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TV Production Includes APRO Staff Members

Landing In Africa

Shortly after midnight, on the 15th of September, a "flying saucer" landed on a highway near Pretoria, South Africa and was seen taking off by two policemen, Koos de Klerk and John Lockem. The two officers were out on a mission to a farmhouse and on their way back saw what appeared to be a "sea of flames" on the highway ahead of them. Some ten seconds later, they saw a top-shaped object which ascended at high speed and took off into the northwest. No noise was heard, but jets of flame spurted from the underside of the object through two openings.

A circular area of the asphalt highway covering (about six feet in diameter) was found to be burning and grass on both sides of the road was also slightly scorched. The asphalt continued to burn for some time after the object left. The two officers said they had passed the spot some 5 minutes before and had detected nothing abnormal.

Samples of the asphalt were taken and examined, and a technician at the Public Works Department at Pretoria said that a gasoline fire could not possibly have caused the burning of the road surface. Both officers are considered to be dependable and the report was being seriously investigated.

Object Tracked On Radar In Venezuela

The Airport Control Tower at Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela, tracked an unidentified object at 30,000 feet altitude which flew from south to north until it was out of sight over the Caribbean sea. Several residents in Boyaca Street saw the luminous object which appeared to have movements similar to those of the earth namely, precession and rotation. The UAO appeared suddenly and noiselessly south of the city at 7:05 p.m., went out of sight in the north about 15 minutes later. The precession movement was "inferred" by the brilliant gyrating glares given off by the object.

Two "Martians" Seen In Mountain Snows

Mr. Sebastian Mancha, Lt. Governor of Santa Barbara, Peru, reported to authorities that he saw two 80 centimeter high little men walking on the snow beside Ceulacocha Lake on September 12. Mancha, after observing them for about two minutes, said that they "disappeared" in the "middle of a deafening noise." Later, hundreds of farmers and local authorities saw five unconventional disc-shaped flying objects which maneuvered over the area for about three minutes. The "flotilla" was led by a huge disc, which was much larger than the other four.

More Sightings Over Spain

From Madrid, Spain, came the report that on the 17th of September, a UAO was seen hovering over Medina del Campo for several hours. Mr. Heliodoro Carrión took off in his light plane and went to 15,000 feet where he discerned the shape and color of the object. It was triangular and white, and during his observation an Iberian Airlines jet plane passed by. Comparing the two (the jet was at 24,000 feet) he estimated the size of the UAO as four times larger than the jet.

At Baza, in the Province of Granada, a white rectangular-shaped object which ended in a cone, hovered for five hours.

UAO Over Jordan

A guard at a farmhouse near Naplus, Jordan, reported that at 2 a.m., on the 15th of August, 1965, he saw an elongated bright object with the color of flame which maneuvered as if searching for something on the ground, then began to land slowly. The guard became frightened and fired at the object with his gun, whereupon it left at high speed. Another resident of Naplus reported seeing an "elongated bright object" passing over the city at about the same time. The latter witness said the object was "flame-like" and the guard commented that the thing he saw gave off reddish lights from its side.

In late January, Mr. Lorenzen was contacted by one of the producers of NBC-TV's "The Open Mind" and asked for suggestions concerning the production of a panel discussion on UFOs. It seems that the producer had contacted three well-known American scientists in the United States concerning who to contact, and APRO was recommended highly in all three instances.

We were notified that Dr. Donald Menzel of Harvard, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, consulting astrophysicist for the Air Force's Project Bluebook, and John Fuller of Saturday Review would be members of the panel. Mr. Fuller had investigated the Exeter, New Hampshire sightings which he reported on in LOOK magazine. The moderator was Eric Goldman, of President Johnson's advisory staff.

Mr. Lorenzen suggested that the discussion maintain a high scientific level and submitted the names of four scientists whom he felt could do the most effective job. Dr. Frank B. Salisbury, expert on Mars biology, and Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, social psychologist, were picked by the production staff.

At this writing, the show has not been viewed by the APRO staff in Tucson. However, Dr. Salisbury and Dr. Sprinkle kindly submitted a short report. Unfortunately the excellent visual material in the form of paintings of two good reports submitted by staff artist Richard Beal were not used due to the lively nature of the discussion. They were illustrations of the famous Gill Case of Boinai, New Guinea, which was carefully documented by both Peter Norris and Reverend Cruttwell and the Strauch case of St. George, Minnesota.

The following are excerpts from Dr. Salisbury's letter concerning the show: "I think all in all it was an extremely successful program from the standpoint of UFO research . . . The discussion became, to say the least, a very lively and even heated one! We did not have a chance to make our introductory comments but just started right in talking to each other. As I remember, the mod-

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APRO Pacesetter in UFO Field

Taking into consideration the reception given Dr. Fontes by NICAP members during his recent visit to the United States, it appears that APRO's hard-fought battle for recognition of certain UFO evidence is nearly ended. NICAP has been one of the groups which resisted the idea of landing and UFO occupants reports until the famed Socorro incident of 1964.

Dr. Fontes dealt with the possibility of hostility in the 1950s after a careful study of all of the evidence available at the time. He found the pattern of military, biological and ecological surveys

now being cited by Frank Edwards, a NICAP member quite often quoted on radio and in news releases. It appears that Dr. Fontes' prowess as an investigator and theorist is now well established. He has been recognized as an expert in the field by all outstanding UFO research groups in Europe, Australia and South America for several years.

Mrs. Lorenzen's book, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax" cited these theories, and included her prediction that the basic necessary life resources of earth would come under scrutiny in the future, namely electrical power and water. The latter had come about in the last five years.

