

# The A. P. R. O. Bulletin

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## WSPG Scientist <sup>July</sup> Sees UAO

### Landing In Ontario Canada

A fifteen-year-old boy claims to have watched a "flying saucer" land in a corn-stubble field near Galt, Ontario on Tuesday, 30 July. The Toronto Telegram and the Toronto Daily Star printed the following details and comments by investigating farmers in the area:

A 30-foot diameter circle of burned corn stubble, and three pressed down areas inside the circle were physical evidence of the presence of some unknown object. Ted Stephens, 15, said he stood a bare 300 yards away while the round, silver-colored object hovered for 40 minutes over the field before landing, only two miles west of Galt.

Stephens described the object as about 30 feet in diameter and equipped with a turret and portholes. The owner of the farm on which the boy claimed the landing took place, and on which the curious burned circle and depressions were found, said that the circular burn could not have been made by a field fire or the whole area would have been destroyed. "If it's a hoax," said Mr. Knapp, "don't know how they could have done it."

The three depressions in the ground were about 10 feet apart, and each was about 10 inches at the broadest point, and tapered to a point. The special correspondent for the Toronto Telegram said that curious people were speculating about the possible weight of an object which could make 2-inch-deep depressions and force the thick, tough corn stubble into the hard ground. The burned area is a two-inch ribbon of charred area which describes a perfect circle around the three depressions.

The Stephens boy said he was alone with his dog when the saucer appeared and hovered over the field. He saw no movement of life when the object touched down, he said. The day after he saw the object, he returned to the scene with two friends, and on 2 August told a reporter about the incident.

(Ed. Note: There has been no follow-up on this incident, and it can be assumed that the facts are as stated in the initial newspaper accounts. The newspapers assumed that the triangular-shaped depressions were made by the occupants, but it is evident that they were made by some type of steady device when the object landed. When considering the condition of the field itself, and knowing the characteristics of corn stubble, it indeed would require a very heavy object to make 2-inch-deep indentations in the ground, forcing the thick, tough stubble into the earth.)

At 10:30 a. m. on the morning of 24 July, Nathan Wagner, Chief of Missile Flight Safety at White Sands Proving Ground and Holloman Missile Test Center Integrated Range, saw an unconventional aerial object while driving to El Paso, Texas, to board a plane for Washington, D. C.

Wagner, as Chief of MFS, controls all safety factors in the launching of balloons, missiles, etc., and is a qualified observer. Mrs. Wagner, who viewed the object for the longest period of time, called the object a "flying saucer". Wagner, who was driving, could not follow the object constantly for he was driving. He stopped the car, but by the time he stopped it, the object had disappeared over the Organ mountains. It had been travelling almost due east toward the Organ range. His son, 11, and daughter, 6, also confirmed the observation.

The story of the sighting which was carried on an inside page of the El Paso Times for Wednesday, July 31, quoted Wagner as having said, "I don't want to start a scare, but I would say it is a reasonable position to take to say that such a craft might have been involved in some incidents." Wagner also said the object was not picked up on surveillance radar at White Sands.

The paper also said that Clyde Tombaugh, famed astronomer, stated in an interview that the space-travel possibility in the near-collisions did exist. The "near-collision" incidents referred to are described elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Because no description of the object itself was given in The Times, the Director called Mr. Wagner for details, and he was very cooperative and courteous. She learned that the object had a small upper portion, larger bottom portion, was metallic in appearance, and that there was sufficient light and shadow to show a "shimmering" which appeared to be a "moving part" underneath the object. The Wagner family observed the object for between 35 and 40 seconds. It should be noted that this story did not get press wire coverage, and also that Mr. Wagner is not an employee of the Air Force—his boss is the U. S. Army.

### BULLETIN Sept.

London, England, 17 Sept. North London residents were startled at the spectacle of a blue-green luminous cigar-shaped object which travelled in a northerly direction at very high speed. The object was sighted in the early morning hours, and the Air Ministry received many calls reporting the sighting. A Ministry official said that three out of four descriptions of the object tallied exactly, but he refused to guess the identity of the object. (Cr: Ed. B. Waetzig. Portland Oregonian. AP)

### Pilot Relates UAO Encounter

Captain Wladimiro Fernandez, commander of a Venezuelan Aeropostal Lines passenger plane, told reporters and Maiquetia, Venezuela Airport Controller Tower operators, of his encounter with a UAO when he landed his plane at Maiquetia on 7 August. Fernandez, the passengers and crew all described the object as huge, luminous, with red and white lights emanating from it. The object was traveling at high speed and disappeared in the north. Hernandez told news representatives that no aircraft was in the area, and that he had checked with Maiquetia Control Tower.

When Fernandez first spotted the object, he radioed the Control Tower at Maiquetia that "At this moment, the passengers and crew and I are observing a strange luminous space craft, which is huge in size and travelling at tremendous speed near Cape Codera."

### Freighter Sights UAO Over Pacific

Roy Melton, chief electrician, and Virge Dixon, second cook, aboard the Matson freighter Hawaiian Fisherman, have reported observing three unconventional aerial objects about 150 miles off San Francisco Bay on Tuesday, 18 June. Two of the objects were spotted first at about 8 p. m., and a third object joined the two about 15 minutes later. Melton estimated the height of the curious objects at about 10,000 feet, appearing like "small moons, diffusing a cold, white unchanging light." When the third object appeared, Melton said, all three objects moved slowly off in a "V" formation and paced the freighter for a while.

