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Mr. K. Gosta Rehn
APRO's Swedish Representative

REHN RETIRES

A letter from K. Gosta Rehn in September of this year informed APRO that due to failing eyesight he must retire as APRO's Swedish representative. Mr. Rehn joined APRO in 1957 and furnished the organization with the best of the cases he came into contact with, and also wrote and published three books on the subject of UFOs. A hard-working and diligent researcher, Mr. Rehn approached the UFO subject from the point of view afforded by his long practice of the law. Gus (as he is known by his friends) lived in the United States for several years early in his career where he attended and graduated from Fordham University.

Gus has an excellent command of the English language, which made his contact with APRO Headquarters very convenient from the standpoint of the staff. Although he has named his successor, his retirement is difficult for us to accept. He will continue to receive the Bulletin which we can only hope that friends will find time to read to him, as he retains his very lively interest in the subject of UFOs. Gus passed his 92nd (ninety-second) birthday last spring, and we hope that he enjoys many more.

LANDED OBJECT IN NORWAY

At about 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, July 25, 1981, Mrs. Hjordis Hokstad, of Lanke, Hell/St Jordal, Norway, was sitting at the kitchen table drinking a cup of coffee and occasionally looking out the window up to the fields where she had, on occasion, spotted roe deer from time to time.

During one of her glances, she noticed something gleaming in the sun and for a moment thought it was a metal plate of some kind. It appeared to be behind some bushes about 250-300 meters (270-325 yards) away in the fields to the southwest of her.

MAN SIGHTED

At this point, Mrs. Hokstad caught sight of a "man" walking up the meadow, close to the object. He appeared to her to be quite small and dressed in a greyish-brown "boiler suit" which also seemed to cover his head—in the same way as the "hood of an anorak" (anorak is an Eskimo word for a heavy jacket with a hood, commonly worn by people in cold northern climates—the Editor). Her only view of the man was from behind, as he proceeded in a "rolling" walk up the meadow.

Mrs. Hokstad's attention was suddenly diverted to the object, for it began to move. It rose slowly straight up from the ground and when she glanced back to the "man" he was gone.

The object then began to move up in a slanting trajectory toward the northeast. She got her 12x50 binoculars and stepped outside to get a better look at it as it came steadily and silently toward her, over the house, steadily rising until it disappeared from sight in the northeastern sky. It should be noted here that there was a marked increase in acceleration after the object passed above the Hokstad house.

THE OBJECT

The following description of the object is what Mrs. Hokstad observed through the binoculars. The shape was of a cylinder with a "globe" on the top, the diameter of which was slightly larger than the apparent diameter of the cylinder. From the bottom of the cylinder, a metallic bar protruded, which appeared to be approximately as long as the main body (cylinder). There was also a red mark or "plate" on the top of the cylinder in the general shape of a heart and Mrs. Hok-

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Object in Norway

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stad thought there were some marks or symbols on this mark but could not be certain, and could not discern, what, exactly, they were.

THE INVESTIGATION

This case was investigated by the Norwegian Institute for Scientific Research and Information (NIVFO). The following are additional details and their findings:

All the other people in the Hokstad household were still sleeping and there was not enough time to watch the object and alert others, so Mrs. Hokstad did not obtain additional witnesses. She reported the incident to the local newspaper, "St. Jordalens Blad" and a local broadcasting company called NIVFO for their conclusions.

On-site investigations revealed no abnormal radiation; a geiger counter was used to measure same. Although the tops of some small aspen shrubs were blackened as if exposed to intense heat and carbonized,

as well as some larger ones (5-6 feet tall), NIVFO officers hesitated to attribute the blackening to a UFO effect. Somewhat nebulous ground markings found under the grass where the object was first seen behind the shrubs, cannot be positively linked to the sighting, either.

Only one other detail adds to the initial report. On a farm adjacent to the Hokstad acreage, some heifers (young cows) had been restless at about the time Mrs. Hokstad was viewing the object. They had not exhibited such behavior before nor have they since.

Mrs. Hockstad is known as a serious, honest individual who had had no interest in UFOs prior to her experience. NIVFO has concluded, after ruling out such mundane objects as aircraft and balloons, and astronomical and atmospheric phenomena, that the object can be classified as a UFO.