APRO is now expanding its resources as well as its membership. There is a necessity for more detailed coverage of all sightings both in the United States and overseas. We need people who are willing to cooperate, investigate and participate in order to effect as complete coverage of reports as possible before the next wave. Current theories being worked out concerning possible future projects of the UAOs will be published as soon as possible.

Fontes Visits U.S.A.

Doctor Olavo T. Fontes, APRO's Brazilian representative, visited the U.S. from the 23rd of January through the 18th of February when he departed by jet for Rio. During his stay he was in Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Tucson, Washington, D.C., Boston, Massachusetts, and New York City.

Eight days were spent in Tucson and besides the usual round of visiting, and sightseeing trips, a general meeting attended by 16 of the local members was held. Dr. Fontes related some of the many sightings of UAOs in South America during the 1965 "flap."

In Los Angeles, ex-APRO member Idabel Epperson held a reception for Dr. Fontes at her home which was hosted by the NICAP subcommittee there. About 18 attended, including several APRO members and ex-APRO members, and Gerald Heard, author of "Is Another World Watching?"

At Washington, eight NICAP members, including Richard Hall, visited Dr. Fontes at his suite in the Mayflower.

Dr. Fontes' trip fortuitously found him in New York from the 12th of February until his departure on the 18th, during which time he attended the taping of the NBC-TV production, "Open Mind" which concerned the subject of UFOs. Dr. Sprinkle and Dr. Salisbury of APRO's advisory staff were panelists on the show and the three men were able

to meet, along with John Fuller of Saturday Review, after the show.

During his plane's stopover in Chicago on the way from Tucson to Washington, Jacques Vallee, author of "Anatomy of a Phenomenon," met Dr. Fontes at the airport and they were able to visit and exchange ideas. All in all, Dr. Fontes' trip was productive and stimulating.

What DID Hynek Say?

The press accounts of Dr. J. Allen Hynek's November statement concerning UFOs were grossly misrepresented in some instances. Appearing on "Your Right To Say It" a TV show in Chicago, Hynek reiterated his belief that "we are not being visited by people from outer space." He is the consulting astrophysicist for the Air Force's UFO program, "Project Bluebook" at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Hynek also said that UFOs exist—as reports, and that much could be gained by studying the people who make the reports. He said that reports keep coming in at a rate of better than one a day—and not from crackpots, but from solid citizens and even technically-trained men.

Some of the headlines concerning this statement, for instance, read: "UFO Fans May Be studied," etc. We attempt to clarify this in the interest of accuracy.

Newsman Reports Sighting

In his column of the 6th of August, St. Paul Dispatch columnist Dick Hatfield described his sighting of a "miniature ferris wheel" which moved in a straight line across the sky from north to south. Hatfield said he was on the balcony outside his apartment in New Brighton, Minn., when he spotted the object or objects. The object was at about 45 degrees elevation in the east, and seemed to be either one object with on each red, green, yellow, silver and white light affixed to its circumference, or it was a tight formation of different color single objects. The approximate size was compared to a nickel held at arm's length, about twice the size of full moon and Hatfield estimated its altitude at about 2,000 feet, but taking note of the fact that he had no way of knowing the exact altitude. Hatfield said the object's lights (he was personally convinced it was one object) blinked on and c in a rhythmic pattern and were the rich color of Fourth of July fireworks. It flew a straight, level flight and disappeared into the south.

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erator asked John Fuller about his researches up in New Hampshire and pretty soon Mr. Menzel began talking about how there wasn't a shred of evidence to support any kind of extraterrestrial spaceship hypothesis in any of the sightings. In the course of his quiet little discussion he commented that the New Hampshire sightings were strictly "run-of-the-mill" . . . "I was impressed with Hynek's comments. He made the statement, of which he has already been quoted several times, that he simply couldn't believe they were extraterrestrial spaceships. The right angle turns and such things seemed to simply go against the laws of physics in ways that were not only impossible in terms of what we now know but in terms of the universe in general . . . He then, however, went on to state that the entire situation was a most perplexing one, since he could find no explanation whatsoever for many of the sightings . . . He read excerpts from a number of letters which had been sent to him from people who were truly perplexed and absolutely convinced that they had witnessed some sort of real object, not a mirage or other effect as suggested by Menzel . . . These quotations were extremely impressive, to me, at least . . . I managed finally to get across the one point I had hoped to mention in my introduction, namely that I did not initiate my study of the UFO phenomenon with the negative conviction that there could be no intelligence in the solar system except on the earth. I briefly outlined the arguments which favor an intelligence on Mars and which originally led me to the study of the UFOs . . . There was also considerable discussion by Sprinkle of the psychological aspects of the phenomenon. These were very good and again should help the overall picture considerably." Unquote.

The tapes of the show are scheduled to be shown at various times on the National Educational Network. Unfortunately there has been insufficient time, with investigations, preparations for the show (which was felt to be important), Bulletin editing, etc., for the staff to get notices out to members in sufficient time so that they could view it. However, when the show is played in the Arizona area, an audio tape will be made and a complete wrap-up will be presented in a future Bulletin. Also, members in key areas have been notified of the show's existence with instructions to notify others. We feel that this UFO discussion will be another milestone in

APRO's history. And a significant one, too, for APRO began its 15th year on January 1, 1966—the oldest UFO organization in the world.

UAO Buzzes Hotel In Australia

On the 28th of May, 1965, James Tilse, hotel owner and commercial pilot, reported to the press that his hotel, "The Retreat," located 40 miles from Mackay in Queensland, was "buzzed" by an object which looked like a moon with a bank of floodlights on the leading edge. Tilse said he was alerted by two boarders, and at first thought the object was the moon until clouds moved away from the moon and he saw it and the object at the same time. The incident took place at midnight on the 23rd.