Speculation aboard ship identified the strange objects as either weather balloons or flying saucers, and the balloon theory was "deflated" when night came and the lights continued their course, easily visible by their glow. Crew members quoted skipper Capt. C. G. Wertz as saying he'd never seen anything like the objects in all his seagoing experience, and hesitated to discuss them for fear people would think he'd lost his senses.

Melton and Dixon exposed two rolls of film, some of the shots being time exposures through binoculars. The pictures did not pan out.

## THE WEST COAST "METEOR"

Mr. X, who very obligingly gathered and condensed the information in the following article, is the wire correspondent who commented so ably and enlighteningly on the Press Attitude toward UAO in our January issue. We feel his analysis of the available reports is thorough, and will add only a small note at the closing.

Hundreds — if not thousands — of Westerners within the area bounded by San Francisco, Fresno, Salt Lake City, Boise and Portland saw a glowing object streak across the sky at 9:30 p. m. Pacific Daylight Time the night of August 1. Not one reported seeing more than one object. Yet from each region within this vast area there were varying reports as to the direction in which the fireball traveled. They disagreed on its speed — real or imagined — and on its progressive coloration, the way it shed its fragments, and its altitude. All evaluators with anything resembling an official status agreed it was a meteor, but they varied on details of its behavior. The conclusion is tempting that more than one object was involved or that human fallibility was working overtime.

On one detail there was such almost universal agreement as to suggest reasonable certainty: the object was in view from five to ten seconds, at 9:30 p. m. This was the time of the first reported sighting in San Francisco. The same time was listed from Fresno, Medford, Boise and points along the Idaho-Oregon border, Lovelock, Nev., and Salt Lake City. Only at Eureka, 250 miles up the coast from San Francisco, did a time difference appear. The Eureka sightings mentioned 9:35 as did those from Yreka, 100 miles inland.

The first sighting report came from Millbrae, a Peninsula suburb just southwest of San Francisco International Airport where an excited father telephoned a news agency that his wife and daughter had just seen a plane go down with its left inboard motor blazing. The agency checked with the airport, where control tower officer R. J. Bassett unhesitatingly said no plane was in trouble and that he had just seen a meteor traveling west across the Bay, going down behind the hills of San Francisco to his north.

By this time a reliable newsman had called in from the Pacific Heights area of San Francisco to report he was among a party of several people who had watched the light "floating" westward slowly over the Bay from Oakland and that it "just seemed to go out over Alcatraz." Within minutes, Sacramento was reporting sightings from several sources and mentioned the "slow" movement of the object.

One unidentified woman called to say she had seen it proceed out over the Pacific to the west.

At the same time a trained observer was watching the object at Fresno, 250 miles to the southeast. He said it appeared in the sky at about 45 degrees elevation in the northeast and fell diagonally

to the horizon at a point roughly due north. The illusion was so strong that it was a plane, he said that he impulsively started walking toward it although he had the impression it was perhaps five miles away.

Most observers described the flight as very fast. Many said it was trailing a tail, some said it was shedding sparks or fragments as it flew, but few agreed on whether it was changing in color from blue to red, or yellow, or vice versa.

The Salt Lake City airport received numerous calls from people reporting a plane in trouble, a fireball, a flying saucer, or a meteor. They saw it in the west, traveling generally in a northwest direction. The story was much the same from Boise, Portland, Lovelock and Klamath Falls.

Yet at Eureka and Yreka, in California near the Oregon border, all reports (with one notable exception) had the object traveling north. And the Yreka reports agreed the object "disintegrated" near there over a hamlet called Montague, but no fragments have been reported found. Yreka patrolman Richard Humiston said "When it came over the whole town lit up and a few seconds later there was a violent explosion."

Others in Yreka reported at least one explosion, a feature which was lacking in all other reports.

Back at Oakland Airport near San Francisco, Bob Curry, Civil Aeronautics Administration controller, said the CAA was getting sighting reports from planes all the way from Portland, Ore., to the Los Angeles area, where there appeared to have been no ground sightings due to an overcast.

One pilot 100 miles at sea west of San Francisco said the object was low over the horizon, traveling horizontally, "and then took a sharp arc and disintegrated." Curry estimated from the various reports that the object was 200 miles up.

The next day Dr. Thomas C. Poulter, Stanford Research Institute polar scientist, said he had seen the object while walking in Palo Alto with his wife.

"It was unquestionably a meteor — one of the most beautiful I have ever seen," he said. He added that he had seen more than 7,000 of them during his career in California and the Antarctic. He said the meteor became visible 60 to 65 miles above the earth's surface, then faded out about 30 miles above the ground. "It left a stream of fragments as well as some continuous tail effect. The main portion undoubtedly continued way on out into the Pacific," he said.

In contrast with Dr. Poulter's observation was the sighting report of Eureka amateur astronomer William Abbey. He said it travelled north (which certainly did not take it out over the Pacific) and disintegrated in the northeast section of the sky, which tallies with the Yreka reports.

Abbey said he thought it was a meteor. "The unusual thing was that the fragments, which fell when the meteor dis-

## An Editorial

Instead of editorializing on any subject, we'd like to take this space to ask leniency from the members regarding release dates of this issue and the November issues. The Asiatic flu epidemic which has started in this country has hit Texas pretty hard, and is expected to range into New Mexico before too long. Inasmuch as there are only ten local members, even if a few are confined, it will impair work at headquarters considerably.

