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## UAO PURSUES POLICE

### *The Buenos Aires Sighting*

A Reuters News Agency report out of Buenos Aires on the 18th of July described the object spotted and photographed in that City on the night of the 16th of July. According to the news item, cameramen of two newspapers snapped a photo of an object in the night sky and when the film was developed, a second object appeared on the photograph. The principal object showed as a short line of light, and the second looked like a point of light. In the second photograph the second object appeared as a twin nuclei of light, and as another stubby line of light in the third exposure. The objects showed much brighter than the stars which showed on the film. Although descriptions of the main object's color varied, most people agreed that it hovered over the city for about 25 minutes before disappearing. The three photos described above were taken by a news cameramen employed by El Mundo, a Buenos Aires Daily, and he used time exposures of 70, 80, and 100 seconds.

The newspaper "Cronica" displayed a photo on their front page, also on the 17th. Those photos showed a "somewhat hazy luminescent oval" and another photo taken from inside showed a lemon-shaped light source with a straight line of light cutting horizontally across the base of the "lemon".

The Buenos Aires object was apparently seen by hundreds, for local police, news offices, radio and television switchboards were jammed for quite some time with calls reporting the object's presence over the city.

Newspaper clips showing the object received at APRO's office show various points of light which apparently are stars, and the "squat line" of light, which could be described as resembling an oblong medicine capsule. The glowing object also fits the general description of the object seen over the Azores Weather Bureau on the 11th.

### *The July "Beginning"*

Besides other sightings of more import which are listed and discussed in this issue there was a myriad of sightings at various points around the globe in the month of July, and they will be listed here in brief. The amount of space for each will depend upon detail and apparent importance of the incident:

Sunnyvale, Calif. — Lt. John E. Haag and Officer Ronald Girard of the Public Safety Department were on duty at the fire station at Lawrence Station and Mountain View-Alviso roads when they watched a "brilliant white object" in the sky for 10 minutes from 9:33 to 9:43 p. m. on the 8th of July. Both officers declared they are familiar with aircraft in the area and that this object, after hovering over San Francisco, moved "faster than anything I'd ever seen before." It went straight up into the air and climbed three times its original distance from the ground which was about 20 degrees, then, without hesitating, it made a sharp turn southwest for about three miles and then turned northwest. Both officers were sure the object was not a star, and observed that it pulsed from dim to bright in three second cycles. Haag claimed that three planes took off while the object was in the air and headed in its direction. He thought the planes might have been from Moffett AFB. Moffett officials denied that any Moffett planes were scrambled, but said planes from other bases might have observed the object.

At San Jose, Costa Rica, on the 12th, ten individuals claimed to have watched a "moon-like" object hover over a beach on Costa Rica's Pacific Coast. According to the local paper, all the observers were well known in Costa Rica commercial circles, and said the object hovered for 15 minutes before taking off.

On the 13th, a Doctor at Silver Spring, Maryland, spotted a dirigible-shaped object rounded on both ends, as it dashed across one-fourth of the sky in 15 seconds and then vanished.

One of the best documented multiple-witness sightings gathered and investigated by APRO in the past 6 months is the following which contains complete details:

On Friday, 3 September 1965 at 11 p.m. Chief Deputy Sheriff B. E. McCoy and Deputy Sheriff Bob Goode of Angleton, Texas (south of Houston) were patrolling the West Columbia area of Brazoria County, on the highway between W. Columbia and Damon.

McCoy spotted a brilliant purple glow at horizon level beyond vast pasture land and was unable to identify source. Officers heading south, Goode driving. McCoy on driver's right. Object to the west. Glow soon became discernible as bright light, round in appearance. Next, McCoy noted somewhat smaller, less powerful blue light seemingly "emerge" from purple light and move some distance to its right. He later realized this effect resulted from object making 90 degree turn so that it "faced" them, and the blue light, which had been parallel with and "behind" the purple one, now became visible. Goode had maintained until this time that the lights were oil field lights and McCoy disagreed. McCoy then noticed that both lights had apparently risen simultaneously slightly above horizon level, and Goode then conceded that objects could not be oil field lights, so he swung the car around for a better view as they were now directly opposite the light, McCoy on the side next to pasture. Based on knowledge of terrain and upon further investigation in daylight, McCoy and Goode estimate the object at this point was 5 to 7 miles from the highway. Although our investigator occasionally used the word object in his report, there was nothing but two lights visible until this point.

McCoy feels certain that within the next three or four seconds, after the car was turned around, the object traversed the distance from its initial position to a spot approximately 150 feet from the highway, 100 feet above ground level and parallel to their car. This movement

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## The Question of Panic

Nearly every researcher who has gone on record concerning his or her convictions about the reality of UAOs, has also stated a position concerning the possibility of panic by the general public if "the truth were known" by them. Almost invariably, the reasoning supporting the "no panic" side, is the fact that people did not panic when the atomic age dawned in 1945. Since then, too, successive tests of bigger and more efficient bombs have not seemed to have any great adverse effect on the public.

The assumption that because people did not panic about The Bomb, they will not panic when confronted by knowledge of the presence of aliens and their ships in our atmosphere, is not too well founded. We explore this subject at this time for it seems possible that knowledge of and actual contact with alien beings may be a fact instead of a theory in the not too distant future, in view of recent happenings.

The first consideration is the main difference between knowledge of the bomb

and knowledge of the UAOs and their occupants. Of course, we must first assume that the latter are real and extraterrestrial, which we will do for the sake of this discussion.

The bomb was a product of man's brains and man's hands. We are familiar with man, fairly familiar with his brains and very familiar with the products of his hands. We also have a certain amount of control over him and his products.