When first seen, the object was an estimated 500 yards away, and when Tilse got outside it began to move very slowly, making a buzzing sound. Tilse said there was a large, black disc on the top of it and that three legs appeared from the base. It came in toward the hotel from a northeasterly direction.

The object moved toward the hotel, away from it again, and then sideways, then back to the original position. Then it rose slowly into the air, accelerated rapidly and disappeared at high speed. The next day, Tilse reported, he and others found scorch marks about 15 feet across on several trees in the areas where the object had hovered.

Tilse estimated that the object had 20 to 30 lights, was 30 feet across and said the place where it hovered or possibly landed was about 400 yards from the hotel. He notified police immediately when the object approached the hotel, and his call was met with ridicule. He and the two other men said the object stayed in the area approximately 40 minutes.

Landing On Rooftop in Peru

Twenty students and their teachers observed the landing of a UAO on a school rooftop in Lima, Peru on the 24th of August 1965. Lima newspapers carried the story, but the teacher and the students, 20 girls, preferred to remain anonymous. The group was attracted to the rooftop by strange sounds and went to investigate. They found a disc-shaped luminous object which was very bright and vibrating. They were all badly frightened and rushed back into the building. One enterprising young lady grabbed her camera and rushed back to photograph the object but it had taken off, leaving a trail of white smoke. It was gone in seconds.

Power Outages Accompanied By Flashes

At about 8 p.m. on the night of 26 November, 1965, East St. Paul, Minnesota experienced some unusual phenomena which coincided with momentary blackouts. The action began "shortly after 8 p.m.," when two people, Nick DeVara and Mark Wilcox, at the intersection of Maryland and Supornick Lane saw a light which resembled a welding light in the sky. It was huge, DeVara said, and as it passed overhead, the lights in a nearby service station went out and then came back on after it had gone.

A bit north of the location where DeVara saw the blue light, all the lights and appliances at the Don Roush residence, went dead. It was 8:15, and shortly afterward Mrs. Roush said her son came home and said he had seen a blue light in the sky at the time. A motorist in the area also reported the same type of light which coincided with the failure of his car radio and lights.

South of the area where the Roushes live, on Warner Road, at about 9 p.m. Michael Rodriguez was driving east when he saw a blue light apparently on the ground toward the south. The drivers of two other cars stopped and got out to look at the light, Rodriguez said. He also reported that the light appeared and disappeared three times as he continued on his way. At about the same time Russell Hoff turned off Highway 61 onto Bailey Road and saw flashes that were "like looking at daylight through a blue windshield." He saw four such flashes separated by 20 or 30 seconds, he said. Each was red at first, then turned to blue almost immediately. Later he said, he noticed that power seemed to be off in the area.

Police and Northern States Power Co. received calls from residents of the Totem Town area along Highway 61, who reported all their lights were out. Several also reported seeing orange and blue lights in the sky. NSP was unable to determine what caused the outage. The U.S. weather bureau could offer no explanation either, but a spokesman definitely ruled out lightning.

The time was not given by the St. Paul Pioneer Press, but a power outage occurred in a 10-block area in the vicinity of Bernard and Charlton Streets in West St. Paul, on the same night. A Northern States Power Company spokesman said two wires shorted when they were blown together by the wind, and about 150 residential buildings were affected. All were restored to power at about 10 p.m.

A "best explanation," according to the

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St. Paul Dispatch, was offered for the power problems in St. Paul on the 26th. A Northern States Power Co. spokesman said that snow-laden high-voltage electrical lines whipped around by high winds were arcing, and caused the trouble. "Insulators on 115,000 volt or 230,000 volt transmission lines occasionally short out when it's wet, producing a bright orange or blue light," the spokesman said.

The power outages in St. Paul were of short duration, and nothing compared to other blackouts covered in this issue. However, the attempted explanation does not account for the cases of car lights and car radios going out.

UAO Watched One Hour

James Farrell, president of the Ellensburg, Washington Chamber of Commerce his wife, four children, his parents and three other relatives reported sighting a glowing, red-green oval object in the sky west of Ellensburg on the night of 5 August. Farrell, also commercial manager of the Ellensburg Telephone Company, said he was opening a window before retiring when he first spotted the object, and called others to look at it. When it dipped below tree tops, the family got into the car and drove to a hilltop to resume the watch. The object appeared to have a two-pronged "tail", which became more noticeable when the object accelerated. At one time during the sighting an airplane seemed to approach the object and then turned away. The object appeared 5 to 10 times as large as the plane, Farrell said. The object was watched as it maneuvered in the area from 12:45 to 1:45 a.m. Then it vanished over the mountains in the northwest. When the press queried McChord Air Force Base, a spokesman said there were no scrambles of aircraft at the time of the Farrell sighting, also no UFOs were reported to the ADC Sector at Seattle.

Lightbulb At Bothell, Wash.

At about 11 p.m., on the night of the 10th of August, 1965, a small, round glowing object was seen by Mrs. Herb Johnson of Woodinville, Washington. In her report to the Bothell Citizen, she said the object appeared to be about 18 inches in diameter, and its speed ranged from 10 to 15 miles per hour to "real fast." The object was sighted in the Canyon Park area as Mrs. Johnson returned from a PTA meeting. She said the glow-

ing object appeared to be "coming right at me about 20 feet in the air. When I turned off 228th Street, the object took an abrupt turn and crossed the road until it was directly above my car."

