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DEDICATION

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France in an uproar.

By October the Flying Saucer flap in Europe(France) reached a peak. On the following pages are samples of how the print media catered to the public's fasination. Events mirrored the American experience.

France Dimanche

LE GRAND JOURNAL ILLUSTRE DE LA SEMAINE

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80 TÉMOIGNAGES NOUVEAUX SUR LES

MARTIENS VOLANTS

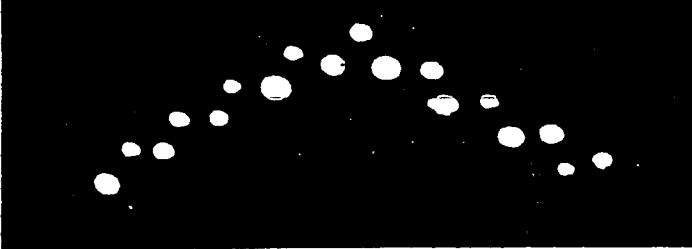
CETTE
SEMAINE
EN
FRANCE

Trop de gens, qui ne sont pas tous des hallucinés ou des plaisantins, voient des engins mystérieux dans le ciel, et même sur la terre, au sol. On ne peut plus nier systématiquement l'existence de ce qu'on appelle les « soucoupes volantes ». Ces témoignages, venus de tous les points de France et du monde finissent, bien qu'on s'en défende, par créer une inquiétude. Si ces engins extra planétaires existent, quelle mer-ve pour nous !

FLYING SAUCERS ARE HEADLINE NEWS

SAUCER MEN INVADE ADVERTISING

Voici les « humières de Lubbock », sur l'une des cinq photographies prises en 1951 par un jeune homme de 18 ans, Carl Hart, habitant Lubbock, au Texas. Elles ont intrigué les savants les plus éminents. Mais dès 1886, un jeune homme de pays de Galles signalait un fait absolument semblable.



LES SOUCOUPES VOLANTES ? UNE VIEILLE HISTOIRE !...



Robert L. Unger
l'archiviste des
soucoupes volantes.

Il y a dix-neuf siècles les Latins avaient déjà remarqué ces « boucliers de feu » dans le ciel de la campagne romaine et le sage Sénèque en expliquait tout bonnement l'apparition par le « choc de masses d'air condensé ».

SANS remonter jusqu'aux premiers âges de notre ère, Robert L. Unger, spécialiste de la question, a pu trouver plus de 300 récents faisant état de phénomènes analogues au cours des derniers siècles.

Ainsi, en 1872, longtemps avant l'apparition des avions ou des ballons-sondes en plastique, la Société Royale de Météorologie de Grande-Bretagne reçut une étrange communication de la part du capitaine d'un voilier, le *Lady of the Lake*.

Alors qu'il faisait route vers l'Angleterre, revenant des tropiques, l'équipage avait attiré l'attention du capitaine Banner sur une vision stupéfiante, dans le ciel teinté par le soleil couchant.

Par la suite, le capitaine Banner la décrit sur son livre de bord comme « un nuage de la forme la plus curieuse ». C'était une lueur circulaire d'un gris clair. Cela ressemblait, écrivait-il, à « un soleil ou une lune entouré d'un halo ». De plus, cela se comportait tout différemment d'un nuage. Cet engin étrange progressait face au vent s'élevant d'un point dans le sud-ouest où il n'y avait aucun nuage, jusqu'au moment où il arriva presque à la verticale du navire.

LA, il plana un instant, et les marins surpris remarquèrent qu'il portait des marques bizarres et qu'il était doté d'une queue bien distincte, comme celle d'une comète. Le capitaine nota en outre que « des morceaux de cirro-cumulus semblaient s'échapper de l'arrière ». Au bout d'un moment, piquant vers le bas, l'engin se dirigea vers l'horizon, toujours face au vent, et disparut dans le nord-est, alors que la nuit tombait.

Une copie de ce récit, extrait du livre de bord, fut envoyée à la Société Royale de Météorologie. A la séance qui suivit, le 15 juin 1873, la communication fut lue, commentée et écartée... comme inexplicable.

S'il s'agit d'une mystification, elle est à l'échelle... astronomique.

De pareils phénomènes confondent encore les savants. Certains nombres de « soucoupes volantes » aperçues au cours des dernières années se sont révélées n'être que des ballons-sondes de météo ! Mais un porte-parole de l'Aviation américaine déclarait encore au printemps dernier : « Un grand nombre des apparitions dont il a été rendu compte ne peuvent être expli-

A Quarouble Grande séance de radiesthésie pour déceler l'origine des soucoupes volantes

La semaine dernière le Club des Radiesthésistes s'est rendu à Quarouble, sous la conduite de son président pour faire une enquête sur cette fameuse soucoupe volante qui est tenue se poser sur le toit de chemin de fer L'éminent président et ses collaborateurs voulaient arriver à déceler la nationalité des deux monstres à deux pattes, que le Quaroubain, baptisé dans la ville sous le surnom de « Cacoule, et Parisien », avait vu, de ses propres yeux vus.

Avant d'être que ces messieurs arrivèrent sur les lieux, la nouvelle se répandit, comme une traînée de poudre, et quelques centaines de curieux entourèrent les sidents valenciennois.

« Vous savez, écrit un brave ouvrier, à un de ses camarades, pour moi c'est une déception d'Académie Française, l'été vu au cinéma in parlo de s'en aller, ça est ? »

Le garde de Quarouble fit décrocher la foule de plus en plus dense et le président du Club qui avait fait « quérir » le « voyant », le pria gentiment de raconter devant ses collègues, ce qu'il avait vu la nuit.

Le voyant. — Eh bé, y'de chose, j'ai vu Dabord ech' dormo. Tout d'un co j'entis un bruit comme in co ed' tonnerre. Ech' m'rt, j'ai mammonne et m'de t'de dré. Qu'ce qu' j'ose ? Aine grave affaire monde ed' six mètres ed' long et d'ed' large. Deux plus hommes comme 3 infants, j'ai moutré au cinéma comme y'diolez.

Le président. — Vous dites bien dormé mon ami ?

Le voyant. — Acoute echéti. Non mais, et vous m' parlez you un cru, y fait l' dire, echéti.

Le président. — Ne vous fâchez pas, mon ami. Nous sommes ici pour faire toute la lumière et renseigner nos concitoyens, continuons.