Correspondence has piled up again, mostly due to that fact that we all have duties in the fall which can't be put aside, and in due time we hope to get caught up so that the Bulletin will have top priority.

We'd also like to request that members look at their cards and receipts, make their renewals on time, thus cutting down the work that goes into dues reminder mailing.

integrated, dropped straight down instead of bursting out in all directions," Abbey noted.

One of the most arresting sightings was provided a few days later from Smith River, the northernmost town on the California coast. There Del Norte County Deputy Sheriff Allan Morris turned in an official report that on the night of Aug. 1, at 9:34 p. m., he saw a blue incandescent light hover near U. S. Highway 101.

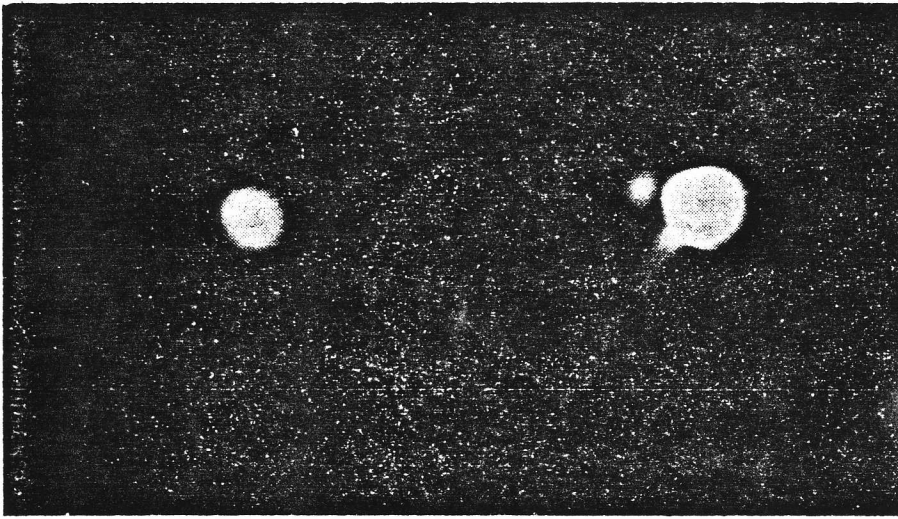
"I watched it for eight to ten seconds, standing motionless in the air," he reported. "It may have been a flare, but it certainly wasn't a meteorite. I know this thing couldn't have been high in the sky like a meteorite. I was in a valley and this object was definitely below the rim of the hills surrounding the area . . . I talked to two of other people in Smith River and a man in Cave Junction, Ore., who all saw the thing."

Morris said he turned his head away momentarily, and when he looked back the thing was gone. He described it as 100 to 125 feet high, perhaps two feet in diameter — "a little smaller than a washtub. Small bluish particles were falling from it. There was no sound."

Morris said he reported the sighting to his office and to the Air Force at Klamath Air Force Base.

If the Air Force has commented or announced any sightings by its own personnel, such has not been reported.

(Ed. Note: One of the many who reported objects at a different time, and which varied in speed, was Mrs. Lois Wright of Turlock, Calif. Mrs. Wright is the sister of Mr. Lorenzen, and therefore is personally known as reliable. In 1954 the Director gave her a briefing on observing sky objects, and we feel her report on the object she saw at 8:45 p. m. on 1 August is accurate and objective. Mrs. Wright reports the object as a bright, glowing green oval with a streamer or tail, which had the appearance of vapor. The green oval object appeared to be solid, the object traveled a straight trajectory, and was observed for approximately 60 seconds.)



The objects pictured above were snapped by Mr. Ikuo Koyama, high-school teacher at Fukuoka City, Kyushu, Japan at 9:50 p. m. on 8 June. The objects were also seen by Mr. Koyama's sister and his wife, and were described as tadpole-shaped with a small bright light in formation. The objects left a vapor trail, and hovered in one place for from 3 to 4 minutes. They glowed a brilliant red-orange with a bluish-green outline or halo. After a short period of time, the objects ascended and disappeared. No sound was associated with the objects.

## Two Planes In Near Collisions With UAO

"I tried to give it room, but it just kept coming at me," said Captain Ted Bachner of American Airlines. Bachner, pilot of the DC-6 which narrowly missed being struck by an unconventional aerial object near Salt Flats, Texas at 3:30 a. m. on the morning of 17 July, told his story to reporters and news correspondents at El Paso International Airport shortly after the near collision when the big plane made an emergency landing so that passengers could be checked for possible injuries as a result of a sudden maneuver which Bachner was forced to make in order to avoid disaster.

The plane was at the assigned 14,000 feet; was bound for Los Angeles, California, and the incident took place near Salt Flat, Texas, which is a flat, desert area.

The DC-6 was one hour out of Dallas when Bachner spotted the object about ten miles away, climbing fast and traveling east. "I veered a little to my right to give it plenty of room. Suddenly it swerved to its left right onto a collision course. When I saw it wasn't going to miss us," Bachner said, "I dumped (dropped) my ship 200 feet in a right turn. It whipped only 50 feet over our heads. It sure looked big up there."

Bachner described the object as a "big jet, like a B-47 or bigger". When the plane landed at El Paso, two passengers were detained for observation at a local hospital, and the flight was continued. The CAA and the Air Force immediately began checking flight plans for the identity of the object. It has definitely been established that no planes were in the area at that time.