Mrs. Johnson said that she observed the object for a full minute to one and a half minutes and that "it wasn't until I rolled the window down that it sped away. The object went straight up in the air and was out of sight in a split second," she said. When the object hovered over her car, it was "glowing down," as if it was about to land. Mrs. Johnson describe an X-shaped section near the rear of the thing. After the object left, she waited for two or three minutes in an attempt to hear or smell something. Then she decided to get out of the area and left. She called Paine Field the next day and reported the incident. They took her information and were particularly interested in the time. She said there was no evidence of noise and the bright glow prevented her from detecting the exact outline of the object.

Confirmation of the foregoing came from APRO member Mrs. Joe Kuntz of Bothell. Bothell is another area about two miles west of Woodinville. Mrs. Kuntz' sighting took place a few minutes before 11 p.m., and she described the object as being very bright, with "rays" surrounding it. She judged the object's size as that of a basketball and its distance from her about one-fourth mile. It appeared very close to the tree tops, turned color, and its speed was about 5 miles per hour. It picked up speed shortly after she spotted it and headed northeast. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Kuntz compared notes on the object and decided they had both seen the same object.

Executive Tells Of Encounter With Disc

Dr. Silva Guillen, president of the Sugar Refining Corporation at Cumana, Venezuela, was interviewed by APRO member Joe Rolas of Caracas concerning a disc he and his family had seen in August. The report: Guillen and his wife and niece were driving to Cumanacoa, in Eastern Venezuela, on a night in mid-August (no exact date recalled). It was well after 8 p.m. and the surrounding corn fields were bathed in the bright light of the full moon. The niece suddenly called attention to a "flaming meteor" she had seen "passing by." Guillen also noticed something out of the corner of his eye. He slowed the car and saw, on the opposite side of the highway, some kind of "brushfire." Then he noticed that the flames didn't point

upward, but rather down toward the ground. As the car approached the spot Guillen was able to distinguish a round shaped metallic appearing disc hovering some ten or twenty feet above the ground. He stopped the car and watched but his wife became frightened, so he resumed driving at a slow speed. Then the trio realized that the disc, also, had begun to move, and in a path parallel with the car. It turned brighter in color and it appeared to be closing the distance between itself and the car. At this point Guillen, his wife and niece became quite disturbed, Guillen realizing that they were on a lonely stretch of highway with nothing in sight but a deserted shack. But suddenly, as Guillen sped up, the object gained altitude and shot off out of sight.

Guillen, an engineer and dependable citizen, had been a complete skeptic prior to his experience with the UAO.

Four UAOS Over Cuzco Peru

The town of Cuzco, in southwest Peru, was "overflowed" by four UAOS on the night of the 3rd of September. Thousands of people, alerted by radio broadcasts, went into the streets to watch the objects. One of the objects left the formation, increasing in size as it neared the observers, stopped for a few seconds and then zoomed upwards again to join the other three which meanwhile hovered at a high altitude. The light of the diving UAO was very bright and changed occasionally to a deep metallic blue color. It looked like an upside down plate.

The sighting lasted for about 2 hours, with the four objects performing maneuvers over the town, and finally going out of sight over the horizon. Newspapers later quoted many of the witnesses with words to this effect: "No doubt flying saucers exist and they do come from other planets."

UAO Hovers Over Lake

At Cass Lake, Minnesota on the night of the 4th, the Dick Neises family and neighbors watched a "strange craft" that hovered over the lake, sweeping the shore with a blinding white light. There was no sound accompanying the object's presence. When it left, the colored lights (red, green) which studded its sides flashed momentarily, then it was gone. Mr. Dick Neises had been away and returned just after the incident. He said he was inclined to laugh at the sighting until he learned the next day that UFOs had been seen over Duluth the same night.

Police Report First Of Western Flap

The Oklahoma State Highway Patrol told United Press International on the first of August, that radar had tracked an object near Wynnewood, Oklahoma on the 31st of July at 1 a.m. in the morning. An object, described by Wynnewood Police Officer Lewis Sikes, as emitting red, white, blue lights, hovered for 45 minutes at five miles northeast of Wynnewood at an altitude of 8,000 feet. Sikes reported to Highway Patrol there was no noise, and the object was picked up on radar scopes at Tinker Air Force Base near Oklahoma City and at Carswell Air Force Base, Texas, according to the Highway Patrol. They tracked it to within 15 miles of Tinker.

The radar lost the object for some time (possibly while it hovered at low altitude) and then picked it up again and tracked it to a point 29 miles south of Tinker Air Force Base where it disappeared permanently. A Braniff airliner was in the vicinity of Wynnewood at the time of Sikes' sighting but no one on the plane spotted the object.

Officer Sikes' mother, Mrs. Robert Sikes, said he watched the object for a short while. It seemed to change colors and shapes and the light changed from red to blue to white and faded completely at times. She said it gave her a "strange feeling" as it floated in a fixed position but it seemed to rotate. Officer Sikes' wife also observed the object.

Later inquiries to Tinker Air Force Base brought forth the statement from a spokesman there that he could "neither confirm nor deny" the radar confirmation. He referred future inquiries to the U.S. Air Force headquarters in Washington. Note that he did not refer them to Wright-Patterson AFB.

August—Formations In Western Flap

Although many separate sightings of single objects were made, formations seemed to concentrate themselves in various areas during the Great Western Flap:

On Sunday night, the First of August, a diamond-shaped formation of white objects was sighted by police officers at Chickasha, Shawnee, Cushing and Chandler, Oklahoma. A woman at Chandler named Mrs. Bill Tipton, reported seeing a flashing single object which was red on the bottom and white on top, which hovered over the Chandler area for about 15 minutes, then moved off into the west.