Le voyant. — Les 2 naire y allument un gros chigre. « Donnez-moi rin d'ed' » o qu' l'ou cri. Pas d' réponse. « Eté quez pays q'dé ? » Pas de réponse. « A bin m' l'ou qu' f' l'ou dit... »

« Mingo l'ed' » qui répond un des deux.

« J'de paralyse. Tout d'un co, y sautent d'n 200 mètres de

lante et pouf ! les v're partit, j'n su resté tout d'aine.

Le président. — Sont-ils partis à l'Est ou à l'Ouest ?

Le voyant. — Par là (il indique l'Est).

Le président. — Messieurs, vuus de ces renseignements précieux, mettons-nous au travail.

Tous les radiesthésistes agitent leur pendule. Un quart d'heure se passe.

Le président. — Messieurs, mes conclusions sont les suivantes : C'est un engin qui vient de l'Est et qui est reparti à l'Est.

Les autres radiesthésistes. — Nos conclusions sont identiques aux vôtres.

Le président ou « voyant ». — Pourriez-vous nous dire la taille approximative des deux créatures ?

Le voyant. — J'ai l'ai fait voir au cinéma. Vous voyez, c'est pas pu grand qu' ça. Un mètre à un mètre trente.

Le président. — Messieurs ! A nos pendules pour connaître la nationalité.

Un quart d'heure passe.

Le président. — Pour moi c'était deux Mongols ou deux Tartares.

Les autres. — Pour nous aussi, aucun doute.

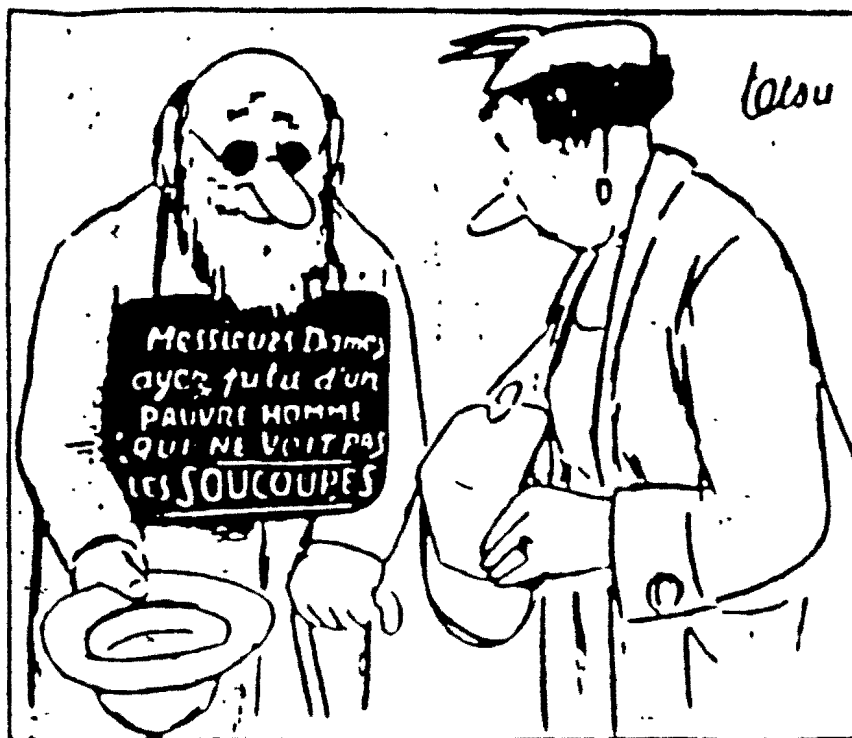
Un assistant. — Acoutez, Messieurs, m' l'cha n' m'garde pas ! In dit tousse que les créatures n'ont rin à dire. Mais pruez-vous que deux Mongols ou deux Tartares seraient ch' à Quarouble ou l'oued ed' qu'min d' fiers ?

Le président. — Peu nous importe, ce sont des Russes !

Un autre assistant. — Acoute bin. Cacoule et Parisien y dit qu'il a dit « m... » et qu' les Radiesthésistes y ont répondu : « Mingo l'ed' ». Vous pensez bé que les Mongols ou bin les Tartares n' connaissent pas ch' français-là !

Un troisième assistant. — Pour moi, M. Bauduin in n'a rien vu. Cacoule, et Parisien, y fait voir l'oued et y a vué qui int au cinéma. Et pu bête d'n tout ça, que tous les gens qui sont v'us ed' Paris et d'ailleurs pou faire cette enquête. Arrivons l'oued d' une maison et laissez-nous vite plein nos panche...

A. L.



Sans paroles

MANY CARTOONISTS MADE FUN OF THE SUBJECT



**3 FLÉAUX
MENACENT
L'HUMANITÉ:
SOUCOUPES VOLANTES
BOMBES ATOMIQUES
TREMBLEMENTS DE TERRE**

Tout Soudain n° 18, décembre 1954, p. Couv. 19-24

Lire au verso

Les soucoupes volantes existent-elles ?

Une étude
d'André GAMONET
Ingénieur E. I. M.

"Militaire - La France" 18-1-34

Grâce au radar, on enregistre la trajectoire des « disques lumineux » et l'on calcule leur vitesse et leur altitude

PARCE QU'ON les a appelés « soucoupes » ces engins sont difficilement pris au sérieux par le public.

Leur existence, plus ou moins supposée, a donné lieu à tant de bobards et aussi à tant de plaisanteries faciles qu'on se heurte à maintes obstacles pour remonter le courant du scepticisme.

Pourtant le problème est sérieux et il préoccupe au plus haut point de notre pays.

Si les « soucoupes » n'étaient qu'un prétexte à alimenter de fantaisistes radio-reportages, on ne verrait pas tant de services officiels se livrer à des recherches aussi ardues.

On n'aurait pas constitué des commissions d'enquête et on n'aurait pas mis à leur tête d'authentiques savants.

La question même des personnalités qui cherchent à pénétrer le mystère dont nous enveloppait et nous enveloppe à réfléchir sur la gravité de la question.

Nous avons dit quelle sélection on opéra parmi les témoignages. Alors plus loin, étudierons dans le questionnaire qui leur est soumis. Cela nous permettra de réunir toute l'importance de l'enquête.