On 22 July, 10:00 p. m., just 5 days after the above incident took place, a Trans-World Airlines plane carrying 34 passengers and piloted by Capt. G. M. Schemel of Kenosha, Wisconsin, had a

similar near-miss with an unconventional aerial object near Amarillo, Texas. The Constellation airplane was travelling at about 18,000 feet when Capt. Schemel spotted a green light and a red light bearing down on the plane. The news items all noted that military and civil planes carry red and green lights as standard equipment. However, the newspapers didn't explain what unauthorized military or civilian planes were doing in an assigned air corridor, nor were the apparently hostile maneuvers explained.

Captain Schemel said he couldn't describe the object, as he was too busy avoiding it. "It was dark and there was no moon. As we lowered the plane, the object went over our head and that's all there is to it. I have no idea what the object was. When you see something like that, you are too busy avoiding it to try to identify it," Schemel said.

One passenger suffered head cuts and a bruised back when thrown to the floor of the plane by the sudden maneuver, and the hostess suffered minor injuries when struck by a falling suitcase. The hostess continued the trip, but the passenger was left behind at Amarillo for emergency treatment and observation, when the airliner made an unscheduled emergency landing there.

The reason why airlines pilots are not talking much about these near collisions is no mystery to us. Those we have talked with merely say that the danger involved in taking a plane up when there are unidentified objects in the air which do not conform to standard flight plans, is sufficient to cut down the number of air travelers if the facts got out. One fellow said he just wondered how many of these mysterious air disasters, usually blamed on "metal fatigue", etc., were actually caused by UAO. "Apparently these darn things don't care whether they hit anything or not," another pilot said.

## 'Ball of Fire' Burns Plane In Flight

The tail of an American Airlines plane was pierced by a small ball of fire while airborne and enroute from New York to Fort Worth on 28 July.

The hole has been attributed to static electricity by a spokesman for the Airlines. The plane was flying through a thunderstorm near Knoxville, Tennessee, when the accident took place, and passenger Mrs. Leo Soroka of Memphis said she thought the flash of light was a bolt of lightning. She said she was sitting in the rear of the aircraft when a "ball of fire came up the side of the plane from the tail to the wing. The tail gave a huge lurch and we lost altitude rapidly when the pilot evidently dove down for a moment."

An American Airlines spokesman said all aircraft have short wires which are designed to carry static electricity away from the body of the plane, and that the charge built up to such an extent from the electrical storm outside the craft that the charge had to go somewhere.

There was no serious damage — one small puncture, smaller than a grapefruit, in the vertical fin.

(Ed. Note: Two electrical engineers have expressed their doubt that the puncture mentioned could have resulted from static electricity.)

## SAUCER MAGS

We continue to receive a large number of saucer mags from every corner of the earth. Some are exceptionally good, some mediocre, and the contents of others are somewhat ridiculous. For the record, let's list a few good ones: UFO Critical Bulletin, edited by J. Escobar Faria, Rua 13 de Maio No. 1240, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Mr. Faria is doing a good job, is one of those saucer editors who prefers to print the truth rather than add to the number of subscribers by the use of sensationalism. His little magazine is fast becoming an influence on UAO thought. "Uranus", edited by E. Biddle and published by Markham House Press Ltd., 31 Kings Road, London, S. W. 3, continues to present first-class information, and isn't afraid to criticize where criticism is warranted — we congratulate them. S. P. A. C. E., a six-page paper out of Coral Gables, Florida and edited by Norbert F. Gariety, is another very good paper. Keep up the good work, Mr. Gariety! We will be using occasional reports from the UFO NEWS REPORT, official organ of the Flying Saucer Research Group in Japan, P. O. Box 18, Isogo Post Office, Yokohama. A mimeographed paper, neatly done, this little periodical contains the latest in UAO news from Japan. Another good job of reporting. We received another excellent edition of the official quarterly journal of the "Civilian Saucer Investigation" of New Zealand. This last issue contained 32 pages of excellent articles and reports. Edited by old friend Harold H. Fulton. Also con-

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## Recent Sightings

The object seen in many Venezuelan cities on June 4, 1957 may have been a large bolide meteor. Our latest news on this incident indicates that an area of 90 to 120 feet was found completely charred and the object is believed to have crashed at this spot, near Arapuey. (Cr: J. Rolas)

Roswell, New Mexico, 17 May. At 7:50 a. m. two men observed a glistening white object moving in from the East horizontally, at an approximate speed of 300-400 mph. The object was oval in shape, about the size of a dime at arm's length, and was moving into the wind. When it reached a point directly to the north of the observers' line of sight, it performed a sharp 90 degree turn and headed North. One observer thought it had stopped and was hovering, but realized it was receding. The west wind did not affect the northward course of the object. The observers noticed that when the object became silhouetted against a cloud, its color changed from white to dull gray and also, showed a somewhat different shape, that of two oblong shapes pressed together, traveling on a slanting axis in a horizontal course. (Anon.)