At about 9 p.m. officers in three different police cars in the Shawnee area observed the diamond-shaped formation for about 30 minutes. The objects, like brilliant stars, changed from red to white to blue-green as they moved north, and at times moved from side to side during flight. The same type of formation was watched by police in Cushing.

Besides the formation, Jim Cline, police dispatcher, and Patrolman C. V. Barnhill reported sighting a kite-shaped object with a red revolving light on top, at about 9 p.m. also.

Out of Wyoming came some interesting reports, also. These are being investigated, but final information has not yet been received. When the information is in, a more detailed account will be printed. Initial reports indicate that personnel at Warren Air Force Base near Cheyenne observed about 30 cylinder-shaped objects in the sky near and over the base at 5:30 a.m. A spokesman at Warren said the sightings were being investigated, but would not give further details.

On Sunday night (the First), police at Hobbs, New Mexico near the Texas border, reported observing a round white object with an orange tail, which moved west and disappeared. A police dispatcher at Carlsbad, New Mexico, about 69 miles west of Hobbs, said she saw a similar object, and police at Artesia, New Mexico, 36 miles northwest of Carlsbad, received four reports of a bright object with a red trail passing overhead to the northeast.

At Casper, Wyoming, George Broussard reported seeing a glowing blue and white object as he returned from the Big Horn Mountains, north of Casper. He said it was high in the sky and that he observed it for twenty minutes before it disappeared.

Flashes in the sky were seen at Amarillo, Borger and Dalhart, Texas. One of the sightings described a flash followed and surrounded by smaller lights southwest from the traffic control tower at Amarillo.

Press wires hummed as news wire writers ground out the copy coming in minute by minute on the night of the First. Many calls were received and there is an indication that many sightings went unchecked by authorities. The biggest play was given to the Wichita, Kansas radar track of "several objects at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 feet, and the newspaper did not elucidate much more than that.

The announcement about the radar track was given to the press by the Sedgwick County Sheriff's office at Wichita. A police dispatcher there told reporters

that: "I was a disbeliever, but I saw something up there tonight and so did other observers at the Weather Bureau and the Air Force Base (McConnell)." Descriptions by the public varied but two stood out: Red objects that exploded in a shower of sparks and others that fluttered like a leaf in the sky. Deputy Sheriff Dan Carter of Canyon, Texas, described an "exploding object": he "thought at first a plane had exploded in the air." The object "appeared to go south" and then "disintegrated" into fragments of all colors.

Although the dispatcher at the Sheriff's office at Wichita said that the objects were seen at McConnell, all queries were answered with a "no comment" and were referred to Washington Air Force Headquarters (not Wright-Patterson in Ohio).

It was the Wichita Weather Bureau that tracked one of the objects south and west of Wellington (see separate story). First tracked at 22,000 feet on radar, it descended to 4,000 feet as it headed south.

Later press wire reports (on the 2nd) carried a statement by Ed O'Brien, Public Information Officer for Tinker Air Force Base, near Oklahoma City, to the effect that *some* (italics ours) of the reports may have been observation of a delta meteor shower which occurs from July 26 through August 6 of this year. He noted that 50-75 calls about UFOs had come in during a 1½ hour period starting at 8:15 on Monday. However, the Wichita Eagle had already printed a photo of the Weather Bureau's radar scope with unidentified returns circled.

More conflict resulted after the Washington Air Force Headquarters announced that wind speeds and temperature distribution over the Western area experiencing the flap would promote the presence of inversions and "scintillation" of the stars and planets.

In view of the strange goings-on of Saturday and Sunday, the Bartlesville, Oklahoma incident of the First is suspect. Melton Smith of that town reported seeing what appeared to be a plane on fire and going down about 15 miles southwest of Bartlesville. A search disclosed no trace of a plane, and none were missing. A plane earlier reported overdue had landed at 10:20 p.m. It was due at 9:30. When questioned about the incident, the Bartlesville police dispatcher said that Smith had said later that what he saw could have been either a plane or a large meteor. Inasmuch as Smith first reported a plane, the object he saw must have had some characteristics to

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set it apart from a meteor.

Still on the night of the First (Sunday), a report came in at Broken Bow and Grand Island, Nebraska, where citizens reported glowing red objects streaking through the sky. One report involved two red objects flying at an estimated 20 to 30 thousand feet. Four white objects encircled one of the red ones and were trailing the other objects. They reportedly disappeared in the sky over Broken Bow.

After the Air Force made their statement pertaining to astronomical phenomena as an explanation for the "flap", a 23-year-old Sioux City, Iowa high school teacher reported that he and his wife had seen a UFO on the night of the First. He declined to disclose his identity, but said that "something" zipped over his car while he and his wife were out driving, looking for flying saucers. It was yellowish and zigzagged slightly, he said, and was replaced by a red light surrounded by three white lights. The red light was brightest.

The teacher told authorities that he turned off the ignition and got out of his car to listen for engine noise but there was none. He added that several other people had witnessed the same thing.

An air Force weather observer in Oklahoma City reported he has repeatedly seen unusual objects in the skies, one on the night of the First and "they were no mirage." One of the objects looked like it had a flat top and flat bottom and was not a true sphere, with two rings around it and the rings were a part of the main body.

A fragmentary wire report from Medicine Lodge, Kansas, described several objects which were moving rapidly in an east-west direction in the sky before they disappeared. They were seen by six youths.