On demande d'abord au té-

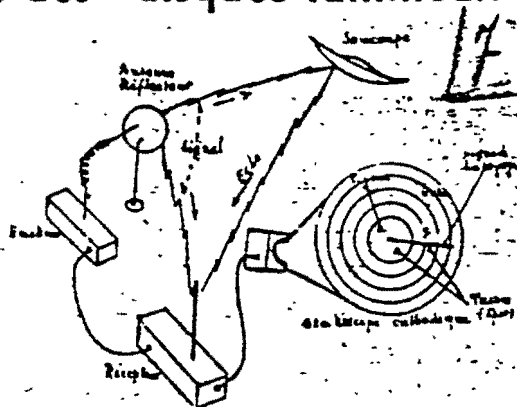


Schéma explicatif d'une installation radar. C'est sur le cadran de l'oscilloscope cathodique que les mesures sont faites. La ligne de balayage et l'antenne-réflexeur tournent à une vitesse synchronisée.

moins : « En quel lieu avez-vous vu l'engin ? » Cela permet de déterminer les coordonnées géographiques de l'endroit pour assurer l'expérience dans des données astronomiques, puisque le phénomène peut être d'ordre cosmique. C'est la première chose que l'on cherche à repérer.

La « chose vue » ne serait-elle pas simplement un accident stellaire comme il s'en produit tant, chaque jour, dans le ciel ?

Or, s'il en est ainsi, ces « accueils » obéissent à des lois bien connues et il suffira que le témoignage entre dans le cadre de ces lois pour identifier aussitôt le phénomène et diminuer toute idée de soucoupe.

Les coordonnées géographiques d'un lieu sont au nombre de deux : la longitude et la latitude.

La première est l'angle d'un dièdre par rapport à un axe passant par les pôles dont les deux plans sont l'un le méridien du lieu et l'autre celui de Greenwich. Quant à la latitude, disons pour simplifier la définition qu'elle est un cercle parallèle à celui de l'équateur. La guerre de Corée vous a suffisamment instruit du 36^{ème} parallèle, et bien-sûr on trouve à quelques minutes au-dessus du 43^{ème} parallèle nord.

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Another cult.

Still another UFO cult was making itself known in the U.S. at this time, its founder a Marian Keech, a Utah resident who claimed to have established contact with outer space entities by using "automatic writing." The messages attracted considerable press attention because they predicted a vast physical disaster to take place on a specific date. According to a newspaper story:

"Lake City will be destroyed by a flood from Great Lake just before dawn, December 21st, according to a suburban housewife. Mrs. Marian Keech of 847 West School Street says the prophecy by automatic writing, she says...The messages, according to Mrs. Keech, are sent to her by superior beings from a planet called 'Clarion.' These beings have been visiting the Earth, she says, in what we call 'Flying Saucers.' During their visits, she says, they have observed fault lines in the Earth's crust that foretold the deluge. Mrs. Keech reports she was told the flood will spread to form an inland sea stretching from the Arctic Circle to the Gulf of Mexico." 1.

As English cult expert Kevin Mc Clure observed, Keech's movement fit a classic pattern: "It had a communicator, an explanation for the whole UFO mystery, a message of great importance, and a task for its members -- not so much to publicise the disaster, as to prepare themselves to survive it." 2. Unfortunately for those people seeking to make the UFO subject respectable, the Keech group would receive considerable publicity during the count down in December.

"Churchills."

A "cigar volant," or what some Frenchmen called a "Churchill," an affectionate allusion to the famed British Prime Minister who was always seen with his mouth clamped on a big roll of tobacco; was reported on the first of the month at Blanzay, France, at 1:00 in the afternoon. According to two bricklayers, M. Romain Sebastiani and M. Bruno Buratto, they viewed a cigar-like object that flew with a whistling sound. This "cigar volant" was on the small side, however, an object the men said was about 3 meters long and some 80 millimeters in diameter. The pointed nose, the witnesses claimed, was a yellow color and the remainder of the body brown. A pair of long appendages were said to be attached to the object's nose section. (This UFO seems unlike any other that was reported so there is a chance the story is a hoax) 3.

Later that afternoon (4:00 p.m.) at Bry Nord, France, a glowing white object was said to have dived at a man and his dog. Both were reportedly "paralyzed" during the experience. 4.

Dhubri, India.

We have no time of day for the report but it seems a woman in Dhubri, in India, notified the local police when she saw a "luminous plate" flying in the sky, the "plate" trailing something we assume was smoke. This "plate" was seen landing in a field and then taking to the air again. No other detail was given. 5.

"Little man crosses the road."

Another case for which we have no time of day is a report from two motorists who were travelling in the vicinity of St Jean de Angely. M.Estier and a M.-Phelippeau, both French businessmen, had left the town of Royan and were speeding down the highway when to their surprise they saw a "little man" cross the road some distance ahead. No details are available but the two witnesses were impressed enough to stop their car so they could watch as the strange figure fled into a forested area. 6.

October 1st. (7:00 p.m.)

Jussy, France. A hoax?

According to our source, at Jussy, France, a French farmer informed the local authorities a white-colored machine landed near him and a couple of "very tall" beings dressed in white-colored clothes came out of the craft and made gestures to him. The farmer said he ran away. 7.

Jacques Vallee learned that subsequent investigations determined that the report was a hoax. 8.

The "shooting star" that landed.

It was getting late(10:00) the evening of October 1st as French fireman Jean Dufix returned to his home in Bergerac. A streak of light lit up the heavens and M. Dufix thought for a moment he was witnessing a shooting star, but this object was close, too close, in fact it appeared the "meteor" had impacted in his own backyard since a red glow illuminated the area. As a fireman M. Dufix's immediate impression was that his property was ablaze.

A neighbor, M. Jean Lebonne, evidently attracted by all the light, peered out a window and saw a strange, disc-shaped, object about three meters in diameter, "parked" in M. Dufix's yard. The thing was motionless, resting on three legs. M. Dufix quickly arrived on the scene and saw for himself the mysterious object. The UFO did not stay long. It soon rose, became luminous again(it had apparently lost its glowing appearance when it touched down) and shot away at a fabulous velocity. 9.

Brauges, France.

At the same time as M. Dufix's experience, a M. Gilbert Prudent was driving near Louhan, France, when his headlights lit up a glowing mass parked on the shoulder of the road up ahead. As he closed the distance between him and the "glowing mass," M. Prudent could make out something of its shape. There appeared to be a "flat portion" and a "mushroom-shaped" section on top. Before his car could draw abreast of the thing, its glow dimmed and with a shrill, high-pitched, sound, the thing launched itself vertically into the sky. 10.



Hoaxer Georges
Ollivier

M. George Ollivier, a French railroad worker who lived in the town of Criel, made a "spaceman costume" out of odds and ends. Although crude, the result managed to scare the socks off many of his neighbors.

"Domed craft." October 1st.