However, just how much do we, who have studied the UAOs for years, know about them? There is some disagreement within the ranks of researchers concerning just what patterns of UAO activity and appearance are obvious. There is also disagreement about the number of types of objects witnessed. So—in the final analysis, what precisely do we know? Probably little. And is what we do know sufficient knowledge to warrant an authoritarian statement about the UAOs to the effect that they are extraterrestrial?

In the November 1963 issue of the Bulletin, we printed an editorial titled, "The Reason". We suggested that IF there is a governmental or authoritarian censorship of sorts it might conceivably be justified—at least at the time.

In the public mind, any announcement about the reality and possible extraterrestrial nature of the UAOs, would be followed shortly by recollections of landings, bizarre occupants, accidents, apparently deliberate attacks by UAO occupants on humans, etc., and then, possibly, panic could begin.

For years we all labored under the mistaken assumption that "The Air Force" (generally referring to the contingent at Wright-Patterson AFB charged with the problem of UFO investigation) was censoring UFO information and at times it was even intimated that the press was a part of the conspiracy. Any time that any difficulty was encountered in the course of an investigation, it was generally assumed that "the lid was down" or there was a "cover up" in process. Few of us pursued the subject carefully enough to realize that most often, what was thought to be a conspiracy was merely PSYCHOLOGICAL RESISTANCE TO A NEW AND VERY BIZARRE IDEA.

We can gather, from the recent editorial and news treatment of UAO incidents, that the gentlemen of the press have begun to realize that the UAO mystery deserves careful and thoughtful consideration. This is indicative of a new attitude. In other words, people are becoming more acceptable to the idea of considering and studying the unknown. For that is surely our problem where indoctrination is concerned . . . we are truly

dealing with the unknown. And who can deny that airborne objects, apparently intelligently controlled, which occasionally land and disgorge strange-appearing occupants, are truly an unknown element?

We know nothing of the origin of these objects, nor of their physical makeup or their propulsion. We know even less of the occupants.

Along with this bulletin we are enclosing one copy of the new APRO brochure which contains a statement of our policy as well as photos of the staff, representatives, advisers and consultants. These are being mailed to certain newspapers, research laboratories, libraries and governmental institutions. We suggest that each member use his or her copy to best advantage in his or her area. Radio stations and local newspapers which have shown interest in UAOs should be presented with a copy of the brochure. Upon receipt of names and addresses from members, headquarters will mail these brochures to those individuals, scientists or organizations each member feels would benefit most.

## The Portuguese UAOs

Shortly after 4:30 a. m. on the 12th of July, 1965, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Fernandez of Motosinhos, Portugal arose, as was their custom. Mrs. Fernandez headed toward the outdoors well with buckets to get water. She took a quick look at the eastern sky to determine the day's weather, and spotted a strange-looking object coming out of the northeast, from the direction of the ocean. During later interviews Mrs. F. admitted she was startled as she knew immediately that the thing was no airplane, with which she was familiar.

The object, which looked like a "Cardinal's hat", had a round "brim" and a rounded top. It stopped over the woods near the Fernandez home, and Mrs. F. dropped her buckets and ran to get her husband.

During a later interview, Mr. F. said his wife was so excited he had difficulty understanding what she told him and at first thought she had found a cardinal's hat in the courtyard. When he looked, he saw the thing about a quarter of a mile away from the house. He said the object had a dark, round brim and a brilliant orange-colored round top which looked as if it was lighted from the inside. "At one point on the brim, exactly on the side closer to the airport, there was a red intensely flickering light", Fernandez reported. Although it stayed just above the trees, the object leaned

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accomplished with no discernible sound (their car engine was running), no change in the lights and no visible trail. The purple light seemed more brilliant as it approached, the distance between the two lights appeared to be 200 feet (based on object's length in relation to telephone poles along the highway and their distance from each other). The height of the object appeared to be 40-50 feet. (See sketch). The width and depth from "front" to "back" was undeterminable. See sketch for shape. The color of the object between the two lights was gray, material indeterminable, and there were no markings, that is, no letters, numerals, signs, windows, portholes, doors, wheels, antennas or protrusions.

The "purple light" on the "left", was rectangular in shape (see sketch), 40 to 50 feet in height. McCoy emphasized this light appeared to be same height as that of object at center. McCoy saw this light as constantly pulsating purple of the brilliance of a welder's light, but purple instead of blue. To Goode this light appeared to be a mass of small flashing lights. Blue light on object's "right", was definitely less prominent in size and brilliance than purple light; McCoy recalled that it, too, seemed rectangular in shape when close up.

Goode's car window was down; his elbow was extending outside beyond the window ledge; he states he definitely felt heat from object at this point. Window on McCoy's side was up.

Both witnesses were astounded by UAO's extraordinary rapid approach to the vicinity of their car; by the realization that it was a truly solid object; by its huge size; and by the brilliance of the purple light. Goode admitted he panicked upon feeling the heat and drove from the scene as fast as patrol car would accelerate, reaching 110 miles per hour "in almost no time". The UFO produced no noticeable ill effects on the men nor did it in any way affect the car or equipment. As they sped from the area, McCoy tried to continue his observation of the UAO, and as best as he could determine the object seemed to "snap back" to its original location, slightly above horizon level. McCoy used the expression "snap back" twice in his description.

Suddenly it shot straight up, the purple light becoming tremendously brilliant, and disappeared completely at what McCoy estimated was a 20 degree elevation above the horizon.

After driving for some time, and attempting to recover from their experience, McCoy insisted that they return to

the scene of the sighting. As the officers approached the vicinity the UAO's lights were again visible slightly above horizon level but apparently over a somewhat different area than when originally sighted. McCoy wanted to remain there watching but Goode was too unnerved, so they drove back to the Sheriff's headquarters in Angleton, 11 or 12 miles away. The following night the officers and others watched but saw nothing.