Our thanks to Mr. Anton Lidstrom for his translation of the report from the Norwegian to English.

UFO Reports and Public Health Panic

By Robert F. Creegan, Ph.D.

On my return from a recent trip to Princeton I stopped at Wanaque, New Jersey, motored around the famous reservoir, and interviewed some townspeople and security personnel. As a result I am able to offer a new hypothesis about alleged fear of panic as a motivation for the cover-up of official UFO report investigations and findings.

That fear of public alarm is one reason for cover-up is not a new idea, but the precise kind of alarm which is to be avoided has never been made clear. Wanaque is subject to heavy security, chiefly in order to protect the water supply of a populous area on the fringes of the metropolitan area, and UFO reports of objects over, upon or beneath the surface have evoked quick responses. Incidentally, I learned that reports have been sporadic over the years, though local people have become used to them and they receive less publicity than a decade or so ago.

There have been many reports of the questioning of citizens and reservoir employees by outsiders, some of whom have had unusual credentials, or none at all. There have even been a few of the notorious "Men in Black" stories, but rumors which are current locally are of a much less melodramatic character and will seem dull in comparison, yet provide food for thought. Some of the interested outsiders appear to be representatives of the department of health and to come from state offices rather than being mysterious federal agents.

I shall want to check on these rumors, of course, but they do have a certain initial plausibility and I would not be greatly surprised if we could nail them down one way or the other. One recalls the extreme caution with which the medical community viewed the fragments of rock brought back from the moon by the American astronauts. Those were not put on public display until after thorough microscopic examination and severe fumigation. Any possible alien matter in a public water supply might well arouse even greater concern, and the sheer possibility might agitate the public consumers of the waters in question. Hence one might expect an investigation and that reasonable efforts would be made to conduct it as quietly as possible.

Again, let me repeat that these ideas are speculations based upon nothing stronger than local rumors in the town and at the facility, but their reasonable character is such that UFO investigators probably should look into the matter. It may help answer questions about what kinds of panic might be associated with UFO reports, and motivate official silence about studies which quite properly were made by health officials.

APRO SPONSORS EXHIBIT

On October 17 and 18, 1981, APRO set up and manned an exhibit of photos, books, models of UFOs and "aliens" (based on descriptions of witnesses) and a constantly running videotape of UFO photographs with running commentary. The exhibit was located at Park Mall, the largest shopping mall in Tucson.

The exhibit, originally conceived by Anne Bletchman, local member and wife of Board of Directors member Sherman Bletchman, was a huge success and was constantly attended by a stream of shoppers. On hand to sell books, pamphlets, Bulletins, Symposia proceedings and to answer questions in general, were Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Bletchman, Mr. Bob Dean, Mr. Jim McCoy, Miss Vikki Davis, Miss Evelyn Thompson, Miss Patti Morris, Mr. Martin Bader, Mr. Robert Marsland and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lorenzen.

Additional exhibits are planned for other malls in Tucson and surrounding areas. Proceeds from the Park Mall exhibit go into the APRO general treasury to help in our on-going battle against inflation.

PLEASE!
Send Address Changes!



Miss Patti Morris, Mr. L.J. Lorenzen, APRO's Director, and Jim McCoy, member of APRO's Board of Directors, stand before one of the several signs which were a part of the Park Mall exhibit in Tucson on October 17th and 18th.

MOORE IN TUCSON LECTURE

On Saturday, October 24th, APRO Sponsored author William E. Moore ("The Roswell Incident") in a public lecture at the Marriott Inn Downtown. The lecture, which also featured a showing of the videotaped film "Flying Saucers are Real," ran from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. and was attended by approximately 125 people. It was a part of the planning and efforts of the Board of Directors and the local membership to supplement APRO's income which consists mainly of membership dues and sale of back issues of the Bulletin.