It was reported by a M. Nicolas that a "domed craft" landed at a spot between some tracks and a road near Louhans, France. The craft had windows or some kind of ports in the side that were lit by yellow-colored light. 11.

The first day of October the Swedish Defense Ministry requested a secret investigation of UFOs. Donald Keyhoe states this as a fact although he provides no further data or a source. 12.

"Voluminous circular mass." October 2nd.

At Anduze, France, on October 2nd, a M. Nicetta Edmond spotted what he said was a "voluminous circular mass" in the sky. This "mass" seemed to be moving, evidently revolving, since red and blue lights being emitted from the mass were only visible at regular intervals.

While under observation the mysterious mass lost altitude, rocking back and forth as it descended. Several others besides M. Edmond viewed the phenomenon. 13.

More and more.

The sheer number of UFO sightings in France did what no one UFO sighting ever accomplished however impressive it may have been. Vallee observed: "The 'flying saucer' began to lose its academic character and entered the experience of daily life. It completely monopolized the press and general conversation." 14.

Levroux, France. October 2nd.

A disc-shaped object buzzed the rooftops of Levroux on the 2nd and was reported to the local police by two of the village women. The reports, made independently, describe the object as three meters in diameter and luminous. 15.

Jonches, France. October 2nd.

A brief report mentions two "creatures" at a particular location, and after a period of two hours a low flying, red glowing, object was seen in the same area. 16.

Croix D' Epine, France. (10:00 p.m.)

"Fainted while telling the story."

Nineteen-year-old Ernest Delattre was roaring down the highway on his motor scooter near Croix D' Epine 10:00 p.m. on October 2nd, when he noticed a brightly lit, egg-shaped mass dropping down out of the night sky. The UFO came to rest next to the roadway which enabled Delattre to estimate its size. It seemed as big as a bus. As he approached, Delattre thought he saw small, dark, shapes doing something in the vicinity of the UFO, but before he got too close the mystery craft shot skyward, giving off different colors of light, changing from one color to another in turn: orange, blue, and a gray-blue. M. Delattre was so excited he fainted while telling the story to the authorities. 17.

Dogs hear UFO?

A big cigar-shaped object soared low over the countryside near Poncey-sur-Plgnon, France on October 2nd. It was about 8:00 p.m.

In the area was a Mme. Guainet who was doing her farm chores. Accompanied by the family dogs, Mme. Guainet went about her work milking the cows and didn't

noticed anything until the hounds ran towards the woods, baying in excitement for some unknown reason. The woman dashed after the animals and saw the cause of the dogs' agitation. Coming into view was a huge, illuminated spindle. 18. Apparently the dogs heard the UFO before it became visible.

Vallee refers to other reports on this day but gives no details: Megrine-Coteaux, Tunisia; and one in Scotland. 19.

Trying to make sense of the whirlwind of reports may be impossible although Vallee and Michel made an attempt. One source of information on the wave declared that the French Air Ministry officially launched an investigation on October 2nd after "267" French citizens had come forward to report UFOs but undoubtedly there were many more too shy to say a word. What evidently moved authorities toward some formal plan of action, besides the number of UFO witnesses, was that sightings were being made in every corner of the country and the fact that many respectable people were "seeing things." 20. Unfortunately the data that was being accumulated left much to be desired. American UFO expert Ted Bloecher complained: "French reporters usually appear to be more interested in discussion than investigation." 21.

October 3rd.

A "long object," a flying cigar perhaps, zoomed over Banyals-sur-Mer, France, on October 3rd. It emitted flames of green and red, according to the newspaper France Dimanche. 22.

A front page story.

October 3rd. London's Sunday Dispatch.

So much was happening in France the English press was forced to take note. Actually the story was too big. The London Sunday Dispatch could only print a summary on its front page. With the situation unclear, errors and the lack of detail was inevitable in the reporting. The Dispatch informed its readers:

'Near Grenoble farmer Joseph Habrat saw a luminous engine moving at great speed.

'His daughter, Yvette, said it came to within 600 yards with a 'gentle snoring sound.'

'A little later two thousand people saw a dozen of them 'dancing a ballet' in the sky.

'Two people at Rixheim, near Mulhouse, watched a cigar-shaped luminous engine surrounded by twelve smaller satellite cigars.

'Three holiday-makers on Carry-le-Rouet beach saw a half-cigar over the port. Three women who saw it described it as leaving a trail of smoke.

'A flying mushroom was reported by a lorry-driver and his friend at Faremontiers. It was in a field and had three tripod-like legs.

'I tried to approach it,' he said, 'but about four hundred feet away I was stopped by a ray. I felt little prickings. My head swam. I had a cold sweat. I could not move.'

'The mushroom then rose slowly and flew off.

'Dr. Martinet, skin disease specialist at Chambéry, watched a flying saucer manoeuvring in the sky for four minutes.'

'In the gulf of Gascony the mate and two seamen of a cargo boat saw a moving disc with a greenish glow.

"Actress Michele Morgan saw a luminous disc over the Invalides air terminal in Paris.

"There have been three reports of men from another planet landing in France.

"At Vienne a farmer said the visitor, who wore a kind of diving suit, caressed his arm.

"A woman at Drome saw 'a being about the size of a child and with a human face. He seemed to be wrapped in a transparent sack.'

"Both visitors to France returned to their saucers and took off vertically.

"A little helmeted and booted man with a revolver firing 'luminous and paralysing rays' was seen by the foreman of a quarry at Marciilly-sur-Vienne and six of his workmen.

"A whistling sound drew the attention of two men at Blanzay to a cigar-shaped machine in a freshly ploughed field.

"The men said the machine was about six feet in length. The pointed tip was yellow, the rest of the cigar brown.

"As they approached the machine it rose vertically.

"A policeman, a grocer, and eight other people saw an incandescent 'cigar' at Agen.

"A 'brilliant ball' appeared to a stallkeeper at Belestas. He said it left a trail of grey smoke as it shot through the sky...." 23.

The author of the aforementioned account noted that at the same time that day (October 3, 1954) 40 miles away an amazing "sky display" was taking place above a wooded area near the village of Marcoign, France, before 20 witnesses. That so many people at the same moment at different locations should have a similar hallucination boggled the writer's mind, so much so he consulted a psychiatrist assigned to the Law Courts of the Seine, a Dr. Gouriou.

"Is mass delusion upon this scale possible?"

The above question was put to the mental health expert who replied he had never known a flying saucer to play a role in any of his patient's hallucinations, and that hallucinations were usually sounds rather than visual images. Moreover, when on rare occasions visual disorders did occur, such problems were nearly always due to toxemia or cerebral lesions which would certainly help to rule out the possibility of a "mass visual delusion." 24.