Other observations: The purple light illuminated the object itself, the pasture and highway in the immediate vicinity and the exterior and interior of the patrol car. One other car was seen on the highway during the sighting; it apparently did not stop, was passed by the patrol car after the officers left the scene. Goode had been bitten by a pet alligator at about 7 p. m. on the night of the incident, and his finger was sore and swollen. During the sighting he held his wounded left hand in the air and drove with his right. He had complained about the condition to McCoy, stating he would have to waken a Doctor for treatment at the end of patrol.

After the incident, McCoy remarked that the incident had made Goode stop complaining about his hand. Goode suddenly realized that he was driving with his left hand, and that he had no pain in it. He stopped the car, turned on the light, pulled off the bandaids and found all swelling had completely disappeared. He could move his finger, which had been too sore to move only minutes before, and the pain was gone.

Goode informed our APRO investigator that throughout Sunday night and at least until 3:00 a. m. Monday morning, an unusual number of low-flying planes were sighted by himself and others in West Columbia-Damon-Angleton area, flying in "criss-cross" patterns. No commercial planes fly regularly over that area, and Goode could not identify the planes as familiar.

In the area of the sighting, the pasture is used for cattle grazing, and for cotton crops. Farm houses and roads are few and far between. There is an old (and supposedly non-working) sulfur mine in the immediate area.

## UAO On Argentine Border River

At 10 a. m. on the 17th of July, within hours of the spotting of the object over Buenos Aires, a group of six people who were walking on a beach near Colonia, Uruguay, saw a cigar-shaped object over the Rio Plata. The Rio Plata is a 28-mile wide river that separates Argentina and Uruguay.

One of the six observers was Jose Alvarez Larrauma, 17, of Colonia. He and his companions reported the object to police and said it was cigar-shaped, reddish in color and about 10 meters (32 feet) above the river and not far from the beach. Larrauma said it moved upward when he ran toward it and left a trail of white vapor similar to a jet trail. The other five people, two of whom were adults, confirmed Larrauma's report and description of the object.

## TV Newsmen Snaps UAO Photos

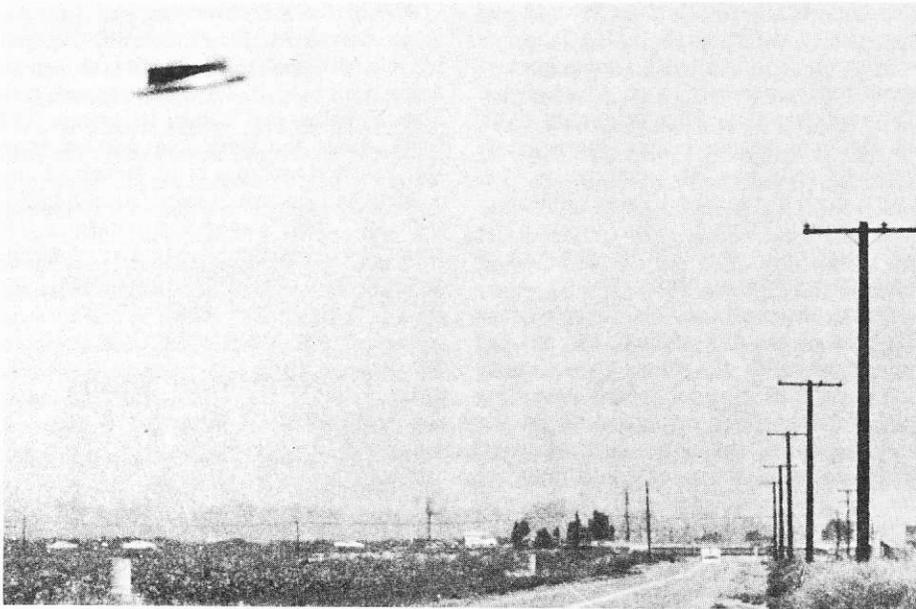
On the morning of 2 August 1965, photographer Robert Campbell was lying in bed at his home at Bells, Texas, listening to police broadcasts. His attention was arrested by conversations concerning an unconventional aerial object being tracked by radar (apparently at Tinker Air Force Base) and which was heading south. His source was the Texas State Police, the only part of the conversation he could monitor.

When he heard the information that the object, a blue-white light, was south of Durant, he took his 4x5 Speed Graphic camera and went into Bells where he encountered Police Chief Pete McCollum. They drove around until they were 1 mile east of Bells on Highway 82, where they spotted the object hanging motionless at 45 degrees elevation in the northeast. Campbell set up his tripod and took four time exposures of 2 minutes each, at 3 minute intervals. The photographs, on black and white film show a misty, glowing object with traces of what appears to be vapor on its surface.

After watching about 2½ hours, during which the object appeared to hover deadstill in the air, Campbell and McCollum left the area, went home and to bed.

Having been alerted by the same radio broadcast, several other individuals were also watching the object. Campbell and McCollum were 1 mile east of Bells, Oklahoma. Highway Patrolman Bill Quires was watching from Durant, 30 miles north of Bells, and Department of Public Safety Dispatcher, Jim Faglia was watching from a point seven miles south of Sherman, which is 12 miles west of Bells. None of these observers stayed to see the object depart.

The interesting point in this sighting is the number of observers as well as the difference between the naked eye observations and what the object looked like on film. Campbell said the object appeared as a blue-white sphere with well-defined edges.



### Calif. Man Snaps UAO Photo

To this date, considerable mystery surrounds the pictures (this page.) Our investigator forwarded, along with the photos, every clipping which appeared in the newspapers in the area and information gleaned from interviews:

Rex Heflin, 37, an Orange County California Highway Department investigator, was working in the vicinity of the El Toro Marine Base on August 3rd when he spotted the above object—he caught a flash of light from the corner of his eye. He got his Polaroid camera out of his truck, and before the object left, he got three photos. He estimated the object to be 30 feet in diameter and about 8 feet thick. He heard no sound, but did see a beam of light at the bottom center of the object. Twice during the sighting he attempted to radio his base station in Santa Ana to report the object, but his truck radio was dead. The object was in sight about 15 seconds, and flew from west to east, at a high rate of speed, comparable to that of a jet.

