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ADLER PLANETARIUM COMMENTS ON U.F.O.

As reported in our September 15th issue (No. 8.), an object believed to be circling the Earth had been seen by astronomers at the Adler Planetarium, and photographed by Grumman's aircraft plant on Long Island. Below is the reply, a duplicated letter, received by your Editor in reply to his letter asking for details.

"Since the advent of the 'space age' people have been becoming increasingly interested in observing passages of artificial satellites. The Planetarium staff has noted a rise in the number of unidentifiable objects in the sky reported to our institution during this period. This is due to the fact that more people are watching the sky so objects and events that have gone unnoticed in the past are now being observed.

Unfortunately it is impossible for us to personally answer all enquiries concerning such objects. However, all reports whether written or telephoned are kept on file, and when more information on a reported object is desired we contact the observer.

On Friday, August 26, at approximately 9 P.M., C.D.T., our Museum staff observed a faint reddish object in the sky moving from east to west. Apparently this object or similar ones were almost simultaneously seen by both inexperienced and professional observers throughout the country. It is believed that the object we observed was photographed at a satellite tracking station on the East Coast. From these observations it was found that an orbit could be calculated, but since the observations are inadequate it cannot be said the object is revolving about the earth. The most we can say at present is that due to inadequate observations the nature of the object remains unexplained."

Robert I. Johnson  
Director  
Adler Planetarium.

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LUFORO'S NEXT LONDON MEETING - CAXTON HALL - 7.30 P.M., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH.

Tape recording of UFO witnesses being interviewed by members of Vancouver Flying Saucer Club. (Tape kindly lent by the Club). Followed by discussion.

Following reports in the English daily papers on Monday, 26th September, of thousands of mysterious objects like parachutes seen over Essex by several witnesses including Mr. Maurice Fryer, an aircraft engineer who works at Gatwick Airport, our investigator, Mr. K.A. Lawrence, visited Mr. Fryer at his home in Gossops Green, Crawley, Sussex, and obtained from him the following statement:

"While in Harlow, Essex, on Sunday, September 25th, at approximately 9.45 a.m., I saw what appeared to be a parachute at about 10,000 - 15,000 feet. Above it and attached to it was what seemed to be a smaller stabilising 'chute, the length of which was a quarter of the diameter of the main parachute. I could not see any object suspended below the main 'chute.

"It first appeared to the north about 80° above the horizon and drifted south but I lost sight of it before it landed.

"During this observation I saw another group of objects higher up and just visible to the naked eye. If these objects had been parachutes I estimate that their height would have been 20,000 feet.

"I then went and got a telescope and discovered that there were more of the groups of objects, in layers at increasing heights up to the limit of vision of the telescope which I would estimate to be 50,000 feet.

"There were between twenty and fifty objects in each group.

"The lower groups moved slowly south but disappeared when approaching the direction of the sun. The groups in the upper layers disappeared while still overhead and did not descend during the time I watched.

"While these objects were overhead I phoned Stansted Aerodrome and was told that a met. balloon had burst at 70,000 feet. I consider these objects were definitely not fragments of a burst balloon.

"I continued watching until 10.45 a.m. The sky was cloudless and the visibility good. There was a light northerly breeze.

"These objects were watched by several other people beside myself.

"As a further description of the actual objects they appeared as puffs of anti-aircraft fire do immediately upon bursting."

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WHITE HOT OBJECT IN SKY - London Evening News, 26/9/60.

A brilliant light described as "like the grandfather of all shooting stars", was seen by many people in different parts of South Africa last night (Sunday).

One man in Durban Bay said the white hot glare lighted the whole bay as it passed overhead. It sank towards the Indian Ocean.

In Johannesburg observers reported it leaving a "vapour trail".

#### FIRST BRITISH ISLES FLYING SAUCER CONVENTION

A Flying Saucer Convention was held in London, at the Hotel Russell, on Saturday and Sunday, 24th and 25th September, 1960. A report on the Convention by John Dale, President of Manchester U.F.O. Research Society, can be read in the July-August issue of "Outer Space Review" (obtainable from their Secretary Mr. F. Ritchie, 22, Thorn Street, Miles Platting, Manchester, 9.).

American UFO researcher Richard Ogden recently sent LUFORO a photocopy of a letter dated 2nd September 1959 which was written to him by James W. Moseley, Editor, Saucer News, New Jersey, in which he predicted trouble in distributing the December 1959 issue of "Flying Saucers" - Ray Palmer's American magazine for which LUFORO is acting as agent in this country. This particular issue contained an article written by Mr. Ogden regarding the Straith letter.