Dr. Gouriou then wisely ended the interview with: "...I for one think that those who maintain that they have seen saucers do so in good faith, unless of course they are trying to hoax us. But we must never forget that whatever a normal human being sees, he, to a considerable extent interprets, and this fact alone renders all human evidence fallible." 25.

The "delusion" at Marcoign. (also at 8:00 p.m.)

A UFO was seen by people over a wide area as it approached the Guillet woods outside the village of Marcoign where it hovered above the trees. One might assume the UFO was the same object seen earlier at Chereng 35 miles to the north. The press quoted a woman witness at Marcoign: "It was circular, and red-orange in color. A little below this immobile object, and as though suspended from it, she saw a small spot of light with a kind of seesaw movement." 26. A curious fact about the 20 witnesses at Marcoign was that they consisted entirely of the local police force and their families. According to these people the UFO remained in place over the wood until 8:30 p.m. when

some changes occurred, the circular UFO taking on a spindle shape(perhaps it rotated) while the small spot of light below it disappeared. After this transformation, the UFO moved away in the direction of Amiens. 27.

Amiens, France. (Approximately 8:33 p.m.)

A brightly-lit orange-colored "mushroom hat" sailed into view near the town of Amiens about 8:30 p.m. One witness was quoted as saying: "The upper part of the 'mushroom' appeared to vibrate as it changed color from violet to greenish, while short 'tables' of some kind hung from the bottom surface." 28.

Three other witnesses in the area, Mme. Nelly Mansart and M. & Mme. Delaroux, had just left Herissart village on a drive to Amiens when they spotted the UFO descending out of the clouds. The thing dropped to the ground about 150 yards from them and at that range appeared to be an object 25 feet in diameter and "mushroomed-shaped." After reaching ground level, the strange object followed their car for a time and then took off in the direction of the village of Riannville. 29.

Biderstroff, France. (9:00 p.m.)

Emitting lights of a purple and green hue, "something" moved about in the night sky over Biderstroff area. At one point it swooped close to the earth as if to land in a stand of trees, but as in other cases nothing much happened because when a witness rushed to the spot the thing left in a hurry. 30.

Rve, France. (9:10 p.m.)

An orange-colored UFO chased a car driven by M. George Gallant for 8 Kilometers and only broke off the pursuit when the town limits of Rve were reached. Gallant's wife and son were passengers in the car and also witnesses the phenomenon. 31.

Lievin, France. (9:25 p.m.)

A spindle-shaped object hovered low in the sky near Lievin and was under observation long enough to attract scores of witnesses. Those that watched the object said they could see a smaller body "detached itself" from the larger and then dive down to a quick touchdown on the plateau of Lorette. The small body then rose to rejoin its "parent." Once reunited, this odd phenomenon headed south out of sight. 32.

Milly-la-Forêt, France. (9:30 p.m.)

A pair of "big stars" danced in the sky just east of Paris at 9:30 p.m. and then moved south. Meanwhile, a "half-moon-shaped" object was viewed hovering above Milly for a time and then it dipped to a lower altitude where witnesses could see that the thing was: "...a kind of reddish cigar accompanied below by a small shining ring." 33.

Ronsenac, France. (10:45 p.m.)

Flatten and scorched grass.

Ground traces highlight the next case that took place at Ronsenac where the witness was 23-year-old Jean Allary. He spotted a big circular object some 3-4 feet thick gliding on the ground. As the object glided along, a number of luminous spots were visible on its surface, but when the thing rose and flew away the entire object became luminous. An area of grass about 6 yards wide was found flattened and scorched. 34.

Benet, France. (11:00 p.m.)

For several minutes a red UFO, its size 6 by 12 feet, was observed motionless over a swampy area by a French couple, M. and Mme. Guillemoteau. The observation ended when the UFO shot straight up out of sight. 35.

Gueblin, France. (11:45 p.m.)

The last report of the day came from Gueblin where a M. Gilcher and a M. Domant watched as a disc, casting off a feeble green glow, set down in a field. Others on the road nearby also witnessed the landing. No one was brave enough to investigate. 36.

Lavaux, France. (no known time)

Perhaps the most bizarre tale of the day was M. Roger Barrault's, a resident of Lavaux, who told everyone he had encountered a singular being, a being with: "...brilliant eyes, and an enormous moustache, who spoke Latin." 37.

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More reaction in the English press.

The London Daily Telegraph commented:

"Another outbreak of flying saucery brings stories ranging from the plausible to the childish. That mysterious aircraft of eccentric shape may have been seen is not disputed. There are secret lists, and not all of those who suggest space-ships are necessarily irresponsible. Nor are circular aircraft without precedent. There was an American disc-winged aeroplane, and over forty years ago Capazza, designed a lenticular airship which would have qualified as either a saucer or a cigar, according to one's viewpoint. Indeed, there is scarcely a limit to the shapes and sizes of these alleged machines.

"All down the centuries people have reported prodigies in the sky. They usually have been what they expected, or feared, to see-devils, murdered emperors, departed relatives, unpleasant animals, under threat of war, embattled armies among the clouds. One can see things clearly in a dream, and can even hear complex yet recognisable music. Intra-cerebral illusions may persist, or exceptionally occur, while the subject is awake. Nowadays people still fear war and dread curious flying machines for what they may bring. Without denying the possibility that various odd aircraft exist, unknown to millions and undescribed in technical papers, it is fair to assume that most stories of flying saucers, dishes, beer bottles, cigars and 'luminous engines' are the ghost stories of today." 38.

America's Dr. Menzel speaks out.

On October 4th the word from Boston, Massachusetts, was: "There is nothing 'in any degree' to justify the idea that we are 'suffering from a visitation' from outer space, says Dr. Donald H. Menzel." 39.

France. The wild stories continue.

October 4th. (no time known)

A railroad employee living in Limoges, a M. Montagne, claimed a strange machine had landed on his property. No other details available. 40.

Encore et toujours des soucoupes volantes !

Perpignan. — Un chauffeur de camion, qui effectuait hier matin ramassage du lait, aux environs Cabestany (Pyrénées-Orientales), a déclaré avoir aperçu devant son véhicule « un globe brillant » de couleur bleuâtre, « qui évoluait à une altitude d'environ 100 mètres en produisant un bourdonnement très doux ».