The Santa Ana Register published the photo, making copy negatives. Then Heflin turned them over to NORAD. They were published after the 21st of September, when Heflin decided someone should see them. He has offered to submit to a lie detector test.

Heflin claims that he was interviewed by Navy Intelligence, Marine Intelligence and an Air Force investigator. He claims that the Marine Corps Officer told him that other unidentified objects had been seen in that area on five occasions, including a sighting by a civilian pilot on September 4. "He said there was at least one other sighting on the day I took my pictures in this area," Heflin told the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner

on 24 September. The newspaper said that Marine G-2 (Intelligence) personnel were not available for comment.

Newspapers in California and elsewhere carried the UPI story on October 27 that labeled the Heflin sighting and photos a hoax. Heflin denied the charge. The Pentagon announced the findings of the AF's Project Bluebook at Wright Patterson AFB to wit: That "Evaluation of the three photographs of an alleged UFO taken by Rex Heflin of Santa Ana is based on enlargements made from copies of the original prints. The camera was probably focused on a set distance and not on infinity as the terrain background was blurred on all three photographs. The center white strip on the road and the object appeared to have the same sharp image. Therefore, it is be-

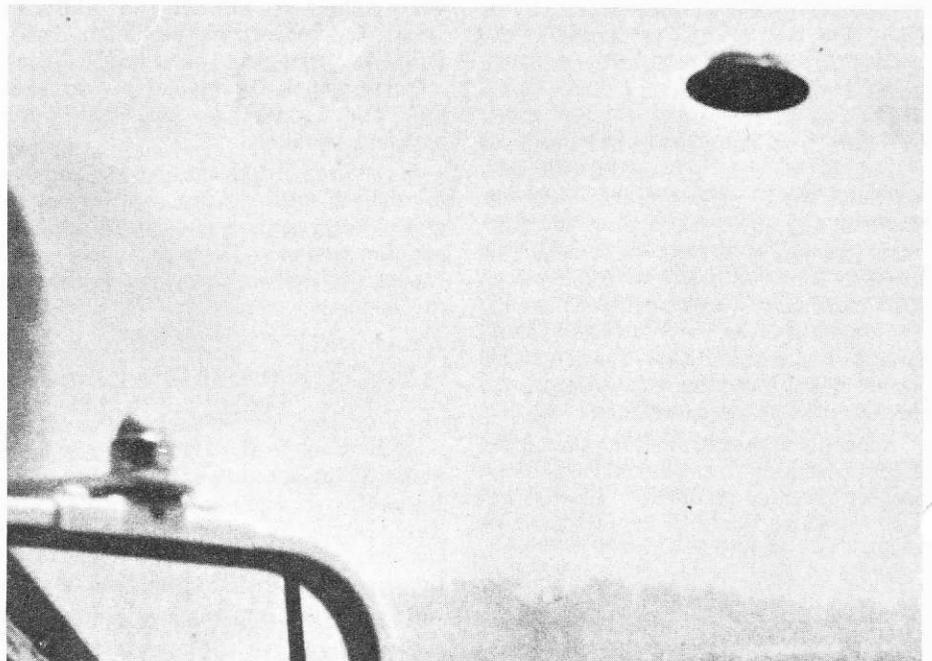
lieved that the object was on the same plane as the center white strip and could not possibly be the size reported by Heflin.

"Using the width of the road as a factor, the size of the object was estimated to be approximately one to three feet in diameter and 15 to 20 feet above the ground." In summing up, Major Quintanilla, director of Project Blue Book, is quoted: "We have classified it as photographic hoax on the basis of extensive photographic analysis."

At this writing, the complete facts are not in. APRO did not obtain the original photos—only copies. Further investigation may bring sufficient information to take a stand as to the authenticity of the photos. The glossy prints we have on file, however, appear to be photographs of a small object close to the camera. On the other hand, objects such as telephone poles and what appears to be a silo on the left side of the photo, and some distance from the camera, appear to be in as good focus as the object itself.

An interesting fact about this particular incident is the number of investigations carried out by official agencies—three: the Air Force, the Marines and Navy. Several years ago, APRO, at the risk of loss of members and possible oblivion, pointed out that the popular assumption among UFO researchers that "the Air Force" was the culprit in the apparent effort to suppress UFO news, was probably wrong. We pointed out that Navy Intelligence was conducting its own investigation, the Army has a classified regulation governing the gathering of UFO data, while the known Air Force regulation dealing with UFOs is obvious-

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At Wayland, Mass., a suburb of Boston, about 20 residents reported to Station WKOX on the night of the 20th that they had watched a round, silver-white UFO moving in the sky and hovering over the community. The 20 were made up of three different groups of residents who reported their sightings of the object independent of each other. They said the object, traveling from south to north, appeared to pause and hover for about 20 minutes, then "danced from side to side" before continuing its flight into the north.

On the 19th, residents of Hingham, Mass., about 20 miles from Wayland, reported seeing a circular luminous object with "four arms" for nearly an hour as it hovered over the area. It finally drifted westward and disappeared.

Barquisimeto, Tocuyo State, Venezuela. On the 20th, a strange, round-shaped object was observed by many people in the afternoon. The object was estimated to be at about 12,000 feet altitude. The object gave off multicolored lights and after hovering over the city for a few seconds, it headed southeast at high speed, leaving a trail resembling a comet's tail which remained in the sky for about a half hour after the sighting.

On the 21st of July, personnel at the control tower of the airport at Congonhas, Brazil, observed a luminous object which flew over the airport 70 km, and 1300 meters altitude. It flew out of sight at "incredible speed". The information Service of the Fourth Aerial Zone confirmed the sighting on the 26th.