The Straith letter was sent to "contactee" George Adamski, and purported to come from a department of the State Department. In effect it agreed that "flying saucers" existed and that the department had proof of Mr. Adamski's claims. It was signed: **R.E. Straith**. Following the publication of this letter, the existence of Straith, and even the Cultural Exchange Committee was denied, at least by the State Department. To this day, it remains highly controversial, with many arguments for and against. Some claim it was a hoax, and some go as far as saying that Gray Barker, editor of Saucerian Bulletin, perpetrated the hoax. Others say that it proves Government censorship, also that the Government has proof that UFOs are extra-terrestrial.

Richard Ogden's article in the December issue of "Flying Saucers" defended the idea that the letter was really from the State Department, and he put forward his reasons for believing this. Here is an extract from the letter written by Moseley; referring to a letter sent him by Ogden, telling him of the forthcoming Straith article:

"The thing in your letter that upsets me is your determination to have Palmer publish this ridiculous article of yours, stating that the Straith letter is real. By promoting Barker's Straith hoax in this way you are doing a real disservice. I shall do my best to stop you. I am not an Air Force Captain as you claim I am, but I do have some friends, and I shall inform them of what you are trying to do. I doubt if Palmer will publish your article, or if he does, I doubt that he will be able to distribute that particular issue of his magazine. Freedom of the press does not include the right to endanger national security in the way that you are obviously trying to do! Mark my words! "

This is what Palmer had to say in the February 1960 issue of "Flying Saucers", with regard to the December 1959 issue: "First we sent out 54,000 mailing pieces based on the availability of our over-run of December "Flying Saucers", and offered to begin new subscriptions with the all-important December issue, also, we held approximately 2,000 current subscriber's envelopes in our office. For two weeks we waited for the truck which delivers our over-run to us from Sandusky, Ohio, where the magazine is printed. When the truck arrived there were no magazines! A phone call to the printers revealed that not only did he not have those thousands of copies at the plant, he could find no way bill proving shipment to us."

Generally, since the magazines were paid for, the return of the plates to the printers to run-off further copies would be requested, but, in this case the plates were unavailable and damaged beyond repair. 'Search' and 'Flying Saucers' were printed at the same time but 'Search' was entirely accounted for. The magazines should have turned up somewhere despite loss of the way bill. Periodicals not deliverable are returned to sender for such is 'guaranteed return postage'...Yet the magazines were not traced!

About four dealers complained "Flying Saucers" was called back and that there were statements to the effect that the publication has been discontinued. Palmer stated further: "If we could establish that this issue was being removed from sale, it would possibly stand as the most foolish move the authorities, whoever they are, could possibly make, because it would have been an admission of the truth of everything we have said."

Is this another case of censorship by the so-called Silence Group? Incidentally, it should be noted that Palmer did not attribute the loss of the magazines to the Straith article, but to the theory he has recently advanced; that some UFOs are of POLAR origin, that there is a land "BEYOND THE POLE", and that the earth is hollow, with entrances at the north and south pole areas.

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#### LACKLAND FIELD STATEMENT ON UFO POLICY

In the light of the above case, specially the statement made by Moseley, it might be of interest to readers to read the following extract from "FLYING SAUCERS, TOP SECRET" by Major Donald E. Keyhoe, director of NICAP which has recently been published. I take this extract from the August 1960 issue of 'Saucers, Space & Science,' (Sample copy 35¢; 3 issues \$1.00. Send to: Gene Duplantier, 125, Woodycrest Avenue, Toronto 6, Ontario, Canada).

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"The earth and its inhabitants are at this moment under careful study by living intelligences far surpassing our own...evidence indicates that they come from Mars. They have undoubtedly examined our atmosphere, our terrain, our vegetable and animal life...in fact, all things which might in any way help them in their eventual progress...but because of the prolonged secrecy and censorship imposed by the United States Air Force on all authentic UFO information and the flippant attitude of the general public concerning the possibility of life on other planets, the American people had not been prepared for an admission about space visitors; and so the Silence Group was now forced by their own policy to continue with the elaborate and detailed censorship which had been thrown around the real facts. Now it was not a question of how to keep it from the public, but how to let the public know in such a way that panic, fear, and mass hysteria would not result and cause an economic collapse... Acting in the best interest of the public of the United States of America, the Federal Government in conjunction with the U.S. Air Force has concealed information which was thought to be of danger, because of the pending possibility of hysteria and panic which could result in an economic crisis and dissipation of our social structure."

