me to death, then just before it looked as though it was going to hit my train, it lifted up and disappeared."

Several explanations were offered the following day. Kenneth W. Gatland, of the British Interplanetary Society, said that the light in the sky could be the Russian satellite Cosmos 265 burning up as it entered the atmosphere. But other experts said the object was traveling in the wrong direction to be a satellite.

A spokesman at the Royal Aircraft Establishment said it was probably a meteor.

Credit: Lou Farish

Puerto Rico UFO Identified

A United States Air Force bomber crew identified as a weather balloon an "unidentified flying object" reported at 35,000 feet over San Juan, April 30th.

Ramey AFB sent up a B-52 to investigate the object after two Puerto Rican F-104 jet fighters were unable to identify it.

Source--"Arkansas Gazette"; Credit, Lou Farish

UFO Reported in Brazil (St. Louis Globe-Democrat 5/4/69)

A large unidentified flying object moving at ultra-fast speed and emitting blue, green, orange and yellow light, was seen over Rio, police reported Friday, May 3, 1969.

Detective Genildo Pereira Gomez first reported seeing the object shaped like a giant glass and "twice the size of a full moon" at 4:23 a.m. Thursday. Radio patrol headquarters sent out a car to observe it and its crew confirmed the detective's story.

Police said the object moved with incredible speed, emitting light that varied from blue to green to orange and yellow. After about an hour's maneuvering over the mountains outside Rio De Janeiro, it assumed the shape of a star and then disappeared.

IN OTHERS' WORDS
By
Lucius Farish

The appearance upon the scene of another UFO magazine from the publishers of TRUE comes as somewhat of a surprise. Based on information we had received, it was understood that a change of staff at TRUE had resulted in an "anti-UFO" editorial policy. In this instance, we are glad to be proven wrong. THE 1969 TRUE REPORT ON FLYING SAUCERS (75¢) is the third such publication to be issued. As with the previous two issues it is liberally sprinkled with UFO and pseudo-UFO photos, including several from the files of Project Blue Book. Six of the fourteen articles in the magazine are by Lloyd Mallan, whose UFO sympathies seem to lie in the "unexplained natural phenomena" category. T/Sgt. David N. Moody (now retired), formerly with Project Blue Book, contributes an article explaining the painstaking (!) analysis procedures of that agency and sums up his article with the statement that when an Air Force analyst says that a given sighting is "swamp gas," we'd better believe him. Oh, come now, Sarge!

The prolific Mr. Mallan returns again in the pages of SCIENCE & MECHANICS for June. This extremely interesting article concerns the UFO seen and photographed by Gemini 11 astronaut Richard Gordon during the orbital flight of Sept 1966, along with astronaut Charles Conrad Jr. One of the color photos decorates the cover of this issue of S & M; another is reproduced in black-and-white with the article.

The June issue of SAGA contains an article by Otto Binder and Joan Whritenour on the possibility of an "undeclared war" being fought between the Air Force and the UFOs. Citing the numerous UFO sightings near military installations, as well as a number of rather mysterious "accidents" to aircraft, the authors speculate concerning possible hostile UFO entities.

Excerpts from John A. Keel's forthcoming magnum opus of Ufology, OPERATION TROJAN HORSE, are presented in the article in the June issue of MALE. Keel presents a fascinating survey of cases involving mysterious men who turn up in the UFO flap areas, oftentimes appearing during the middle of the night in the bedrooms of UFO witnesses. They are usually described as being "of unusual size, both in height and girth." Often clad in capes and hoods, these strange beings have been reported for over a hundred years.

The NATIONAL ENQUIRER for May 25 has an article surveying some of the many UFO sightings reported in Brazil in recent months. Unlike other weekly tabloids, the ENQUIRER has consistently presented well-written factual articles on the UFO subject for the past two years or so.

Our Pet Peeve--to proof read a stencil twice and miss the typographical error that shows up twice as large as life in the mimeograph run. And we try so hard!