Ayant arrêté son camion, le chauffeur a pu observer les évolutions de l'engin pendant près d'un quart d'heure puis, brusquement, lui-ci se serait élevé dans le ciel et aurait disparu en direction de mer.

La Rochelle. — Une soucoupe volante aurait été aperçue à Augé (Deux-Sèvres).

D'autre part, M. Picaut, directeur d'une brasserie à Sainte-Foi, a déclaré avoir aperçu pendant quelques minutes, alors qu'il roulait sur la route de Fontenay-Comte, un curieux disque d'un bleu étincelant.

Brest. — Les habitants de Lande et de l'Aberwrach (Finistère) ont aperçu hier soir, à haute altitude, un engin de forme circulaire et ressemblant à une « soucoupe volante ».

Meuln. — Plusieurs habitants de la commune de Rebaix ont déclaré avoir aperçu un engin étrange, très brillant, circulant à la nuit tombée dans le ciel, au-dessus de Rebaix (Seine-et-Marne).

Les témoins ont précisé que l'appareil, qui circulait très doucement, s'était ensuite dirigé vers l'ouest, après avoir augmenté sa vitesse, et avait disparu.

Avant-hier matin, des C.R.A. ont également aperçu un disque lumineux dans le ciel, au-dessus de Vaudoy.

Montpellier. — Mme Picot de Baume, domiciliée à Montpellier, a déclaré avoir aperçu, à une altitude d'environ 1.500 mètres, un appareil de la forme d'un cigare, brillant et qui paraissait entouré d'un halo. L'engin, qu'elle put observer une minute environ, disparut tout d'un coup en direction de l'est, sans faire de bruit et sans laisser de traces.

EN AFRIQUE DU NORD

Casablanca. — Des témoins dignes de foi ont aperçu hier soir, dans le ciel de Kourigra, localité située à environ 130 kilomètres de Casablanca, un engin de forme circulaire, de couleur rouge, évoluant à une altitude élevée et à une grande vitesse et qui semblait

cracher des flammes d'un bleu vert.

Saïa. — Un engin de forme allongée a été aperçu hier soir, vers 20 h. 30, dans le ciel de Saïa, par plusieurs personnes. Le « cigare » se déplaçait à une grande vitesse, d'est en nord-ouest. Il était entouré d'une lumière bleuâtre et laissait derrière lui une traînée lumineuse. Les témoins ont affirmé que cet engin n'avait aucun rapport avec un avion à réaction.

Saint-Brice. — Plusieurs personnes ont affirmé avoir vu à 300 ou 400 mètres d'élévation, hier soir, vers 20 h. 45, un « cigare volant » à une altitude de 50 mètres environ. L'engin, ont-elles déclaré, pouvait avoir 15 mètres de longueur et s'éclairait par intermittences de ses feux roses. Il se déplaçait sans bruit.

Brest. — Mme Henry, cultivatrice à Gurenou (Finistère) a affirmé avoir aperçu, jeudi, puis vendredi, le soir à la même heure, dans le ciel, un engin cylindrique, mauve qui se déplaçait sans bruit d'ouest en est.

Lille. — M. Anicet Cornelle, ouvrier agricole, a déclaré avoir aperçu hier soir, à Comines un engin ayant la forme d'un cigare, de 8 à 10 mètres de longueur sur 3 mètres de largeur, qui évoluait à une quarantaine de mètres de hauteur et dégageait une vive lueur violette. Après avoir survolé la ville pendant quelques secondes l'engin aurait disparu dans le ciel.

Les déclarations de M. Cornelle ont été confirmées par un automobiliste tourquennois de passage à Comines.

Montceau-les-Mines. — Deux ouvriers maçons, MM. Romain Sébastien et Buratto, tous deux coupeurs cristallins, ont déclaré avoir aperçu, en bordure de la route de Bligny à Montceau, un engin décoller avec un sifflement strident. L'appareil avait, ont-ils dit, la forme d'un cigare de couleur jaune très foncé, d'une longueur de trois mètres et d'un diamètre d'environ 60 à 80 centimètres.

Une « soucoupe » près de Seurre ?...

Un habitant du Meix, village situé près de Seurre, M. Lucien Minet, 19 ans, a constaté à son tour une étrange apparition. Il se trouvait sur le pas de sa porte, vers 9 heures du soir, lorsqu'il aperçut dans le ciel une lueur verte se déplaçant lentement. Un sifflement accompagnait cette apparition qui dura une quinzaine de secondes. Le jeune homme eut le temps d'appeler sa mère qui put, elle aussi, constater le phénomène.

Deux jeunes Dolois ont vu deux fois des « soucoupes »

Dole (C.P.). — Les deux jeunes Dolois, Jacky Chapoutot et André Lacour, qui s'aperçurent une soucoupe volante la semaine dernière à Dole, ont remarqué le même phénomène mercredi, vers 20 heures, alors qu'ils se trouvaient à deux points différents de la ville.

« Je ne croyais pas aux soucoupes volantes, nous dit Jacky Chapoutot, mais cette fois, je suis certain de ce que j'ai vu. D'ailleurs, je m'intéresse particulièrement à l'aviation et ce qui se promenait dans le ciel de Dole se déplaçait à une vitesse qui n'a certainement pas encore été atteinte dans les engins que nous connaissons. Je dois d'ailleurs ajouter pour être complet, que la semaine dernière, comme cette fois-ci j'ai entendu, alors qu'apparaissait cette soucoupe, un roulement d'avion qui semblait évoluer sans feu de position ».

Dans la Nièvre : un disque orange

Nevers (C.P.). — Un ouvrier agricole, Raymond Deloivre, 29 ans, a aperçu, entre Saint-Pierre-le-Moutier et Langron une sorte de disque se déplaçant vers le N.E. Ce corps céleste émettait une vive lumière orange tandis qu'une lumière rouge jaillissait à l'arrière. L'apparition se maintenait sur un plan horizontal et fut remarquée durant quelques secondes.

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Lezignan, France. (no time known)

Yet another one of those brief touchdowns by a UFO was reported on the 4th. Truck drivers Andre Garoia and Andre Darzais were travelling a highway near the town of Lezignan when they saw a luminous disc, an estimated 30 feet across, coast to a momentary landing. With a surge of power the disc soared skyward while emitting a burst of white light. 41.

October 4th. Villers-les-Tilleue, France. (6:40 p.m.)

A 10-year-old child named Bertieux told authorities he had seen a strange object on the ground, and a "figure" next to it. The object was, he said, "shaped like a tent." 42.