Also on the First, ARPO member Marie White of Mountain Home, Arkansas, observed a brilliant white object which followed a straight line of travel from north to south in the eastern sky. The object was not just a light, but was round, and about the size of a 25 cent piece held at arm's length. The time of the sighting was 8:18 p.m., and her drawing shows a round white object with a short, contained tail which appeared segmented and followed the object. It traveled 30 degrees before vanishing, and appeared to slow slightly before disappearing. Just before it disappeared in the south, two "ears" or "jets" showed on

the trailing edge, on either side of the tail.

UAOs were also reported in the Verde Valley in Arizona, but those cases are still under investigation so details will be supplied at a later date. One spate of "sightings" turned out to be merely Venus rising, and seen by people who seldom if ever looked up before they heard about the "flap." This was near Kearney, and was investigated by the Lorenzens and another local member.

At the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, two tower guards observed a glowing white object which remained stationary for about 30 minutes in the northeast. It dimmed, grew brighter, and then disappeared. One of the guards, Don Stites, said the object was first spotted at 2:15 a.m. on the morning of the Second and appeared to be about halfway between Colorado Springs and Pueblo, Colorado.

At Dallas, Texas, triangular formations of objects criss-crossed the skies from about 2:20 a.m. until dawn. They reportedly flashed colors from red to green to blue-white.

The limited study which has been done here at headquarters indicates that objects with rotating lights or groups of objects of different colors were seen at Wichita, Kansas and Oklahoma City and Dallas, Texas. There were scattered sightings of formations at other points also, but some of the sightings were of single objects close to the ground. There is no indication, however, that any large number of objects were involved in this flap.

Although APRO logged hundreds of sightings, many were apparently of the same object or objects, and the distances and time elements involved indicate that the whole demonstration could have been accomplished by just a few objects. A further study will be accomplished as soon as pressure of current work is relieved and the results will be published in a future issue.

Kansas Police See Landed UAO

As mentioned in the article concerning the general Western Flap, a landing grew out of the Wichita tracking of UFOs and it appears that at least one of those sighted on radar at Wichita flew south toward Wellington and Caldwell. It was at Wellington that Deputy Sheriff Everett Tucker said he saw an egg-shaped object trailing a red vapor, and moving rapidly to the north. Time: 4:50 a.m., on the Second of August.

There is an interesting sequence of events here. The Oklahoma City sightings and the early sightings at Wichita took

place in the evening of the First of August. Then, between 2 and 6 a.m., according to the Sheriff's office and the Wichita Weather Bureau, close-up sightings and slow fly-overs took place.

At about 3:40 a.m. on the Second, the Wichita Weather Bureau radar tracked an object to a point south and west of Wellington. It first showed up on the radar at an altitude of 22,000, south of Wichita, and proceeded south, descending to 4,000 feet when it disappeared from the screen. The time of this incident was not specifically given, and inquiries addressed to those involved brought no response. However, repeated references to time in news clips and the reports of two Caldwell, Kansas police officers, help to fill in at least a part of the picture:

At 3:40 a.m., police officers Dave Lowe and Eddie Roberts were patrolling Caldwell when they heard a police radio report about two objects moving in a southerly direction toward Wellington, South Haven and Caldwell. They headed their patrol car toward the airport on the east edge of town. They spotted a couple of glowing objects in the sky but could not see them clearly. When the objects disappeared, the men went back to drinking their coffee and telling each other how absurd people were who said they could tell definitely that the objects were not stars.

Shortly, another radio report told of a UFO being tracked north of Caldwell. The officers looked but saw nothing at first, then Lowe spotted something behind a rise in the ground about 50 yards away. He thought at first it was car headlights.

"It looked like the halo of light a city has at night," Lowe said later. "I jumped up on the car running board to take a closer look and there it was, bright as a hundred search lights." Lowe described it as being white, red and bluish green in color. He said it was impossible to separate the colors as they all blended together.

"It didn't look at all what I thought a flying saucer would. It wasn't round and it was much longer than it was wide. Actually, it looked like an egg," he said. "It was a hundred yards long."

After the men regained their composure (they admitted they were startled) they got into the squad car and raced after the object to get a closer look. As they pulled onto U.S. Highway 81 and headed east, the object ducked behind a hedge row and they lost sight of it. "When it went behind the hedge row, the darn thing must have turned out the lights, so we couldn't

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follow it," Lowe said. "Anyway we never saw it again."

The total time of close-up viewing of the object was approximately three minutes, according to both men. Lowe had mentioned several minutes before they spotted the object that he had heard an engine running, and thought there was an airplane in the area. However, no plane appeared.

When daylight came, both Lowe and Roberts returned to the field where they thought the object had landed, but found no indication that it had been on the ground.

At Wellington, Jack Sheets and four other men working in the yards of the Santa Fe Railroad there, observed strange lights flying over. "The first two were a solid red light, no flashing or anything. They seemed to be at a very high altitude on a steady and even course at an even speed. The third object was red, and after it passed straight over Wellington, it turned white. The fourth was white and remained white all through the sighting. The objects made no noise, and crossed the sky at even-spaced time intervals of between 7 and 8 minutes, approximately. The time was between 4:50 and 5:30 a.m., and the objects were going from southeast to northwest," Sheets reported.

At about this same time, City Policeman Charles Schreck and Kenneth Easterly spotted a "silver-colored egg-shaped object" scooting across the sky.

At this time, before a complete study is made, it seems that objects came in over two major cities in the west, hovered and maneuvered, late in the evening of the First of August. In the early morning hours, of the Second, however, objects returned, then dispersed, occasionally landing and maneuvering at near-ground level.

We have commented many times about the surreptitiousness of the UAOs, and it is the recent August 1965 activity which leads us to believe that a new pattern is taking shape. What its purpose is, we cannot divine, at least at this time. However, as one member put it, "They are getting bolder."