MIDWEST ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Aerial Phenomenon Club of Central Illinois

The regular meeting was held May 12 at the Faith United Presbyterian Church in Peoria, at 7:30 p.m. The scheduled topic of "Electromagnetic Effects" was postponed until the June session, as members were pleased to listen to a tape of three interesting UFO reports, kindly loaned for the occasion by Walt Andrus, Co-Chairman of the Illinois Section APRO. A general discussion followed and included a review of essential points to be considered in reporting a UFO sighting.

The club is researching reports of unidentified flying objects in the Peoria area, studying the files of newspapers and Ted Bloecher's "The Report on the UFO Wave of 1947." The first report was made July 7, 1947. The day before Dexter Gordon, George Draker, and Bob and Bill Blume reported watching a high, flying object sail in a northwesterly direction over Farmington Road between 11:30 and 12:00 p.m. On July 7 Harry L. Spooner caught a glimpse of a reddish disc about two feet in diameter giving off a ringing noise. Shortly thereafter, Michael Boyer and his wife watched a silvery disc which tilted slightly and then followed a straight course. Within an hour of the Boyer sighting, Forrest L. Huggenbotham, a Caterpillar Tractor Co. employee, saw between 25 and 30 motionless discs in a straight line over his East Peoria home.

In today's news, the Club notes that according to the Transworld Radio Station broadcasting from Bonair, Netherlands Antilles on May 10, 1969, the HL-10, an experimental PIE-SHAPED WINGLESS AIRCRAFT, broke the sound barrier on May 9, 1969. Who was it who said a saucer shape is aeronautically impossible?

The next meeting will be held the evening of June 9.

Credit: Rick Reynolds and Jack Ginther

Walt Andrus to Speak in Tulsa

Walt Andrus, of Quincy, and Co-Chairman of the Illinois Section APRO has been invited to address the Oklahoma Section of APRO in Tulsa, the evening of July 25th. The invitation was extended by Dwight L. Dauben, Director of the group. Further details will be given in the next issue of SKYLOOK for the benefit of our Oklahoma readers. Mark the date on your calendar now.

Correction!

In the May issue of SKYLOOK we got our titles mixed, naming Robert Smulling, Hamilton, Ill. as Chairman of the Illinois Section APRO. Walt Andrus, of Quincy, and Robert Achzehner, of Villa Park, Ill., are Co-Chairman of the Illinois Section APRO and Bob is Chairman of the Tri-State UFO Study Group. Just want to set the record straight.

Art Epstein Addresses Tri-State UFO Study Group

The Tri-State UFO Study Group met Sunday afternoon, May 18, at 3 o'clock, at the First United Presbyterian Church in Quincy, Ill., with Arthur J. Epstein as the guest speaker.

Mr. Epstein, of 9625 Radio Drive, Affton (a suburb of St. Louis), is a native Missourian since 1916 except for a six year period when he attended school in California. He earned a B.S. in Agriculture from the University of Missouri in 1944. Since that time he has been a technician in laboratories of the dairy and water industries and, for the past eight years, has been a chemist in the enzyme production plant of Sigma Chemical Co., St. Louis.

Since 1957 Art has been collecting UFO literature. He is one of the founders of the Greater St. Louis UFO Study Group and is a member of APRO.

His subject for the afternoon was "The UFO Pot Is Still Boiling" and his discussion of the UFO phenomena in general and some recent Missouri sightings in particular was given the utmost attention by his interested listeners. Mr. Epstein stated the UFO story "is the most interesting detective story I have ever read" and the biggest piece of scientific breakthrough "in reverse."

Listing magazines and books available on ufology, he says the Condon report is "not the last word" and suggests this report and "UFO's--Yes" by Saunders are companion pieces and the latter should be read first.

He recommends heeding the words and conclusions of Dr. Allen J. Hynek, whom he considers the best authority in ufology, but points out no one person can be "an expert" in a subject involving study in all areas of science.

He cited some of the St. Louis sightings recently and the report from Elmer, Mo. (see April SKYLOOK) as one of the finest. Mentioning UFO sightings elsewhere, he reports there have been over two hundred sightings in the last two years from the state of New Mexico, many in the Alamosa area. He pointed out similarities in photos taken over a span of years.

A panel formed to answer questions from the audience concluded the program and was made up of Mr. Epstein, Mr. Dave Schroth, Mr. Gus Hearst and Mr. Bob Hartell.