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The above was contained in a script sent to NICAP by Robert C. Balsey, director of Lackland closed-circuit programmes. In other words - AIR FORCE PERSONNEL, UNITED STATES.

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DATE	TIME	DUR	WITNESSES	NO. LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	DI- REACTION	SOURCE	SEE (also)
FEB								
22	21.10		West Funen, Denmark.		Orange, slowly descending.		NYT	JULY
MAR								
31	21.00	1/2 h	2 Denmark.		Orange-red, stopped, then -S, returned, then -S		NYT	JULY
APR								
30	4.30		1 Okayama-city, Japan.		3 glowing, 1 lands, spaceman speaks.		JUI	SEP
MAY								
21			1 Skien, Norway.		Ball-shaped, vis. against sun's disc, reversed		NYT	JULY
26			2 Aalborg to Halsved, Denmk.		Greenish, slightly oblong, descending.		NYT	JULY
28			Malmö, Sweden.		Round, blue-white.		-NE	NYT JULY
29	3.30		2 Hinckley, Leics, England.		Bright flame-cold., periodical tail light.		HIT	3JUN ASR V6No3
29			Malmö, Sweden.		Round.		-NE	NYT JULY
31	night		Hinckley, Leics, England.		Photograph on development shows UFO.		HIT	3JUN ASR V6No3
JUNE								
1	morn		S Kurnell, Australia.		Several red glowing, fade in trail of smoke.		SUN	1JUN AFR VINo3
7	22.15	5m	Near Eltang, Denmark.		Orange, hovering low, rose very slowly.		NYT	JULY
7	23.55		3 Near Limskov, Denmark.		Blue-white, divided into two.		NYT	JULY
8	23.23		1 Saltværksvej, Kastrup, Den.		Luminous, sound - around note A.		-N	NYT JULY
8	23.30		Aabenraa, Denmark.		Yellowish-green.		-N	NYT JULY
8	24.00?		Kolding, Denmark.		4 in square, rapidly from S, suddenly		-E	NYT JULY
9	24.10?		Kolding, Denmark.		6, from E, turned		-S	NYT JULY
10	23.35	15m	Near Limskov, Denmark.		Object leaving behind luminous clouds.		NYT	JULY
14	2.14	46m	Vojens, Denmark.		Streak from cloud to ground in E; photo; -NNE		NYT	JULY
14	19.11	4m	2 Roskilde, Denmark.		Whitish, stopped once or twice, SE -SW		NYT	JULY
17?		10m	4 Brown's Bay, Auckland, N.Z.		Like top section of parachute, stationary.		CHR	18JUN ASR V6No3
25	3.46		Horsens, Denmark.		Cigar-shaped, swinging in flight.		NYT	JULY
25?		1s	1 Near Vejle, Denmark.		Large oval object, after small flash,		NYT	JULY
25			M The Cape, South Africa.		Leaving trails of flame & smoke, explosions.		C/A	25JUN FSR V6No6
?			Ottawa West, Canada.		Car engine stalls, radio music; disc hovers.		TOP	JUNE SSS No.17
24-30	noon		Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, C.		Passes jets. Independent film of large disc.		SOC	SSS No.17
30	19.10		M Sydney, New South Wales.		Bluey-white, hovered a few seconds, then -S		ADT	1JUN AFR VINo3
JUL								
7	past 3 weeks		Ayers Rock, N.T., Australia.		Repeated flashes in night sky & rumbling.		AAD	28JUL ASR V6No3
10	1.24	10s	3 El Caribe Litoral, Venezuela.		Green, rocket-shaped, trailing flame.		-ESE	DJO 12JUL FSR V6No6
10			S Near Troy, New York, U.S.A.		Red & white, circular, fire from base, landed.		SN	DEC
12	morn		S Yakima, U.S.A.		Formation hovering; then disappeared.		UFB	AUG
12	P.M.	2h	3 Mt. Rainier, U.S.A.		Formation hovering; dispersed in cloud form.		UFB	AUG
14			Illinois, U.S.A.		Rock compressed by fall to ground; analysed.		SN	DEC
18	20.35		M Rome and Northern Italy.		Seen & detected on radar screens, quickly		-W	AEE 20JUL FSR V6No6
24	night	1s	S Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A.		Huge red ball with brilliant white tail.		-W	SN DEC