Indianapolis, Indiana, 29 May. Mr. Ray Streib, his fiance and another lady, while driving west out of Indianapolis toward Danville, observed two objects in or behind a wisp of cloud, at approximately 25,000 feet. (A jet was in the sky at the time and altitude was approximated by comparison). The objects shone a brilliant white, their brilliance was constant, they appeared to be four or five times the size of the jet, and a half-dollar would barely cover the objects, if it were held at arm's length. One object disappeared as though a light had been turned off, but appeared an instant later. The second object then moved quickly away while the first one remained behind. The second object then moved quickly to a position immediately above the jet's vapor trail, then began to move toward the jet. When fairly close to the aircraft, it began to move straight up until it was nearly invisible, the descended once more, hovered for a moment and then rejoined the other object. They both then moved toward the southwest in an angular direction that

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tinuing with first-rate material is "Flying Saucer Review" of London, England. "Satellite" is another new periodical in the U. S., coming out of New Orleans, Louisiana. Neatly and intelligently written, it is a contribution to UAO research. The "Catholic Association of International Astrophysics" carries some UAO articles and reports, and is edited by APRO member and representative Joseph Rolas. Joe started his Number 1 issue with a salute to Mr. Lorenzen, the Director and A. P. R. O. We appreciate it very much, and feel that such a salute coming from Mr. Rolas, is a compliment.

was nearly vertical and were lost to sight. Observing time: 11 minutes. Conclusions reached by the observers were: Objects appeared to be of some type of shiny metal, no apparent changes of color with acceleration or deceleration, and no details were visible. Objects not reflecting sun's rays, for brilliance was constant, and they appeared to be under specific control. Objects were not weather balloons for they each moved independently of each other and in different directions. Streib called the Airport operations tower the next morning, was told there were some weather balloons in the area and that they were what he saw. He had not asked what was in the sky at a specific time, but merely asked what the flight pattern was for the previous evening from 5:15 to 5:30.

Monticello, Indiana, 21 June. At 9:13 p. m., a UAO was seen to pace an airliner and completely circle it as it moved in a westerly direction. The apparent size of the UFO was about twice the size of the airliner, which was a two-engine plane. After circling the airliner, the UAO shot straight up into the air at tremendous speed. Its color was a dull blue white and seemed to emit a faint vapor trail. When it approached the plane, the plane's exterior was lighted by the luminescence of the UAO. Apparent altitude of the plane was 5,000 feet, length of sighting about one minute. Observed by Ray and Barbara Streib, and Maxine Griessbach.

Greencastle, Indiana, 24 and 26 June. Four teenagers, Jerry Brattain, 17, George Bennett, 17, Bob Coleman, 18 and Jackie Glover 18, traveling from Russellville, Indiana on Highway 234 saw a UAO at about 11 p. m. The object was hovering, and they estimated it was about 50 to 100 feet in diameter. The thing was "huge", "red-lighted" and hung in the sky about 200 feet above their car; it also had white lights resembling spotlights. It was seen at the same hour on both the 24th and 26th. On the latter date, one of the boys flashed the spotlight of the car toward the object. Something similar to a firecracker" was "tossed" into the car, exploded, and particles hit one of the boys on the cheek. Bits of yellow paper were found in the car. After the explosion, the UAO moved quickly out of sight at "high speed." Sheriff Joseph Rollings of Putnam County, said many reports have been received of UAO sightings. He warned teenagers to stay away from the area where the object was seen. (Cr: R. Streib) (Ed. Note: *There has been some speculation that this incident could have been a hoax.*)

Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 22 July. The Toronto Telegram, as well as other papers and wire services, carried the information that the RCAF Ground Observer Corps had been tracking what "may be a flying saucer" over Ontario during the month of July. Herb Harrison, chief observer for the Don Mills area, said, "It's like a little ball of fire", and it keeps shifting from north to east to west to south. We have no idea yet what it is." GOC members were instruct-

ed to keep close watch on the mysterious light. (Cr: G. Conway)

Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, 21 July. An AP release of this date stated that copper miners in the Kitwe area have reported "flying saucers" with flaming tails, and "going like the wind." Some of the miners said they thought the objects were from outer space and spying on the uranium mining operations in that area. No exact date of sightings or further details were available. (Cr: F. Bauman, M. Calver, J. Morgan, H. Bensen, J. Myers)

Ciudad, Bolivar, Venezuela, 4 July. A large, luminous object crossed the sky over Los Dragos Village in an east-west path. The whole town took to the streets to observe the object, which left a large trail of smoke. No further details. (Cr: J. Rolas)

San Cristobal, Venezuela, 7 July. A large, round, luminous orange-colored object was seen by many in the early evening. It traveled across the sky from east to west, at high speed. (Cr: J. Rolas)

Mapipe, Anzoategui, Venezuela, 8 July. An object, much like a ball of fire, fell into the Orinoco River, and sunk immediately. Many observers went to the river to look for it, but found nothing. Pedro Miranda, Carlos Moreiero and Luis Norberto Moreiro, who saw the object strike the water, said the object gave off a small reddish trail. (Cr: J. Rolas)

Great Bend, Kansas, 12 July. Mrs. Loretta Holt and son Kenneth, 16, spotted a round, silver object hurtling through the skies at about 7:45 a. m. (Cr: F. Inderwiesen)

Roswell, New Mexico, 27 July. A farmer and two teenagers reported seeing three UAO in the vicinity of East Grand Plains at 9:20 a. m. The boys, Larry Don Hendricks, 13, and Henry Pacheco, 14, called a neighbor woman outside to observe the objects. By the time she got out of doors, only two were visible, and she couldn't make out details, but did verify their sighting. When first seen, the boys said, the objects, which were white and round, were traveling west. They stopped about over the EGP school house, and then went back east. The boys said the objects didn't make a turn, but "sort of went backward the way they had come." Hendricks, an airplane enthusiast, said the objects definitely were not planes. Walker AFB officials said no UAO had been spotted or reported to them, also that weather balloons from Holloman and El Paso, released about 5 a. m., could have traveled to the Roswell area by the time the UAO were seen. The officials conceded, however, that weather balloons do not behave in the manner described by the boys. The youths said the objects were traveling "pretty fast", but not as fast as jets. An unidentified farmer in the area also reported seeing the objects, in a telephone report to the weather bureau. (Anon.—Roswell Daily Record)