Reported by Mrs. A. S. Petzoldt, of Quincy, Ill.

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We're very interested in the Midwest UFO Network. It is a big step forward, and we're anxious to get the full report of the first meeting --and sorry we can't be present. . . The "Herald-Whig" of Quincy, Ill., gave Ted Phillips a good write up when he addressed the Tri-State group and SKYLOOK was mentioned too. Good publicity is always helpful and when ufology gets GOOD publicity, that IS news. . . One of the intriguing items in Binder and Whritenour "Flying Saucer D-Day" in June SAGA was the quote from Gen. Douglas MacArthur in 1962 when he addressed the graduating class at West Point. He predicted the "ultimate conflict between a united human race and the sinister forces of some other planetary galaxy" and went on to say, "the next war may well be an interplanetary one." This confirms our belief the military knows a lot more about UFO's than is admitted. You should read the entire article. . . We have our first copy of John Keel's newsletter ANOMALY (see address in ad section) and feel you'll want to be on his mailing list. . . More on predictions-- now, mind you, we don't admit we pin our faith on such, but we do find them interesting reading. Rosetta Holmes, our Carlyle, Ill., reporter has another one for our collection. Daniel Logan, in his book, "The Reluctant Prophet," states that flying saucers do exist and more and more of them are coming in to the earth's atmosphere. "Many flying saucers will be seen, and they will be seen by a vast number of earth people. The skies will be filled with them * * * many astronauts will die, for the most part under mysterious circumstances, and the plans for space exploration of all the major powers will be set back by accidents and other occurrences." He also states that "our scientists are withholding the true photographs of Mars for fear of mass hysteria. The photographs showed life on that planet." . . . Recently we heard a rumor of a UFO being sighted in the Ft. Leonard Wood area, but we haven't been able to pin it down. If some of our readers down around Salem and Rolla, Mo., know anything about it, will you send it in, please. . . well, here's a switch-- every review we've read of David R. Saunders' book "UFOs? Yes" has been favorable (and we like it too) but Kay Pittman Black of the Memphis "Press-Scimitar" calls it "an incredibly dull book on an exciting subject." She says, "The whole book bogs down in the personal fights, letters and memos between the pro-UFO and the anti-UFO scientists on the project." But she did have a kind word:-- "One of the fascinating chapters in the book is a report from a doctor in Ubatuba, Sao Paulo, who saw a flying saucer break up and managed to retrieve some of the particles of it on the beach. A lab report showed the fragment was of 'unusually pure magnesium, representing something outside the range of present day technological development in earth science!" She concludes that a new study is needed "done by scientists with even tempers and no lack of objectivity." Orpha Ray sent in the review. . . . Last, but far from least, we again welcome our many new readers with this issue of SKYLOOK. We hope you'll soon feel at home with us and like us so well you'll renew your subscription when it expires. . . While the UFORC JOURNAL is dead, the UFO Research Committee is very much alive, and you'll be keeping in touch with them through the pages of SKYLOOK. We expect to have more on their plans and their newsletter in the next issue.

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Ye Ed

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DO YOU HAVE REPORTS OF MISSOURI UFOs?

If you have any reports of UFOs sighted in Missouri, please send them to Ted Phillips, 1113 Ware Ave., Sedalia, Mo. 65301

I am attempting to compile a complete file of Missouri reports and will greatly appreciate receiving any--no matter how old.

Strange Blue Lighted Object in North Dakota

Sheriff Leonard Hanson, McClusky, N. D., received reports of a mysterious light sighted Friday night, March 14, 1969. The first report came from Roger Motschenbacher, of Wahburn, and Claudia Neff, of McClusky, who watched a blue lighted object from a hill near the Ben Rauser farm south of town. They judged its size about 150 feet in diameter and approximately 4-6 feet in height. They first sighted the blue light flashing from behind their car and parked for about three minutes watching it move over a hill. They reported the sight to Sheriff Hanson.

About the same time Mr. and Mrs. Adam Dockter reported seeing a blue light flashing through their bedroom windows after retiring and arose to watch it disappear over the trees. Three other reports came in.

Source: McClusky Gazette: Credit: last issue of The UFO RC JOURNAL