October 4th. Chaleix, France. (no time known)

Extract from French Radioteletype:

"A Dordogne farmer saw 'Martians again yesterday. According to him, they were two normal men, of European type, dressed in khaki overalls. They came down from an object which had landed in the vicinity, approached the farmer and shook his hand, asking him: 'Paris-nord?' Awed by stupefaction, the farmer was unable to answer. The two strangers stroked his dog and boarded their engine. They lighted up some kind of electrical lighting and the apparatus flew away rapidly and noiselessly, without smoke or spark, at a dizzy speed. Owing to fog and semi-darkness, the witness was unable to observe exactly, and gave the following description: The object had the trunk of a big cart, and the form of an oval 'oval soup-tureen' streamlined to the front." 43.

October 4th. Tregon, France. (Evening)

When some people in Tregon sighted a strange object hovering above a hill top not too far away, they jumped into a car and tried to approach the thing before it left the area. To their disappointment the object took off moments later. 44.

October 4th. Megrit, France. (Evening)

It was guessed that the object seen near Tregon was the same object that showed up at Megrit where a flat, metallic-looking, thing was seen hovering over a farm at a height of only 150 feet. The town of Megrit is only 20 miles or so to the southwest of Tregon. 45.

October 4th. Poncey, France. (8:00 p.m.)

"Fournieret, come quickly!"

The mayor of Poncey, M. Cazet, had invited several villagers to dine at his home the evening of October 4th. The men were eating and socializing when they were rudely interrupted at 8:00 p.m. as a messenger arrived with bad news for one of the mayor's guests, a M. Fournieret, who learned his wife had suffered a bad fright and had fled to a neighbor's house. "Fournieret, come quickly," pleaded the messenger who was panting violently after a frantic ride on his bicycle. There was a mad scramble to M. Fournieret's neighbors, the Bouillers, as the mayor and the other men around the table dropped their silverware and ran after Fournieret who was doing his best to get home as fast as possible. When the men arrived at the Bouiller's, they met some other people from the village that had gathered to render aid and comfort: M. Girardo, M. Vincent, and Mme. Strasdot. M. Fournieret found his

Yvette, terrified but otherwise O.K. Mme. Yvette's story follows:

"It was about 8:00 p.m. Night had already fallen. I walked over to the window to close the shutters and it was then that I saw the 'thing.' I happened to glance outside.

"About 65 feet in front of the house, in M. Cazet's field, a luminous body was swaying lightly in the air near the plum tree, as if getting ready to land. As near as I could judge it was about 10 feet in diameter, was an elongated form in a horizontal position and was of orange color. It glowed rather feebly, but enough to light the branches of the nearby trees.

"Scared to death, I took my little one and we ran to Mme. Bouiller's my neighbor, where we closed the door. M. Girardo and M. Vincent arrived by chance. Seeing our fright they asked what had happened. After we told them they armed themselves with rifles and ran toward the field. There was nothing there. But on examining the ground they found a fresh track proving that I had not been dreaming." 46.

We have to make one correction here. The "track" left by the object was much more than that, it was a huge hole, a hole impressive enough to attract investigators from all over the country!

The crowd at the Bouiller's house went to the site of the supposed landing, and while they stood around talking, the Bouiller's 18-year-old son ran up bursting to tell what had happened to him moments earlier. Ignorant of the excitement at the Fournieret's, the youth exclaimed that a "luminous machine" of a greenish color had zoomed passed him as he approached the village on his way home. 47.

More "landings."

Abbeville, France. (no time known)

Two people independently observed a "big bee-hive" about the size of an auto on the ground near Abbeville. A figure in a "diving suit" was also seen. 48.

Dinan, France. (no time known)

A witness reported a landed "saucer" and two child-sized figures nearby. 49.

Bergerac, France. (no time known)

A ten foot wide luminous disc was reported on the ground by two people near Bergerac. The object had three "legs," or what one might call landing supports. No figures were noted in the vicinity. 50.

October 5th.

Loctudy, France. (4:00 a.m.)

"Eyes as large as raven eggs."

The making of bread requires that bakers be early risers and M.P. Lucas, a baker at Loctudy, was no exception. At 4:00 a.m. October 5th M. Lucas was preparing for a day's work by drawing a pail of water from a well when he saw

a parked circular machine near by from which a "hairy dwarf" emerged. With a face covered with hair and with eyes the size of raven eggs, the little creature must have been quite a sight but M. Lucas said he permitted the "dwarf" to approach close enough to touch him lightly. The creature then uttered some sounds that may have been words in an alien language. After that the "dwarf" climbed aboard his machine and flew away. 51. (Jacques Vallee suggests that suspicious similarities between this case and one at the town of Roverbella indicates a hoax).

October 5th. Le Mans, France. (6:30 a.m.)

A hour and a half later some men driving to work on Rt.N23 near Le Mans passed a luminous object resting on the ground next to the highway. At the same moment the men suffered a strange sensation, a "prickling and a sort of paralysis." With a flash of green light, the object was seen to lift off and speed away over the treetops. 52.

October 5th. Beaumont, France. (3:45 p.m.)

Another "curious sensation."

Several witnesses were amazed as an object descended out of the daytime sky. The thing was glowing, but with less and less intensity as it approached. As the distance was reduced to about 150 meters the witnesses experienced a "curious sensation," a paralysis of some sort, also a smell, like nitrobenzene was noticed. 53.

Poncy, the day after.

Word of Mme. Fournere't's experience spread fast. When they first heard about the incident, the local police suspected a "Martian hoax" by Poncy teenagers, but the lawmen soon found that various independent witnesses scattered throughout the countryside had seen an aerial object that matched Mme. Fournere't's story as to the time and direction of travel.

Capt. Millet of the Semur-en-Auxois detachment was impressed after making inquiries and visiting the site, so he briefed the Senior Commandant of Dijon, a M. Viala, who also visited Poncy, coming away intrigued.

A professor from the University of Dijon showed up to satisfy his curiosity, as did Charles Garreau, the newspaper reporter who had made it his job to check out many of the reports being made during the wave. Another French civilian of note, Aime Michel, collaborated with Garreau.

Finally, officers of the French Air Force arrived to investigate (The Air Force Commandant at Dijon, General de Chasse'y, took a personal interest in the case)

The "hole."

Attention was centered on the "hole" left by the UFO. No one who saw it came away unimpressed. The tear in the earth was five feet across with large clods of dirt scattered many feet beyond that. The edge of the hole was ragged with no "cut" marks detectable. Wriggling white worms were readily visible testifying to the freshness of the great wound in the ground.