AF Personnel Report Radar Contact With UAOs

On the 5th of August, 1965, UPI reported that personnel at the Keweenaw Peninsula radar station at Houghton, Michigan, had announced "solid radar contact" with seven to ten unidentified flying objects flying at 9,000 miles per

hour between 5,200 and 17,000 feet altitude. The men reporting the incident were enlisted men and did not want their identities known. The incident took place on the 4th.

One of the men who reported the incident to the press said that three other radar stations, in North Dakota, Minnesota and Luther Air Station in Canada, also reported spotting the same objects. Luther Air Station reported electronic jamming of its radar at the same time, he said. Seven other objects were reportedly spotted over Duluth, Minnesota and when jet interceptors gave chase, they were quickly outdistanced. The objects tracked on radar came out of the Southwest.

Police See UAOs In Iowa

Another incident in which policemen, alerted by the happenings of the 1st and 2nd of August, saw unconventional aerial objects, took place near Iowa City, Iowa, on the 4th of August. Johnson County Deputy Sheriff Francis Sueppel, brother of State Safety Commissioner William Sueppel, reported sighting an object during the evening which was flying in circles over the Coralville reservoir north of Iowa City. Deputy Sueppel said the object repeatedly changed color from white to red to green. The sighting was confirmed by Coralville and Iowa City police. He said he also saw another unusual object moving from west to east about 1:30 a.m. on the morning of the 5th. It also was observed by other policemen in Iowa City, Coralville, Washington and Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Landing At Blanquilla, Venezuela

Fishermen from Margarita Island reported that late in the afternoon of the 30th of August, 1965, as they neared La Blanquilla Island, they saw a spinning top-shaped object which took off from the ground where it had rested, in a vertical manner, and vanished into the sky. It left a long trail of smoke behind it.

They said the object had several "windows" from which an orange light shone, but they could not determine its size. La Blanquilla Island is an uninhabited island, with wild hens, fowls, donkeys and goats the only residents.

What are the implications of the 1965 flap? See future issues. Renew your membership now and save headquarters the necessity of sending reminders.

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Strange Dwarves In Peru

A strange craft landed at Sacsahuaman, near Cusco, Peru on the 20th of August, 1965. Several tourists, including Engineer Alberto Ugarte and his wife, and Public Relations man Elwin Voter, saw the disc-shaped object land. Out of it came two small dwarves giving off a luminosity, and having "vertical mouths" (See information on Valensole, France landing, next issue). The incident took place in the Incaic ruins in southeast Peru. Witnesses declined to report the incident until three days later when they heard that other UAOs were seen in the same area by others.

Hunters Sight Dozen UAOs

Four hunters, Manuel Waldo Romero, Ernesto Depeda, Ruben Hernandez and Adalberto Rodriguez, were hunting in the San Quentin valley near Tijuana, Mexico on the 22nd of August 1965 when they saw several UAOs. They had made camp in the valley in order to be ready for the hunt early the next morning. Rodriguez was the last to go to bed, and upon getting out of the car, he saw a brilliant object in the sky. Half jokingly, he signaled it with his flashlight and stood petrified with fear as the object approached. At the same time, eleven other similar objects, described as luminous discs, appeared in the sky. Rodriguez and his companions hurriedly packed and left, and reported the incident as soon as they reached Tijuana.

Plane And UAO Nearly Collide

A light plane, piloted by Capt. Guzman Lopez, was flying at 10,000 over the Auyantepuy area on its Ciudad Bolivar-Gran Sabana route on 19 Sept. when it encountered a UAO. It was approaching Auyantepuy mountain when the huge, luminous object loomed up ahead. Lopez had the presence of mind to take several photos which, at this writing, have not been examined. He maneuvered the plane to avoid the object which zoomed by his plane and went out of sight.

Orange Disc Seen By Many At Marinas

A giant orange disc-shaped object was seen by a crowd of people including the local sheriff, Ismael Gomez, at Barinas, Venezuela on the 15th of September. The object was flying at very low altitude and the observers thought it would strike a hill in the vicinity but it veered sharply up into the sky and sped out of sight.

1965 Report Listings

For the benefit of members who are doing statistical studies, we include here a brief description of 1965 reports not given space elsewhere in the Bulletin. They are arranged chronologically and all are considered to be "good" UAO cases. Those which cannot be included in this issue will be continued in the next issue.

20 March 1965, near Barinas, Venezuela. Three blue discs going north to south. Seen by oil field workers at El Toreno oil field at 1 a.m. Fast.

22 March. Silver sphere w/red dome, hovered one hour at 8:05 p.m., seen from Elsternwick, near Melbourne, Australia by Robert Smith, formerly with Military Intelligence, WW II.

9 April. Speedy, maneuvering object shiny, 4:30 p.m. St. Petersburg, Fla.

10 April. Yellow-gold disk with cupola, 9:15 p.m. at St. Petersburg, Florida, going west to east. Hovered, appeared to land, had "windows" around rim.

25 April. Metallic disc watched for several seconds at Seville, Vic., Australia.

28 April. Dover-Foxcroft, Maine. White light maneuvering at 10:45 p.m.

14 May. Dover-Foxcroft, Maine. Red light watched between 9:30-10 p.m. Maneuvering, disappeared high speed in north.

23 May. Kailua, Hawaii. 8:50 p.m. 3-foot diameter disc, white, fast, no sound, at 100 feet altitude, northeast to southwest. School teacher witness.