AUG 5	night	2 Moulle to Lille, France.	Very bright, round, blocks road, figure within.	SN DEC
8	21.50	Sm S Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.	Bright object with luminous trail in W.	SLT 9AUG SSS No. 17
10	day	M Shrewsbury, Shrops, England.	White object.	LEF 9AUG FSR V6No6
10	night	M N. Wales, & Lancs, England.	Parachute-like, shining, spinning, hovers;	-NW LEF 9AUG FSR V6No6
12	aftn	15m 1 Colorado, U.S.A.	Explosion; craft hovered, noise, bluish smoke.	SN DEC
12		1h 5 Port Washington, Wiscon, USA.	2 reddish rings around white ball. -S; hov; -W	SN DEC
13	23.45	2 1h M Corning, California, U.S.A.	Glows; police chase; beam; radio interference.	-E SFC 16AUG FSR V6No6
14	even	Leysdown, Kent, England.	White flare and dark object in sea.	FSR V6No6
14	24.00	3m 2 Leysdown, Kent, England.	Large glowing crimson cigar-shaped; faded.	FSR V6No6
16	21.30	4m 1 Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.	Red, with tail, -W; hovered; then	-E APRG UFB AUG
16		2m 1 Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.	Bright red, starlike; hovered; faded.	UFB AUG
16		S London, Ontario, U.S.A.	White starlike, seen by astronomers.	-NE SSS No. 17
16	24.00	Sm 8 Concord, California, U.S.A.	Circular, spins, flashing lights; hovers; smoke.	SN DEC FSR V6No6
17	night	1h M Corning, California, U.S.A.	6 red & white; manoeuvres astonish police.	SN DEC FSR V6No6
17	20.40	7m 7 Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.	Brilliant white light slowly moving	-S UFB AUG
18	1.45	1 Redlands, California, USA.	Oblong, red lights, upper dome; still; tilts.	SN DEC
21		S Rogersville, Pensilva, USA.	Circular, top light flashes; hovers; off - hum.	SN DEC
22	night	80s M Aberdeen, Scotland.	Similar to Echo 1; reversed direction.	PAJ 23AUG FSR V6No6
28	night	Connecticut, U.S.A.	Like satellite; seen by observatory.	-W SSS No. 17
29	night	Connecticut, U.S.A.	Like satellite; seen by observatory.	-W SSS No. 17
31	22.15	M Oklahoma, U.S.A.	Brighter than Echo 1, pulsating	-W SSS No. 17
31	22.20	1 Lantana Heights, Flor'a, USAB	Bright white; following Echo 1 satellite	-E SSS No. 17
SEPT 6		S Toronto, Ontario, Canada.	Starlike, 2x Echo 1's speed; astronomers see.	SSS No. 17
8	21.20	10s 2 Toronto, Ontario, Canada.	White starlike, 3x speed of Echo 1	-E SSS No. 17
8	23.30?	Toronto, Ontario, Canada.	Bright as Echo 1.	-N SSS No. 17
8	23.30?	2 Toronto, Ontario, Canada.	Bright as Echo 1.	-SW SSS No. 17
18	19.10	S Texas, U.S.A.	Seen by satellite Moonwatch team.	-NNE TDS 19SEPT SSS No. 17
OCT 13	17.30	12m 1 Burnley, Lancs, England.	Like zeppelin, sharp outline; slowly	E -N MUFORS
28	24.00	2m 1 Hazel Grove, Cheshire, Eng.	Giant golden oblong; hovered in W; fast	-W MUFORS EVC 29OCT
NOV 4	16.30	1 Northwood, Middx, England.	Shiny, rocket-like, light in middle; slow	-NE IJFORO
11	night	5 Warminster, Wilts, England.	Flash lights sky; hovers; leaving sparks	-N DS 12NOV DEX 12NOV

**ABBREVIATIONS:**

DUR - duration of observation; h - hour(s); m - minute(s); s - seconds; S - several; M - many;

AAAD - (Australian) Advertiser; ABE - Abendpost (Frankfurt-am-Maine); ADT - (Australian) Daily Telegraph;

AFR - Australian Flying Saucer Review; APRG - Aerial Phenomena Research Group; ASR - Australian Saucer Record; CAA - Cape Argus; CHR - Christchurch Star; DEX - Daily Express; DJO - Daily Journal; DS - Daily

Sketch; EVC - Evening Chronicle; FSR - Flying Saucer Review; HIT - Hinkley Times; JUI - Japan UFO Intel-

ligence; LEF - Liverpool Echo & Express; MUFORS - Manchester U.F.O. Research Society; NYT - UFO-nyt; PAJ -

Press & Journal; SFC - San Francisco Chronicle; SILT - Salt Lake Tribune; SN - Saucer News; SOC - Saucer

Observation Club; SSS - Saucers, Space & Science; SUN - The Sun; TDS - Toronto Daily Star; TOP - Topside;

UFB - UFOlogy Bulletin.

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