On the 21st and 22nd, sightings were made in the Columbia River Basin in Washington. Franklin County Undersheriff Erwin Hood interviewed 10 people who claim they saw orange-glowing objects flying at low altitude north of Ringold. The objects had been seen on Wednesday and Thursday of the two preceding weeks. Hood said all the reports were similar, describing orange, glowing fast-moving lights—from 3 to 20 in a group. Some observers said they saw mountains to the west behind the objects, so the objects could not have been planets or satellites. The Othello Radar Base commander said nothing had been picked up on radar. It might be pointed out that in hilly or mountainous country, radar will not pick up low-flying objects.

In Helsinki, Finland, on the 23rd, two night workers stated at 2:00 a. m. they observed a glowing disc-shaped object which hovered over the city for some fifteen minutes, lighting up the central

section with a searchlight. Then it disappeared out of sight.

Also on the 23rd, the Spanish news agency Cifra reported that "highly reliable sources" had sighted two disc-shaped objects over Ubeda in Southern Spain.

Residents in the Brooks, Dallas and Salem, Oregon areas, reported fast-flying arcwelding-blue lights which appeared on the night of the 24th. A switchboard operator at Portland Air Force Base said, "We have had millions of calls." Officials at that base and at Adair Air Force Station, Corvallis, refused to speculate on the nature of the things, and personnel at the runway tower at Portland said they had seen nothing. The sightings took place between 10 and 10:30 p. m.

Caracas, Venezuela, July 25th. Mr. Ismael Ramos Martinez reported that on this date, at 8 p. m. he saw a disc-shaped, silvery object from the window of his home at Guaicaipuro. He called his mother and sister who also saw the object as it crossed the sky in an east-west direction. The object did not speed, taking 6 or 7 minutes to cross the sky. It seemed to fly in a straight line, swerving to the southwest just before it veered sharply upward. Mr. Martinez watched the sky until 10:15 when he saw a fast-moving brilliant point of white light which flew from northwest to southeast. He called his mother and sister and they watched the light as it flew rapidly in an ellipse trajectory, then disappeared upwards.

A luminous object was seen moving over Terceira Island in the Azores, in a north to south direction on the night of the 25th.

At Diamante, Argentina, in the early morning of the 25th, a disc-shaped object appearing like a car headlight and giving off red, yellow and green lights, was seen hovering over the area for 10 minutes, then it headed south and disappeared.

Also on the 25th, two bright objects, looking like plates, crossed the skies very swiftly at ten minute intervals, and were seen by many residents in Andalusia, Spain.

Several families travelling by bus between Rivera and Vichadero, on the frontier between Uruguay and Brazil, saw a luminous object which colors changed from blue to green to orange. It hovered at a height of 500 meters for about ten minutes, then left at high speed.

In the districts of Barroca, Calafate and Gameleira, Brazil, many watched a luminous plate-shaped object crossing the sky in Belo Horizonte state. The object flew slowly at first, then rapidly from right to left, leaving a yellow, blue and orange tail behind it. It remained in sight

for 10 minutes. One of the witnesses was a lawyer, Mr. Wilson Jose de Sousa who used field glasses to observe it. Date: 27 July.

At San Sebastian, Spain, on the 27th, thousands of residents observed a luminous object which remained motionless in the sky for 20 minutes before leaving at high speed.

At 3 a. m. in the morning of the 27th, at Lima, Peru, Mr. Prospero Alva, an employee at the Chosica electric company, heard a strange noise which sounded like "bubbles and bumble bees". He was inside a building and looked out a window and saw an object of three or four meters in diameter, round and shaped like a tank, with holes all over it. Lights shone from these apertures at times, and the object had a turret on its top which rotated constantly and from which came forth a sort of elongated object. Alva got the impression that the revolving arm was some sort of scanning device. The object was on the ground about 12 meters from Alva's location. Shortly, the arm withdrew into the "turret", the object moved slowly and slightly to the right, then took off, moving slowly at first, then at great speed until it disappeared into the night sky.

At Alicante, Spain, on the 27th, a businessman driving home with his family after spending a day in the country, stated that he saw two saucer-shaped objects traveling in a south-north direction. They were very bright and looked as though they were shrouded in steam.

On the 28th, numerous inhabitants of Chincheros, Peru, watched a luminous disc which performed varied maneuvers in the sky for about an hour. The object was seen by residents in other counties also.

Three luminous circles of light were visually observed and tracked on radar at the Grano De Oro Airport, near Maracaibo, Venezuela on the 28th. They were flying near the main runway, about 7:30 p. m. A class in instruction for radar operators was in session and all the personnel observed the objects and saw the radar display. They were only observed on the radar for 10 seconds. Visually, they appeared to be elongated with a bulge in the center. (The classic disc with a "cupola" on top).

At 11:00 p. m. on 30 July people leaving a movie theater in Cumana, Venezuela, saw a luminous object flying over the city at high speed in an east to west direction. It gave off yellowish lights and appeared to be a "flying saucer" wrapped in flames. The same or a similar object was seen crossing the sky over Lecheria, a seaside resort some 60 or 70

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miles from Cumana, in Anzoategui state.

In Southern Chile, at Vila de Beluca, four km from Puerto Monte, on the 30th, a strange object landed. Fifteen people attending the wake for a young girl killed in a traffic accident, reported that the room was suddenly lighted up by a purple light and several people went outside to see what caused it. They saw a strange object which shape could not be determined because of the brilliance of the light, a few millimeters above the ground. It oscillated as it hovered for about five minutes, then took off, making a great deal of noise. The same object was apparently seen later by other residents, judging by the description.

On the 30th, also, a "flying saucer" was reported hovering over the Air Base at Sintra, which is about 35 kilometers from Lisbon, Spain.