22 May. Leroy, Ohio, early evening. Disc buzzing, seen by children.

29 May. Cibola, Arizona. White, cone-shaped object at night. Fell to ground 200 feet from home of Ray Liggett. Lit up two square block area with white light. Dirt shoveled on it made it burn brighter and caused shower of aluminum like shavings to explode. Burned all night and still hot next morning. Residue taken to Smithsonian Institute. No further information.

4 June. Dublin, Ireland. Glowing pencil-shaped object with "sparkling" exhaust seen for 12 seconds by nurse. Night.

Weekend before 9 June. Lynn, Mass. Cigar-shape, seen also at Lynn-Nahant Beach area. Several reports of similar object during weekend over General Electric River Works Plant.

20 June. Rochester, New York. 10:25 p.m. Circular object, flashing blue to white and back. Observed 35 seconds.

21 June. Chesaning, Michigan. Round object w/blinking red light. 9:25 p.m. Observed 20 minutes. Hovered, seemed to land.

21 June. East of Traser Island off Maryborough, Australia. Long, slender

metallic appearing object seen submerged just under surface of water by pilot. 11:30 a. m. As plane approached object submerged out of sight.

21 or 22 June. "Object" seen 100 miles west of Irish Coast by Pan American 707 pilot and DC-8 jet Captain. Aircraft 100 miles apart at 29,000 feet. Object exploded, piece fell into ocean trailing column of white smoke.

24 June. Mundalla, Australia. 10-11 p.m. Round object, red, green, white lights around circumference. Seen by several, disappeared over horizon.

28 June. Marin County, Calif. Yellow-green ball between 8-9 p.m. Half size of sun and just as bright.

29 June. Greenville, Ohio. 4-5 minutes at 9 p.m. White disc, west to east. Appeared overhead, had "mist" around it.

About 30 June. Hershey, Pa. Maneuvering disc, photo taken.

July (no exact date). Long Eaton and West Bridgford, England. White discs, from west to east in north. No sound, seen by former RAF pilot for 2 minutes, and two other men at same time, different location, same description.

1 July. Framingham, Massachusetts. Silver-white round hovering object, maneuvering side to side, out of sight into north. Many witnesses.

6 July. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, round object, red "portholes," crossed sky between 7 and 7:30 p.m.

First Week of July. Colesville, Maryland. White "stars" turned, stopped, hovered, etc. Seen by engineer.

First Week of July. Norfolk, Virginia. Huge, oblong object, orange glow and bright blue halo. Hovered 30 minutes.

8 July. Fort Collins, Colorado. 12 noon. Oblong "capsules" (2) black in color, maneuvered in area, seen by two teenagers.

9 July. North of Cincinnati, Ohio. White light, maneuvered at 9:13 p.m. Six adults, object seen over Beckford power plant.

12 July. Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia. Luminous white balloon-like object, maneuvered, seen by several.

12 July. Silver football hovered near Kolb Road, Tucson, Arizona, seen by newsboys between 4:30-5:00 a.m. Left fast to southeast. In same vicinity as object seen hovering and dispelling "rockets" in June, 1962.

17 July. Caracas, Venezuela. Luminous red disc zig-zagged through sky at 2 a.m., lit up city below for a few seconds. Blinking out.

18 July. Honda Beach, Uruguay. Egg-shaped object, with four legs, in daytime. Touched down and stayed two minutes. Tug hooted siren, object took off in blinding flash. Circular center, flat

tened oval extensions on sides.

18 July. Osasco, Brazil. Glowing disc Photographed.

20 July. East Hartford, Conn. Blue-white round light, 9:48 p.m. From north into southwest. APRO member, one other witness. Seen in telescope, no sound. Disappeared suddenly 65 degrees southeast.

20 July. Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Object "big as house" giving off various colors—green, purple, orchid, white, etc. Disappeared in midair.

20 July. Manchester, New Hampshire. Shiny, round object hovered 10-15 minutes, then moved south and disappeared Night.

26 July. 570 miles north of Santiago, Chile. Egg-shaped, luminous, night sighting. Seen from window of hotel—object landed, stayed 4-5 minutes, took off with big noise. Vertical takeoff to 25-30 meters, then level flight.

26 July. Silver object seen by children from two schools—at 11 a.m. at Sydney, Australia.

26 July. Melbourne, Australia. Bright silver light, daytime. Maneuvered, rose vertically, giving off bright flashes, then disappeared. By children.

27 July. Amberley, Australia. Bright white light hovered—6:15-7:10 p.m., over Australia's largest bomber base. 8 reports from Churchill, near Brisbane, as well as Amberley.

Late July or early August. St. Paul, Minn. Fast object, red, white, green and blue lights. Hovered, 1-2 seconds, then took off fast. No sound, 10:15 p.m.

31 July. "Object" at North Platte, Nebraska, by state troopers.

El Salvador and Guatamala. Border. Disc with colored lights hovered several minutes, seen by field workers in daytime. Took off fast and disappeared.

Orange disc at 10:30 p.m. at Green Bay, Wis. "Twice the size of moon." Witness driving 15 miles east of Green Bay on Highway 29.

Sidney, Nebraska. White and red lights at night. Four white lights—one red entered formation occasionally.

31 July and 1 Aug. Sidney, Nebraska. One large object, 4 small ones in diamond formation. Night sighting, by Capt. Les Beeking, guard at Sioux Ordinance Depot. Also seen by troopers of North Platte.

(No exact date) Aug. Brilliant blue luminous object—Westfield, Mass. Hovered. Object seen by witness in car on Mass. turnpike. Nothing on Westover AFB radar.

(No exact date) Aug. Pleasant Hill, Calif. Object w/blue and white lights maneuvered up, down, side to side sev-

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