Collingwood, Ontario, Canada, 2 July. Mr. and Mrs. A. Wolfe and Mrs. M. Duffield observed a yellow-white light which maneuvered in their vicinity for a period of about an hour. When it first appeared,

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it looked like a "shooting star", but it stopped in midair for a second before continuing its descent, and repeated this maneuver. During the following hour, the object continued to move about the sky without either stopping for any length of time in one spot or changing direction suddenly. All agreed it was moving at great speed, it made no noise, and could not be followed in its flight path as it went off, then appeared at another point in its course. The observers, after watching these maneuvers for about an hour, finally discontinued the observation, as it was about 11 p. m. (Cr: G. Conway)

Caracas, Venezuela, 2. Aug. Residents in the La Florida Urbanization (suburb) including Dr. Gerard A. Villardi, a Catholic University Professor, sighted and watched numerous stationary luminous objects in the sky east of Caracas. The objects, which were circular in shape, came from the south, hovered for moments in the east, then shot off to the North, at great speed. (Cr: J Rolas)

Naples, Italy, 4 Aug. Residents of Posillipo and Capodimonte hill told local authorities that they had sighted several "flying discs" in the sky. A second officer of the Military Aeronautical Division on duty at the control tower at Capodichino stated that he saw luminous beams of an unknown nature which cruised the sky very swiftly in a north-east direction. (Cr: J. Rolas, ANSA)

Alton, Illinois, 5 Aug. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Admire and daughters Shirley, 22, and Carole, 8 observed a rocket-like object which sported a long "tail of fire" for about fifteen minutes between 8 and 8:30 p. m. The object appeared to be descending when first seen, later went straight north until it was out of sight. The Admirers stated that the object was travelling at high speed, although a fifteen-minute sighting period does not indicate speed on the part of the object. (Cr: A. Vogele)

Siquisique, Venezuela, 5 August. A number of oval-shaped objects were observed as they passed above this town at high speed. They left a white trail which stayed in the sky for some time after the objects were out of sight. No sound. (Cr: J. Rolas)

Barjuisimeto, Venezuela, 5 Aug. Six oval-shaped, luminous objects passed over Aguada Granda and were sighted by many people in the area. The objects made no noise, but left a white trail which took a long period of time to disintegrate. This sighting is the fifth of its kind to appear over the area. The first four sightings were made in the night time, but this observation was in broad daylight. (Cr: J. Rolas)

Winchester, Indiana, 7, 8, 9 August. City Patrolman Gale Rule, a four-year Air Force veteran, has sighted a "2-block-long cucumber-shaped whitish-green" object three different times. Rule says he doesn't think the object is an airplane, that each sighting was made at about 3 a. m. on succeeding mornings, while he was making his rounds at Win-

chester Park. He said he has never seen the object for more than 8 seconds at any one time. "It would hover above low-lying clouds for about 5 seconds, then in 3 seconds disappear in a cloud of whitish-green vapor," he said. "For a couple of seconds, its flashes light up the sky," said Rule, "and it's always a pale whitish green." (Cr: H. B. Williams)

Indianapolis, Indiana, 7 August. In this large midwestern city as well as many smaller ones in Central Indiana, one or more unconventional aerial objects were seen and reported during the early morning hours, between 12:48 and 2 a. m. The general public and many law enforcement officers saw the objects which were variously described as brilliantly colored in shades of red, white, green, pale blue and pink. The object was described as flashing, flickering, dimming, sparkling and wavering. Noiseless, the object was proceeding in a general northeast direction, toward Detroit, Michigan. State Police attempted to blame the sightings on an aerial refueling operation, but it was later established that there were no planes aloft which could account for the sightings. It is impossible to even attempt any kind of rational correlation here, for the newspapers, as usual, printed little or no detail, but rather played the sighting up for its sensational appeal to the public. (Cr: F. Overton, H. B. Williams, B. Greenway, L. I. Neher.)

Salta, Argentina, 8 August. Residents of this area claim that pictures have been taken of "spinning-top" shaped objects of an approximate diameter of 900 feet which flew over this area on this date. The objects appeared to have a small, black protrusion on the top, and made rapid descents over the desolate area of Solar de Ariazaro, behind the Nacion Hills. The objects were observed by local people for about six hours before disappearing beyond the horizon. (Cr: J. Rolas)

Salta, Argentina, 8 August. A huge unconventional aerial object, after making a complicated maneuver over the area, exploded in a number of luminous beams like fireworks of great intensity. After the report of the phenomena near Salor de Ariazaro (see above) the people were somewhat edgy about the incident. (Cr: J Rolas)

Calabozo, Venezuela, 8 August. A circular, luminous object, traveling at high speed, was seen by a large crowd at a local movie house, as the crowd left the theater. At about 10 p. m. the object sat off in the southwest, then disappeared seconds later. A short time later the object was seen describing large circles in the sky to the northeast. Travelers from Camaguan reported that several people observed the object at that town a little before 11 p. m. (Cr: J. Rolas)