LANDING WITH PHYSICAL TRACES NEAR ROSEDALE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

*By Bill Chalker and Keith Basterfield
(Mr. Chalker is APRO's Representative and
Mr. Basterfield an APRO Field Investigator for
Australia)*

A spectacular UFO-related physical trace event occurred during the early hours of September 30th, 1980,

on a 600-acre property, some 8 kilometres (about ½ mile) from Rosedale and 19 kilometres (over 1 mile) west of Sale, Victoria. Preliminary details only have been supplied as the case is still under investigation. Throughout the report imperial measure is retained, as the witness always expressed himself in these terms.

Mr. George Blackwell, 54, farm hand and care taker of the "White-Acres" property was awakened at 0100 hours (daylight saving time) by disturbances among the stock and a strange screeching whistling noise. Cattle were bellowing and a horse was running around in a state of panic. The witness went out to investigate. It was a clear, mild and still moonlit night (waning gibbous moon: full moon September 24th, last quarter October 1st).

From up on the back veranda rail, the witness saw an aerial object appear between a cyprus hedge and shed, some 500 feet or more from his position. As it emerged into clear view it appeared to be a domed object with a white top, moving at about 8 feet above the paddock.

The witness at first thought it was a plane about to crash, but soon realized that the object had neither wings nor tail. He could now make out orange and blue lights on its surface and estimated its diameter at about 26 feet. Later developments led to a more accurate estimate of 28 feet. Its height was near 15 feet.

The object continued to move over the property, passing a hay shed and then appearing to head toward an open concrete 10,000 gallon water tank, about a quarter of a mile from the house. The percipient indicated that the object appeared to rise as it approached the tank and then appeared to either hover immediately above or rest on top of the tank for about a minute. The object's passage from the point at which it was first observed near the house to the tank area also took about a minute.

The UFO then appeared to rise up several feet and seemed to drift off and land on the ground, some 50 feet to the north of the tank.

With the welfare of the stock in mind, the witness went inside to change and within 5 minutes or so had ridden on his motorcycle up to the paddock where the object had landed.

A whistling noise continued to be heard and the object was in sight all the time as the witness rode up to it. As he neared it, an odd sensation overcame him, which he could only describe as feeling "like a plate of jelly."

Mr. Blackwell stopped his bike between 30 and 50 feet from the object. At no stage was there any effect on the bike. The witness could now see the object clearly.

It seemed to consist of two sections—a white dome on top and a larger orange section underneath. Around this bottom section there appeared to be circular windows or lights, estimated to be about 10 feet apart

and approximately 7 inches in diameter. These seemed to give the impression that both parts were rotating in a counter-clockwise direction. It seemed to stay on the ground for about 2 to 3 minutes.

Suddenly, the noise level increased to "an awful scream", like a jet engine reversing for landing. The witness had to place his hands over his ears. Something like a black tube appeared around the base of the object, and this seemed to inflate to a tremendous size, just beyond the diameter of the object. There was a tremendous bang, and the object lifted up and gradually rolled out off the landing site, reaching a height of about 8 to 10 feet.

The witness was almost knocked off his bike with a blast of hot air. The bike's headlight illuminated the base of the object as it moved away enabling the percipient to observe that the black "tube" seemed to be deflating towards the centre of the base. Also around the rim of the base were 6 evenly spaced "spokes" or V-shaped things.

At about 30 feet out from the landing site, and at an altitude of 8 to 10 feet, the object fell silent. It was then that the witness saw material falling away from the base of the object. This debris largely consisted of stones, cape-weed and cow paddies (dung).

The witness then rode straight onto the landing site and watched, stunned, as the object traveled off in an easterly direction, never higher than about 100 feet. It grew gradually smaller and smaller until it was lost to view.

Around him in the moonlight, the witness was able to make out a ring of "black" flattened grass, some 30 feet across.

Stunned, he was eventually able to somehow ride back to the house. Inside he noticed on the clock that the time was 0150 hours. After a cup of coffee, the witness found that his wrist watch had stopped at 0110. It restarted after a few minutes when he lay it down, but it stopped whenever he put it on. The problem persisted for about 3 days.

Unable to sleep properly, the witness rose early. He made his way down to the paddock where he had seen the object land during the night. With daylight, he found the ring standing out quite clearly in the paddock. The paddock was a blanket of yellow flowers, but at the landing site, the ring was near black or brown in colour—consisting of grass flattened in a counter-clockwise manner, to a width of 18 inches. Inside the ring was only green grass. The yellow flowers had been removed. The total diameter of the site was 28 feet. Evenly spaced within the ring were 6 "spokes" of relatively undamaged grass. In a definite path leading out of the site to the east was debris, ostensibly seen falling from the object during its departure the night before.