At this point, it appeared that the UAO switched their area of concentration from South America and Europe to Western U. S.

In Portland and Salem, Oregon and Spokane, Washington, on the 30th of July, residents reported seeing "brightly colored objects" flashing across the night sky. One individual described a bright green, dinner-plate sized object descending like a fireball. "It grew as it fell," to the size of a dinner plate", he said, and appeared to extinguish itself before reaching the horizon." An explanation came from Portland International Airport where an official said a flare was released from the south end of the field. Associated Press pointed out that Spokane is a long way from Portland, and a man from Seattle who was visiting Spokane had reported seeing an object in the sky. Earl Gross of Seattle said he and a group of 11 others watched the objects, one in the northwest and one in the northeast, flashing red and blue lights, which moved slowly into position and then began blinking their lights. Time: between 11 p. m. on the 30th and 1:30 a. m. on the 31st. He said a third object hovered near the other two for a time, then flew off rapidly. Two days prior, a Spokane County Deputy Sheriff reported observing objects which were oblong, bluish-white in color with red overtones. No further details.

Early on Saturday morning, the 31st, a sighting took place in Australia. At the McLintock farm at Goonumbla, New South Wales, the family was waked early by the howling of the dogs. When they went outside to investigate, they saw a disc-shaped object hovering over the farmyard. It had a rod protruding from

the top and two from the bottom, and emitted two beams of light. It remained stationary over the farm yard for 15 minutes before moving off.

Back in northwestern U. S. at 10 p. m. on the 31st, two teen-agers at Benton City, Washington sighted an unidentified object. No details were given in the news story, but it was noted that Richland police, to whom the mother of one of the youngsters reported, had in turn notified the Franklin County Sheriff's office. A deputy said that the Othello Radar Base was notified but Major William Meyer, station commander, said no information was received. Meyer asked all Columbia Basin residents who sighted unidentified lights to call the radar base immediately so an attempt can be made to track them.

At Tegucigalpa, Honduras, wire press reports said that a peasant in the village of El Zarzal, had seen a disc-shaped object in the sky which gave off colored lights and moved at high speed just above the treetops. Field workers at the city of Ocotepeque, on the Guatemalan and El Salvador border, reported seeing a flying object of the same description which remained stationary in the sky for several minutes, then took off at high speed.

It was at this point that UFO activity really shifted north, and citizens of Sydney, Nebraska reported seeing four white objects in a diamond-shaped formation on the night of the 31st. One individual said that a red object entered the formation before it went out of sight. Spokesmen for the Scottsbluff weather bureau said that their radar tracked nothing.

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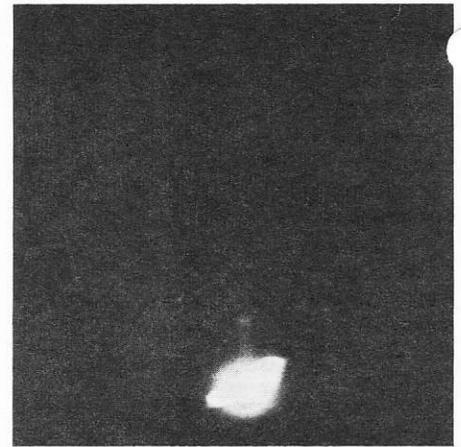
This thesis has been borne out in many incidents investigated by APRO in the past several years. The famous Socorro, New Mexico incident of April 1964 was investigated by Army Intelligence, and their investigation preceded the arrival of the Air Force's investigators by *two days!*

We now wonder how much of the supposed UFO news suppression is a matter of inter-service rivalry and the inability of the military services to cooperate with each other.

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HAVE YOU SENT IN THE UFO  
INFORMATION FOR YOUR AREA?

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## Newsman Photographs UAO

On the night of September 30, 1965, Ken Skinner, photographer for the Norwich (Connecticut) Bulletin, spotted a UAO and photographed it. See above. Skinner claimed the object seemed to change color as he watched it move about for several minutes. "It was like a brilliant light bulb in the center, then a glow all around it," Skinner said. At various times it looked bluish-green, then orange, grey and blue, Skinner reported.

Although the object seemed to be very high in the sky it was much larger than a star and at one point it moved across the face of the moon, creating an effect something like an eclipse, he told Associated Press. Skinner said he hadn't had a drink before making the sighting, "But, boy, I feel like one now."

The photograph has been examined by our photo analyst, John Hopf, and is considered to be authentic.

## UAO Over Canberra Airport

On the 15th of July press wires carried the details of the sighting of a mysterious glowing object which hovered near Canberra airport while the U. S. Mariner space probe was taking pictures of Mars. The initial story said that the object "has baffled experts in Canberra". The object was spotted by air traffic control officers and other expert aircraft observers on the 15th, at 10:50 a. m.

Six members of the traffic control tower told the press that the object "hung suspended" at about 5,000 feet for 40 minutes and that when the sun glinted on it, it became perfectly visible. It disappeared when an Air Force plane was sent out to identify it.

In the initial press story, experts were quoted as "wondering if it was coincidence" that the object was sighted shortly before nearby Tidninbilla tracking station was scheduled to pick up Mariner signals. The station, the report said, had unusual difficulty in locking on to Mariner at the time.

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"alternatively to either side, very slightly."

In an attempt to estimate the object's size, Fernandez said that when he stretched out his arms and centered the object between his hands, there was a space about 20 inches between his hands. Because we do not know the height of the trees nor the elevation of the object we have made no attempt at triangulation, but it is obvious that the object was close and very large.

Fernandez estimated that the object stayed over the trees for about 3 minutes, then headed north at high speed. He noted that when the object departed there was no acceleration—it was as if it had been a bullet shot from a gun. He also noted that the radio in the bedroom had a great deal of static from the time the object first showed up until it sped off a few minutes later, when the radio program they had been listening to could be heard clearly again.