Anapolis, Brazil, 9 August. Hundreds of persons reported seeing a luminous disc-shaped object which hovered about 2500 feet above Anapolis for 40 minutes. The observers said that the UAO then disappeared toward the Atlantic Coast. (Cr: Paul Magnificent)

Lawrence, Kansas. 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13

August. Residents of this Kansas town have reported seeing a bright yellow light flash through the sky on five separate nights. Among those reporting were Mrs. C. R. Bittenbender, Stanley Williams, and Dan Hallmark. All agreed the object was traveling at a high rate of speed. The latest observer was Keven Jones, petroleum engineering instructor at the University of Kansas, and a pilot in the Naval reserve at Olathe. "The object came over my house at 8:41 p. m. while I was in the yard," he said. "It definitely had size to it and was yellow and quite bright, much brighter than anything else in the sky. It also was much brighter than any jet exhaust I have ever seen at night. There is no question in my mind that it was not a jet and it definitely was not a shooting star." The PIO at Richards-Gebaur AFB at Grandview said it had received no reports. (Cr: F. Inderwiesen)

Tampico, Mexico, 30 July. Residents at the Acapulco seaside resort have reported the sighting of an unconventional aerial object in the late evening hours. The object was round, luminous and gave off a whitish light, and after hovering and performing maneuvers in the sky, it went south and disappeared. According to witnesses, the object made no sound, was visible for 20 minutes, and when speeding south, sported a yellowish halo of light. (Cr: J. Rolas)

Yokohama, Japan, 10 June, 5:01 p. m. More than fifteen people at the National Railway Station saw a cigar-shaped object just before the arrival of a Yokosuka Line train arrived at the No. 7 Platform. Mr. Yukio Hasegawa, one of the witnesses, said the object was long, gave off a brilliant silvery glow, was traveling from southwest to northeast. The object made no sound and was in sight for 30 seconds in a clear sky.

Tokyo, Japan, 10 June. At 6:40 p. m. several people near the Nichigeki Theatre spotted two small round silvery objects which made "zig-zag fluttery movements" and hovered. After about 20 seconds the objects ascended and disappeared.

Mt. Fujiama, Japan, 1 July. Six mountain climbers near the summit of Mt. Fuji observed a disc-shaped silvery, glowing object for 3 minutes. Mr. Sadayoshi Ogata, a University student, said the object oscillated in flight, came from the northwest to overhead at low speed.

Manila, Phillipines, 4 June. Reports coming into Japan indicate that a greenish-white colored light was observed to move slowly over the southeastern area of Manila on the evening of this date. The object was in sight for several minutes, watched by six observers, including Miss Caridad Penez. (Cr: Yusuoke Matsumura)

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We are proud to print the following excerpt from a letter from Lee Munsick, editor of the "U. F. O. Newsletter": "I assure you that the high regard evidenced by your remark for our newsletter is surpassed by a reciprocal feeling for yours. It will not be merely flattering when I say that your publication had a great deal to do with the formulating of my own opinions, and I can also fully understand the woes that beset you . . ."

Signed, Lee H. Munsick

## ODDS AND ENDS

**SONIC BLASTS**—In Pasadena, Calif., on 9 April, a huge concussion rattled windows, set off burglar alarms, cracked a plate glass window. AF jets were airborne in a practice scramble, according to George AFB spokesmen, but they couldn't affirm that the flight plan was over the San Gabriel Valley. (Ed Note: Past experience while working at Holloman indicates something odd here—the plan which must be on file before flights are authorized, would indicate exactly where planes were at all times. This is a requirement, and in the event planes deviated, their air logs would indicate their locations while in the air.)

. . . . Parts of New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania were rocked by "mystery vibrations" on 2 April. The state house, state police headquarters and Trenton Central High School (all good, solid structures) were soundly shaken, and a 40-by 50 foot swimming pool and a section of sidewalk in Martinsville were cracked by the blast. Capt. Lucille Almon, PIO at McGuire AFB near Fort Dix said pilots have orders to break sound barrier at least 30 miles out over the Atlantic, was almost certain no AF plane involved. House walls were cracked, windows broken and people scared witless by what they felt was an earthquake.

**FALLING ICE** — On Jan. 20, 1957, at Limerick, Ireland, a 12-inch hole was made in the ceiling of Conor Roche's home, and a pile of ice on the floor when Mr. and Mrs. Roche were awakened from sleep by a tremendous crash. "Ice from the wing of a transatlantic airliner", said the authorities. . . . At Moline Acres, Missouri, on 28 March, a large hunk of ice weighing about 135 pounds, fell out the sky with a whistling sound and made a 15-inch dent in the ground. William Reischling, in whose yard the ice fell, discounts the airliner theory, saved some in his freezer in case some university might be interested in studying it.

Windshields are exploding again, and the theory of expanding hot air in a closed automobile is a logical explanation. It does not, however, explain the pitting of 1954. Remember? . . . . On 24 April Dr. Otto Halpern, internationally known physicist, lost his bid to sue the government for unspecified damages allegedly resulting from a secrecy order that barred his patent application 12 years ago. The invention deals with the manner and means whereby an *object can escape observation and detection by radar*. . . . On April 19 a 12-year-old boy in Temple City, Calif., found a disk about the size of a half-dollar on which was printed the legend: "Poison Inside". The disc is still a mystery . . . . On March 4 a big chunk of ice caved in the roof of Roy Kellet's car — police recited the old and worn airliner theory . . . . Van Tassel, the man who has a going concern with his Giant Rock, Calif. "Saucer conventions", has announced he'll be a candidate for the Presidency in 1960. This is the man who calls himself a "simple man" who does not want ma-

## The 'Unexplainables'

A number of incidents have come to our attention which, although aerial phenomena, cannot be directly connected with "flying saucers". Other incidents, which might possibly be connected with UAO, have been numerous during the current UAO "flap". We will not attempt to influence reader opinion, but print these incidents for the sake of curiosity.