Later that morning, the owner of the property came by and together they inspected the site. The owner

reported the incident to the local newspaper and an account of the event appeared on the front page of the "Gippsland Times", of October 1st, 1980, under the headline: "KILMANY MAN SEES UFO." Many inspections followed, including one about 2 weeks after the event by Paul Norman (VUFORS vice-president) and an associate, Pat Gildea. It is hoped a detailed report of their inquiries will be available shortly. A short report on their investigation was published in the December, 1980, issue of the VUFORS Bulletin, under the title—"The White-Acres Encounter."

Bill Chalker (Australian representative for APRO), together with Keith Basterfield and Garry Little (private investigator) conducted an on-site investigation of the incident during December, 1980. Although he had received visits from all sorts of people, Mr. Blackwell graciously provided an in-depth report of his experience. Soil and rock samples were taken for analysis by the Australian Centre for UFO study consultants.

An extensive report is currently being prepared, as in total the event involves many extraordinary elements, including a one-witness close encounter, a UFO-correlated physical ground trace, effects on the witness (headaches, nausea, etc.) and his watch, other trace effects, effects on stock, the disappearance of about 10,000 gallons of water from the tank, and possible secondary witnesses.

Further ostensibly unusual events have been reported or have come to light in the Gippsland area of Victoria, in the few months that followed the event. These included further reports of ground "traces", UFO reports and water losses. Understandably it will be some time before the status of these events can be finally established.

At face value, the Rosedale landing appears to be one of the best UFO cases to have come out of Australia. Investigations are continuing. Details will be documented in due course and forwarded for publication.

Notes: VUFORS—Victorian UFO Research Society, P.O. Box 43, Moorabbin, Victoria, Australia, 3189

PRESS REPORTS

By Doris and Joe Graziano

(Our first report is continued from Issue No. 11)

Both said the object was tilted up toward them and Chrystal said it was elliptical in shape. Chris said he could see "three orange lights on the bottom, and stripes." "There were two bars hanging down from it

that joined to form a triangle. It glowed, and it didn't make a sound."

The object seemed to follow the car, going the same speed as the car. Chris pressed the accelerator to try and catch up to the traffic ahead of them, but the car "wouldn't gain power." The object followed them for about 10 minutes, then it disappeared and the car regained speed.

The next day they discovered that the dash and tail lights had gone out. They took the car to a garage where it was found that a fuse had blown. "The man at the garage was puzzled because only one fuse had blown," Chrystal said. "Usually they go together."

Both Chrystal and Chris are watercolor artists and they each painted a picture of what they saw that night. In Chrystal's picture, the object hovers just behind some trees and looks elliptical in shape. Chris's painting is more detailed, showing 3 lights and stripes on the underside of the object.

NORTH CAROLINA, July 24, 1981 - Scotland Neck - Deputy Joe Williams of the Halifax County Sheriff's Department was patrolling near Moonlight around 10:15 p.m. when he saw "a real bright, intense light that just glided down real slowly." He watched the greenish-white light descend until the trees blocked his view.

Soon after Williams spotted the light, about 25 or 30 law enforcement officers and a plane conducted a search of the area for a possible downed aircraft. All people in the Scotland Neck area who own aircraft were contacted and found to be at home. The Civil Air Patrol picked up the search at 1 a.m. and resumed it after daybreak, but nothing was found.

Several others saw the light descend, including Bobby Bell, who said it looked like it had aircraft landing lights. Although all leads have been checked out, Williams has yet to come up with a positive answer concerning the strange light.

NORTH CAROLINA, August 10, 1981 - Gastonia - About 1:30 p.m., during Tommie Ballard's regular drive to work, something fiery struck and shattered the windshield of her pickup truck. "It looked like a ball of fire," she said. "And it sounded like it was frying."