Three days prior to the Fernandez sighting, on the 9th, a story came out of Portugal concerning an unidentified object which was observed by personnel at the Santa Maria Airport in the Azores.

The Wire Press stories were generalized and rather vague, but fortunately, FATE magazine inquired into the incident via United Press International and considerable more was learned. It is from the account in the November 1965 issue that some of the following information was gleaned:

The object in question was cylinder-shaped and one of the first eye-witnesses to its passage over the island was Aristides Arruda, a 31-year-old gardener at the Terra Nostra Hotel. At 4:30 p. m. on the 9th, Arruda paused in his work at the hotel, and spotted the object. He said he thought it was a balloon at first, because it moved so slowly. Its course was southeast to northwest. The ground wind was generally opposite.

Another observer was 28-year-old Richard Godbold, a civilian radio expert working for the USAF Base at Lajes, Azores, and currently assigned to Santa Maria. Godbold had no opinion concerning what it was, said it could have been a balloon. A taxicab driver also saw the object but could offer no description which would help to identify it.

In the FATE story, UPI noted that Lajes Airport Officials were strangely silent about the object, with a "no comment" attitude. The initial news break had mentioned the fact that the electromagnetic clocks at the airport had stopped while the UFO was over the base, and

later press reports said a technician had made an error and turned them off. UPI found out that while the repairman was attempting to diagnose the trouble, the clocks started ticking again AFTER THE UFO LEFT THE AREA.

Most estimates of the object's altitude was about 21,000 feet. A twin-engined SATA plane took off from Santa Maria airport while the UFO was in sight, and the pilot sighted the object. However, the object went into a cigar-shaped white cloud and was lost to his view.

Lajes officials indicated that no weather balloons were launched from the Air Force base on July 9th, but press reports a few days after the sighting was initially reported, said the object was probably just a balloon and the clock stopping a coincidental accident. The people at the Airport who gave the story of the strange object and the stopped clocks to the world on July 10th, no longer care to discuss the incident.

## The Warminster Phenomena

The town of Warminster, England, is a small town in the West Country. It has about 11,000 population, and is in the vicinity of several large defense and/or military installations. Since Christmas Day, 1964, there have been strange "goings-on" in that town, and at first glance it would seem that UFOs are involved in some, if not all of these aerial mysteries. Arthur Shuttlewood, variously described as an editor and reporter, listed some of the occurrences, although his coverage was far from detailed. To wit:

At 6:15 a. m. on Christmas Day, Mrs. Madge Bye, 38-year-old mother of three, was walking to early morning service at Christ Church when she became aware of a "weird crackling" above her head, "accompanied by a high-pitched whine."

Suddenly, and quite inexplicably, Mrs. Bye was hurled against the churchyard wall, "pinned there as if by invisible fingers of sound," she said. She saw nothing but felt "sickening blows raining on my head and shoulders", and the nape of her neck felt "deathly cold as though gripped in an icy hand." She fell to the ground in shock, screaming for help, and finally others heard her and rushed out of the church. They took her inside and helped her to a seat. She sat through the remainder of the service 'jelly-legged and numb.'

At exactly the same time that Mrs. Bye first heard "the thing", (dubbed by Shuttlewood), Head Postmaster Roger Rump and his wife were awakened in their home nearby by a ferocious buffeting on their roof. Rump said, "The ceiling shook. It was just as though 5,000

tiles on our roof were being rattled and picked off by some terrific force. Then a frantic scrambling sound as if the tiles were being hurriedly replaced." What impressed Mr. and Mrs. Rump throughout the experience was the fact that there was a "queer rasping or crackling, a strange droning tone behind it." The noises lasted a total of only about a minute.

Three minutes prior to the experience of the Rumps and Mrs. Bye, a young couple, who requested anonymity, were awakened by the barking and whimpering of their dog outside in the the garden. This at 6:12 a. m., according to their clock. They sent their daughter Josie out to see what was wrong with the dog, and, hurrying to the garden in her robe, the 9-year-old found the animal cowering in a corner of a woodshed, whimpering. Seeing nothing wrong, Josie petted him, spoke to him and started back into the house via the back door.

Before Josie reached the door there came a "weird, crackling and a high whine" and she was "battered down" by something she could only hear, but not see. "I felt what I thought was an ice cold sponge on the back of my neck", the child reported. "My shoulders ached and my head was jerked forward and down. I struggled and screamed and managed to stumble into the house." Her escape into the house seemed to break the hold "the thing" had on her.

In one of the same articles with the foregoing information, Shuttlewood notes that Rev. P. Graham, the vicar of Heytesbury, and his wife Patricia and their three children, Nigel, 12, Richard, 11, and Ruth, 8, all saw a brightly glowing, cigar-shaped object which remained in the night sky over Warminster for 20 minutes. Shuttlewood neglected to mention a date or time.

Because of the proximity of the military and governmental laboratories, it was suggested by some in the Warminster area that the phenomena was the result of new devices being tested in the area. However, authorities representing these installations stated that there had been no current testings of any new aircraft or other military or scientific objects.

David C. Holton, a botanist, geologist and biologist, is one of the residents of Warminster who thinks the strange manifestations are extraterrestrial in nature. He told Shuttlewood of a flock of pigeons killed suddenly and mysteriously in flight, with no explanation. He examined them soon after they fell from the sky, and found each bird was already exhibiting signs of rigor mortis. Speaking of

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this instance and other strange reports, including the finding of numerous dormice, dead with their bodies riddled with tiny holes, he says, "There can be only one explanation which is at all feasible. All the evidence points that way. This is neither natural or supernatural. It is extraterrestrial, I assure you."