Louisville, Kentucky, 13, June. A fireball of undetermined dimensions followed Raymond E. Creek, who was bathing, through his home. Creek was taking his bath when an electrical storm began, and fearing lightning, he got out of the tub and walked to the kitchen where his wife was busy cooking at the stove. A fireball followed his wet footprints into the kitchen and proceeded to maneuver around his wife. Creek theorized that the fireball had struck the screen at the bathroom window. Mrs.

at Giant Rock in a space suit and was introduced as Aura Rhanes, Betherum's saucer-captain paramour. Will wonders never cease? . . . . Many plane passengers on night flights are carrying cameras in readiness to shoot UAO pictures if any show up.; Pilots are reporting quite a few lately . . . . Another group of visionaries organizing in Chicago and headed by John Otto. Using Otto's "light beam projector" with which to signal any UAO above, the group was trying to contact UAOs. The light beam device is highly directional, and according to neighbors who have looked over the blueprint for same, not worth a hoot unless a UAO wandered into the beam . . . . Standing out in a boat for hours with an electronic toy—this is research? . . . . An article in the Chicago Tribune for 29 April started out pretty good, with Detroit publisher Henry Maday stating he has seen five UAO, and relating sightings personally gathered. The audience who gathered at \$1.50 per each to hear the lecture, was 100 in all, lapped up every word uttered. The whole thing was spoiled when a Mrs. Alice Toudor, Miss Chicago of 1934, told of meeting a Venusian saucerman while in Hollywood (where else?), said he was young and good-lucking (natch!) and made a date to take her to Venus. She invited a photographer to go along, said she'd phone him when the trip was all set. (Shades of Adamski!) . . . . A new exterior plane-lighting system is being tried which was devised by a pilot and bids fair to eliminate most air disasters, according to CAA officials. The lights flash from tail to nose at an interval close enough to give the visual effect of a stream of lights flowing in the direction of the plane's flight. Let's remember this one for further comparison . . . . Comdr. George W. Hoover of the Office of Naval Research said at a recent space travel symposium in Denver, Colorado, that space flight may be the thing which will eliminate war on earth, particularly if a threat of some extraterrestrial enemy should develop . . . . (Credits: J. Myers, D. Landsden, G. Wilson, R. Standeven, M. Calver, A. Voge, Paul Magnificent, I.

Creek was taken to the hospital to be treated for third degree burns. (Cr: J. Turner, Milwaukee Journal)

Ice continued to fall from the skies during the UAO "flap", and the following is one of the best detailed incidents:

Reading, Pennsylvania, 30 July. Farmer Edward Groff of Berville, standing in a field, heard a strange whistling sound, then saw a 50-pound chunk of ice plummet to the ground and bury itself near him. Groff called his wife, and they approached the spot. They heard a whistling sound again, and a second chunk, about half the size of the first, landed at their feet. Groff put both pieces in his freezer, called state police, but investigation turned up no answer to the puzzle. A spokesman for an airline said the largest bits of ice carried by its planes are of cube size. The weather bureau said the cakes were too large to have been the result of a natural phenomenon. (Cr: D. Landsden, J. Hopf, M. Kot, B. C. Hughes, J. Myers)

Those mysterious "sonic booms" or "atmospheric concussions" continued to plague the United States during the UAO influx in the middlewestern states, and we include some of the more curious of the pile of reports we received:

Omaha, Nebraska, 5 July. The blast that rocked a section of southwest Omaha at 11 p. m. was a puzzle. The cause of the big boom had not been found days after it happened. (Cr: J. Myers)

Ainsworth, Nebraska, 14 July. Dishes rattled in homes eight miles apart when a huge "sky concussion" shook this area. Residents were alarmed and indignant, dogs were scared stiff, and a peculiar smell somewhat akin to burning powder was present after the boom. One week later, authorities were still wondering what had caused the concussion. (Cr: M. Calver.)

Los Angeles, Calif., 21 May. At 8:40 p. m., Los Angeles, Burbank, San Fernando Valley, Glendale, Pasadena, West Los Angeles, Arcadia Alhambra and Montrose were rocked by what residents described as the worst sonic boom ever experienced in that area. Worst hit were the Hollywood Hills and Wilshire district, where ceilings and cement driveways were cracked. One hillside home was rocked by the blast, and the television set burned out. Police said other reports of burned out TV sets had been made. Military and aviation industry authorities all denied they had any planes aloft in the area. Two days later the blast was still a mystery.

At this point we would like to interject our opinion on a comment made about the above incident by Norbert Gariety in July 1957 issue of "S.P.A.C.E." In the follow-up article on the boom, Col. Dean Hess, Air Force PIO, was quoted as saying: "The sonic boom is a Mother's whisper compared to what might happen if those boys were not up there." Gariety underlined these words, then commented: "If I am reading this properly, he is admitting that something else was up there. Does the good Colonel mean that if we didn't have jets up to chase away this something, that there would be more sonic booms, maybe more often and big-