It was suggested that the ball of fire may have been a meteor from the Perseid meteor shower, but Anthony Jenzano of the Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill said that was unlikely. "I can eliminate the possibility of a meteor because it was glowing," Jenzano said. "Meteors stop glowing when they're about 35 miles high."

CHINA, July 24, 1981 - Peking (Reuter) - Reports of a UFO looking like a bright, spinning spiral have come from many parts of China. The object, which one peasant said resembled a dragon coiling in the sky, was seen between 10:30 and 11:30 p.m. in places as far

apart as Peking in the northeast to Xinjiang province in the far west. Three thousand people watching an open-air film in Sichuan province saw the UFO, describing it as a ball shining with greenish radiance 4 or 5 times brighter than other stars.

While most reports agreed on the time when the UFO was seen, they differed on the direction it took. The object was evidently high in the sky because some reports noted that at times it was obscured by clouds. It was seen in a total of 13 provinces as well as Peking.

MASSACHUSETTS, July 28, 1981 - Pittsfield - Darryl Perrault was sitting on his porch with his girlfriend, Ann Delsignore, at 10 p.m. when they saw "something like a shooting star move across the sky and then suddenly stop." Carl Perrault, Darryl's father, brought out a pair of high-powered binoculars and the three watched the object for about 45 minutes.

The object was described as oval-shaped with red and white flashing lights around the outside like a ring. It was located in the southern part of the sky, approximately over the Pittsfield Country Club.

AUSTRALIA, August 5-6, 1981 - Victoria - Leila Meade was travelling along the St. Arnaud North Road at 11:45 p.m. August 6, when she saw a huge orange ball on the horizon in the direction of Marnoo. She kept driving, and when she looked again it was gone.

The night before, Maureen Tillig and Marea Breisch were driving toward Gooroc at 7:00 p.m. when they saw a flashing red light to their left. The light initially appeared to be stationary, but it then began to move, changing color from red to a slightly bluish-white. It moved south towards them for several minutes, hovered and moved in stops and starts, then suddenly moved very quickly off to the north.

INDIANA, August 20 thru 22, 1981 - Frankfort - At least 8 police officers say they watched an unidentified flying object that changed colors from red to green to white hovering near the town for three hours before it sped away. It was first reported to police at 11:30 p.m. and last observed at 4:30 a.m., August 20th.

At Kokomo, about 20 miles northeast of Frankfort, police also acknowledged a sighting, but said their investigation had been turned over to the Air Force. Major Robert Allen, an Air Force spokesman, confirmed that personnel at Grissom AFB tracked an object on radar for about five hours, but said he had little doubt that it was a hot air balloon. He added that the Indiana State Fair held a balloon race about 8 a.m., August 20th. Don Menchhofer, Director of Balloon Port of Indiana in Hamilton County, said it was unlikely that the sightings were of a manned hot air balloon because of the dangers of flying at night.

In addition to the police officers who watched the object, the sheriff's office received 93 phone calls

reporting the UFO. Hamilton County Captain Benny Craig watched the object from his home with binoculars and said it looked like the lights were spinning. Two Carmel paramedics described the object as cigar-shaped with flashing red, white and green lights. One said it was "about as big as 2 city blocks long."

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Noblesville Police, Indiana State Police and Grissom AFB all received phone calls from people who said they saw flashing red, green and white lights in the sky around midnight on August 21st. The Clark Dell family and neighbors watched an object with binoculars from 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. It was described as having a white and green light toward the top that flashed off and on alternately, and a red light on the bottom that revolved like a police car flasher. After hovering for an hour, the object appeared to move higher in the sky and disappear.

Noblesville Police received 2 calls within 15 minutes of each other at about 9 p.m., August 22nd, reporting red, yellow and bluish-green lights in the sky. The Hamilton County Sheriff's office received 3 calls the same night, one at 8:45 p.m., one at 11:57 p.m. and the other at 12:13 a.m.

RUSSIA, August 21, 1981 - Moscow (UPI) - A rose-colored fireball flew into the engine compartment of a moving freight train in eastern Siberia and exploded, knocking the engineer unconscious. The fireball, apparently in the form of lightning, slammed into a searchlight on the train and melted glass and steel upon impact. The incident was the latest in a series of atmospheric phenomena reported in the region around Krasnoyarsk.