The most recent happenings, during 1965, some of which were important and sensational enough to warrant international press-wire coverage, took place between July and September, 1965. On the night of July 7, five people spotted a "fiery object" glowing in the southern sky after a heavy rain. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Horlock were among the witnesses. Mrs. Horlock said it was frightening, that it was hazy at first, then seemed to be climbing and sharpened into focus as it climbed. Then it appeared as two red hot poker horizontally oriented, one above the other. "It was as plain and as bright as could be," Mr. Horlock told the press, "It stopped still in the sky for at least 10 minutes." Colin Hampton, 18, and his friend Michael Fraser, 20, also reported viewing the object. Others reported hearing loud high-pitched noises overhead.

The most recent manifestation of the thing or things troubling Warminster took place at 1:55 a. m. on Tuesday, September 7, when more than a hundred people claimed they were awakened suddenly by what they described as a "tremendous explosion". About 30 residents, mostly men, told reporters that they went outside in their nightclothes to investigate the sound, and saw a 200-foot-high orange-colored mushroom of smoke, with a glowing core in its center. It was rising into the air. Other residents, too timid to investigate, reported that their rooms were flooded with orange light which "changed night into day".

One resident who was quoted, Mr. Bill Curtis, said he was used to firings from the army range four miles away, but he and others noted that the firings held about once a week were never like the latest blast and that firings had never been held early in the morning. "It has no comparison to this," he said, "our house was like a ship rocking in a big sea."

Other residents reported shattered windows as a result of the "explosion."

An Army spokesman contacted by frightened residents of Warminster said the military authorities could not explain the blast, the orange color or the mushroom cloud.

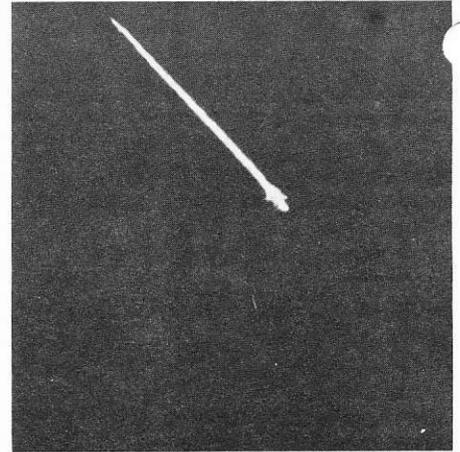
On August 29th a photograph of the "thing" was reportedly taken. Carried in London's Daily Mirror, it looked like a man's hat, brim turned down, and top crushed with a large central crease. Turned upside down, the photo resembles a rather deeply-set eye with large pupil and small iris showing. The photographer, is young (23) Gordon Faulkner, a factory worker.

Faulkner claims that on the 29th, in early evening, he stepped out of the back door of his home, on his way to see his mother. He had taken his camera as his sister had asked to borrow it. He shut the door behind him, and saw the "thing". As it flew fast and low over the south of Warminster, he said he could just make out the unusual shape. It made no noise. Faulkner said he got his camera free and aimed. The line of flight was too fast to follow, so he held the camera well in front of the object and pressed the trigger as the object entered the view-finder. Faulkner said: "I didn't dream I'd get anything on film at all. It shook me rigid when I saw what came out of it all."

Faulkner then sent the photograph (after developing) to the Warminster Journal, thinking the editor (Shuttlewood) would scoff. But he didn't. The camera is a Halina 35mm., and was focused on infinity at 1/50th second.

The September 11, 1965 issue of the Daily Mirror presented another photograph purportedly taken by Roy Coombs, 33, of Musjid-road, Battersea, London, on Monday, September 6th. Coombs claimed he was cycling when he saw the object, jumped off his bike and quickly focused the camera he was carrying. He took four pictures. He was located on Portsmouth road, just south of Surbiton, Surrey. He was on his way to Kingston upon the Thames to take photos of boats on the river, he said "Suddenly I saw a glint in the sky. At first I thought it was a shooting star or perhaps an aircraft crashing. Then I saw this shape, moving very fast, which seemed to skim across the sky from the East." Coombs says he doesn't claim the thing was a flying saucer, but wants to know what it is. The object closely resembles the bell-shaped "Adamski-type UFO" or "flying saucer" photographs which are generally considered, by scientific investigators, to be spurious to say the least.

At this writing, there is no further word concerning either the Coombs or Faulkner photographs and if and when permission is secured to present them in this bulletin, if they warrant such exposure, they will be presented with documentation.



## UAO Photographed In Nebraska

The above photo is of an unconventional aerial object photographed through a telescope at Valentine, Nebraska on the morning of 3 August 1965. The photographer, Miss Judi Hatcher, 17, is an amateur astronomer. She was alerted by Bill Ward after he saw an object in the southeast which moved to the northwest. The object was star-like in appearance, except for the fact that it moved up and down and did other maneuvers in relation to some power lines, with maneuvers covering about 12 degrees. There were no stars close enough to which the movement could be related, and a telescope revealed no telescopic stars in the vicinity. The object dimmed frequently, to the extent that it could no longer be seen by naked eye or telescope. It changed colors, varying from red to green to blueish-white. The colors were visible with the naked eye and with telescope and binoculars. An observation of the subject out of focus in the scope showed that the colors moved across the object from side to side, or from top to bottom, or vice versa. The colors were not all present at the same time, in a shifting pattern, as in stars. After this one went through some rapid and extreme changes in color and brightness, another object blinked on in the northeast. It was noted that if one blinked excessively, the other would disappear. After about three hours the original object blinked off and failed to reappear. Miss Hatcher tried three photos of this object through the telescope, and succeeded on two of them. It was noted that all the major stars were in place, including Arcturus, but that no star of less than second magnitude was visible in the vicinity of the object. Object sighted in northeast performed same maneuvers, dimming and color changes as first one. Generally proceeding east slowly and four smaller and dimmer objects appeared to be following and attempting to close ranks with it.