CANADA, August 22, 1981 - Smoky Lake, Alberta (CP) - Pat Wilson and her husband Jim saw a strange fire burning in a field on their acreage. "It wasn't like a normal fire," said Mrs. Wilson. "There was no crackling sound, no smell and it was a bright orange color." They went to the site and found no fire, "just mounds of cold ashes and a weird sulphur smell."

RCMP officials investigated the site carefully and an officer said the ground was burned to a depth of 6 or 7 inches. The area was cigar-shaped, about 30 feet across. The ash was grey-black with a crater-like surface and was very soft. Samples of the ashes were sent to Ottawa and to the University of Alberta for analysis.

JAPAN, August 29, 1981 - Osaka - A fleet of 15 cigar-shaped UFOs, some with flashing red lights, were sighted by at least 50 people around 6 p.m. According to the citizens' reports, they flew across the sky from northeast to southwest for about an hour.

Toshihiko Fujiwara said they looked like rubber balloons and appeared one after another every two minutes. Firefighter Osamu Ishido watched the objects with 5 of his fellow workers.



Shown above is a section of the Tucson Park Mall exhibit. Local members "manning" the exhibit on Saturday, October 17 were, seated left to right, Mrs. Coral Lorenzen, APRO's Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Bob Marsland, APRO's Deputy Director, and members Vikki Davis and Evelyn Thompson.

ASTRONOMICAL DATA

by Lee Emery

January 1982

Prominent Planets: Venus appears as a bright point at sunset about 20 degrees above the SW horizon. It sets about 1 hour after sunset in the WSW.

Jupiter rises about 2 AM in the ESE and at sunrise is located about 40 degrees above the southern horizon.

Saturn rises just before midnight in the east and at sunrise is located about 45 degrees above the SW horizon.

Mars rises about 11 PM in the east (dull reddish in color) and at sunrise is about 60 degrees above the SW horizon.

Brightest Stars: Capella can be seen about 40 degrees above the NE horizon at sunset. By 9 PM, it is almost directly overhead and it sets just before sunrise in the NNW.

Vega is located about 30 degrees above the NW horizon at sunset and sets about 7:30 in the NNW.

Sirius rises about 6 PM in the ESE and by 9 PM is located about 30 degrees above the SSE horizon. It maintains a low altitude until setting in the SW about 5:30 AM.

Arcturus (-.06 magnitude) rises in the east about midnight and by sunrise is about 80 degrees above the southern horizon.

Moon Phases: First quarter—Jan. 2
Full moon—Jan. 9
Last quarter—Jan. 17
New Moon—Jan. 25

NOTE: When observing the sky, one should be aware of the so-called "scintillation effect." Atmospheric turbulence causes some stars (esp. those near the horizon) to twinkle, often in brilliant shades of red and green.

LETTERS

(I feel that the membership at large would like to see the general tone of the response to our plea for help via the *Bulletin* last July—thus excerpts from some of the many letters we received. The Editor)

"... You certainly have done a tremendous job in the years you have given of yourselves"... Mrs. Ann M. Hutton.

"... You are valuable people—I want to help keep APRO viable. Wish I had thousands to send instead of only this"... Marian Van Osenbruggen.

"... Your cover article (back page) was an appropriate clarification of APRO's position, history and operation. I salute you! You have survived because of the very ability to breathe life into our organization and to maintain it in a healthy, respectable condition. I can begin to realize the burden, sacrifice and dedication it takes to maintain the organization; only those entities with your strength seem to survive in time"... Robert Engberg.

"... I know personally what it takes to put out a newsletter but I do hope you will not give up. The UFO scene would not be the same without APRO"... Charles Huffer.

"... Hope this will help! I have enjoyed the *Bulletin* for the past several years plus several of your books, so I'd hate to see you go under now!"... Andy Ehrlicher.

"... Here's hoping better days are ahead, for APRO is, by far, the best of all the UFO organizations!"... Mary Lea James.

TWENTY-TWO YEARS AGO IN THE BULLETIN

By way of "celebrating" APRO's long tenure in UFO research, we offer the following synopsis of material contained in the March, 1958 issue of the *Bulletin*. APRO and the Lorenzens were then located in

Alamogordo, New Mexico and had just "survived" the huge UFO flap of November and December, 1957. To wit:

Lima, Peru, January 29: A lawyer, his wife and nephew told of seeing a disc-shaped glowing object which approached the ground, causing the lights of the car to go out. The object was also seen by the passengers on a bus and the crew in a truck, both vehicles of which were driving along the same highway. The incident occurred between Arequipa and Lima.

Trindade Island, January 16: The crew of the IGY ship, *Almirante Saldanha*, sighted a disc-shaped object which came in from the Atlantic, circled the island and departed back to sea. It was photographed by a guest photographer and this case later became one of the most celebrated and thoroughly investigated cases in the history of UFOlogy. Our Representative for Brazil at the time was the late Dr. Olavo T. Fontes, who carried out a very careful investigation of the whole affair.

Mount Stromlo Observatory, Australia. A letter from astronomer A. Pryzbylski to APRO confirmed a press report that a UFO had been seen there on November 8, 1957.

The *September, 1955* photograph of a UFO taken by Dr. Achilles Greco, a Sao Paulo Brazil physician, was featured on page two of the March 1958 issue. It shows a disc-shaped object hovering below the clouds over *Cabras Island* at sunset. The object hovered for only a minute or so, during which time Dr. Greco obtained two photos. It then took off at high speed.

Another very revealing photograph was featured on page three of the same issue. It was taken by Dr. Luis E. Corrales, an engineer at the Ministry of Communications in Caracas, Venezuela at 6:10 p.m. on the 18th of December, 1957. Corrales had taken a time exposure of Sputnik (Russia's and the Earth's first artificial satellite) and on the photographic plate, alongside the trail of Sputnik, was the trail of another object. Sputnik's path was straight, but that of the second object was uneven, INDICATING A CORRECTION OF TRAJECTORY. All of the usual explanations for the trail (meteors, etc.) were ruled out, making it just another one of those unexplained anomalies of space.

The March, 1958, Bulletin featured the first of a three-part series of articles by Dr. Olavo Fontes, titled "The Shadow of the Unknown". In this series, Dr. Fontes documented many Brazilian UFO reports which had been carefully investigated, and which were to establish him firmly as one of the original pioneers of UFO Research. In those days there were very few of the latter.

If this type of information is of interest to the readers, please let us know and we will attempt to include historical tidbits in the Bulletin from time to time.

AT PRESS TIME

Despite the general conviction that 'nothing' has been going on UFO-wise in recent weeks, interesting material rolls in day by day at APRO Headquarters. Just as this issue was being 'put to bed', the following information reached us from Argentina:

A UFO was reported to have been sighted in three Argentine provinces and in the Chilean locality of Arica on Saturday night, October 31. Reports indicate that it was seen in San Juan, Mendoza and Cordoba provinces. An official of the Felix Aguilar Observatory told the press that he saw the UFO cross the skies at 9 p.m., at a great rate of speed. He also said it had the "classic" shape of a "flying saucer" and left a luminous, sparkling wake behind it, and disappeared into the northeast.

The control tower operators at Mendoza and San Juan and an Aerolineas Argentinas pilot about to land at Plumerillo airport at 9 p.m. reported seeing a UFO cross the sky and disappear towards the north. The Aerolineas pilot, who was on a routine flight between Cordoba and Mendoza, said the UFO did not have the form of a flying saucer and looked more like a rocket of some sort.

A similar object was seen by an Austral pilot as he was about to land at Cordoba. The press pointed out that this was the first time that an alleged UFO has been seen by airline pilots in different parts of the country.

Officials at the Argentine rocket site in La Rioja said they had not launched any rockets for meteorological observations in the past few days.

Seven mountain climbers who were camping in the foothills of the Andes gave full details of the sighting of a luminous unidentified flying object on the same night. Diego Lemos, one of the climbers, said he saw the UFO when it was apparently about three or four kilometers distant from his location and that it shed a bright light which illuminated the entire area. Antonio Sanchez, another of the mountaineers, said the members of his party became very nervous when they were enveloped in a bright light. They all agreed that the object disappeared in a northerly direction.

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