It was quite strange how the many roots exposed were not not sheared off in any manner, the extraction of dirt apparently done by some kind of huge vacuum cleaner. 55.

October 5th. Metz, France. (no time known)

A metallic-like globe hung motionless in the sky above Metz, France, for three hours. A French army searchlight found it in the night heavens at an altitude of approximately 30,000 feet. 56.

October 5th. Egypt.

A few UFO reports were now coming in from Egypt which demonstrated the southern movement of the 1954 wave.

Hundreds of fellahs viewed a strange cigar-shaped object for 20 minutes as it maneuvered above Mehalla-el-Kobra; while at Behnay some objects of a similar configuration sped overhead trailing thick smoke, one of which blew up injuring a person on the ground and killing two cows. A village near the Suez Canal, East Kantara, was the site of a "rotating saucer" report by a Lt. Tewrik of the Egyptian military, who snapped a picture and sent a print to the Egyptian Army Public Relations office. The photo might have been the reason a local military commander, Admiral Youssef Hammad, requested pilots flying over Cairo to keep an eye out for any strange phenomenon. 57.

October 6th.

Prague, Czechoslovakia. (no time known)

Mysterious explosions in the sky caused excitement in the region of the Tatra Mountains. Inhabitants living in that part of Czechoslovakia kept a "saucer watch." 58.

Yugoslavia. (no time known)

In formation, luminous, and very fast, numerous objects were reported high over Yugoslavia. 59.

Extracts from French Radioteletype :

"In the Biarritz area, several persons have seen at different hours mysterious round and oval objects, which were leaving luminous trails in the sky.

"An Isere farmer saw a 'huge flying orange section.' He said that its top was luminous and a little later he saw it divide along its length into three smaller sections, which gradually disappeared.

"An inhabitant of the Lower Seine and Marne sent a letter to a local newspaper, stating that he had seen 'a big disc, from 8 to 10 meters in diameter, which was rotating on a certain spot, while sending out red and purple lights. The object was about 400 meters in height and gliding over him for more than 20 minutes.' 60.

October 6th. Chantannay, France. (dusk)

A Paris couple, M. and Mme. Laroche, were travelling near Chantannay at sundown on the 6th when they witnessed the "landing of a fiery globe." No other detail is available. 61.

October 6th. La Fere, France. (9:30 p.m.)

A cigar-shaped object (an estimated 80 centimeters in its mid section) was noticed on the ground about 300 meters from an Army barracks at La Fere. One soldier tried to approach thing but became paralyzed. 62.

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Plusieurs Parisiens ont vu des "soucoupes" évoluer dans le ciel de la capitale

Paris, 6 octobre (A. F. P.). — Plusieurs Parisiens ont déclaré avoir vu hier après-midi des soucoupes volantes évoluant dans le ciel de la capitale, des passants ont affirmé en avoir aperçu une vers 16 h 30, près de la Porte-Dorée.

M. Pierre Allouits, représentant en cartonage, se rendait à ses affaires en taxi, lorsque le véhicule fut arrêté par un feu rouge. Entendant, dit-il, un sifflement strident, il regarda par la portière et vit un engin volant qui fuyait en hauteur, laissant dans son sillage un panache de fumée.

M. Allouits décrit la soucoupe comme un disque plus gros qu'un avion normal et de couleur argentée.

Le même témoignage est apporté par M. Gilbert Bacon, demeurant 25, faubourg St-Antoine, et par M. Paul Julien, peintre en bâtiment, qui habite 3, rue de la Pompe. Ce dernier, toutefois, estime qu'il s'agit non d'une soucoupe mais d'une aile volante qui affecte la forme d'un triangle aux bords arrondis.

Au Bourget on explique qu'étant donné l'absence de la circulation aérienne, il est impossible de confirmer par radar le passage de l'engin à une heure insuffisamment précise. D'autre part, le radar ne saurait enregistrer le passage d'un plus lourd que l'air que par une tache lumineuse quelle que soit la nature de l'engin.

Lois La première à 10 kilomètres de Beaumont à 15 h 45 elle se déplaçait en direction ouest-est.

Les témoins ont déclaré que l'engin se rapprocha d'eux et devint de moins en moins brillant.

Quand il ne fut plus qu'à 150 mètres, ils ressentirent une « curieuse sensation » et furent comme cloués sur place. A ce moment se dégagait une odeur de nitro-benzène. Bientôt, l'engin s'éloigna le malade crassa et la soucoupe disparut. L'autre soucoupe a été aperçue au-dessus des côtes de Chanturgue, près de Clermont. Elle évoluait à la verticale et était d'un blanc brillant.

Une soucoupe a également été aperçue à Billom par un groupe de 30 personnes. L'engin évoluait au-dessus de la ville. Il se déplaçait à l'horizontale. Il a été visible pendant trois ou quatre minutes avant de disparaître. Une lumière intense se dégageait de l'appareil.

Nos lecteurs nous écrivent

M. Desbordes de St-Bonnet-de-Bellac, déclare avoir aperçu dimanche dernier un disque lumineux se dirigeant sur Mezières-en-Issouze. L'engin s'est immobilisé plusieurs minutes avant de disparaître vers l'ouest. Plusieurs personnes ont observé le phénomène.

Le « Martien » du Finistère a le visage couvert de poils

Vers 4 heures hier matin, M. Pierre Lucas, ouvrier boulanger à Locudy (Finistère), qui était occupé à pulser de l'eau dans la cour de la boulangerie, aperçut soudain dans la nuit un engin de la forme d'une soucoupe de 2 m. 50 à 3 mètres de diamètre. Il en vit sortir un individu mesurant environ 1 m. 20 qui s'approcha de lui et lui tapa sur l'épaule en articulant des paroles inintelligibles.

L'ouvrier boulanger réussit à garder son sang-froid et retourna au fournil où l'inconnu le suivit. A la lumière, M. Lucas put dévisager le visiteur. Il avait le visage ovale, tout couvert de poils et des yeux de la grosseur d'un œuf de corbeau.

Le jeune homme appela son patron, mais avant que celui-ci ait eu le temps de descendre, l'inconnu nocturne avait disparu ainsi que sa soucoupe dont on ne retrouva aucune trace.

Un marchand de bière de Concarneau a, de son côté, déclaré avoir vu dans le ciel deux disques lumineux de la forme de tables rondes prolongées d'une sorte de queue.

L'un des disques était immobile tandis que l'autre évoluait à proximité. Les deux disques disparurent au bout de dix minutes après avoir lancé une fusée.

A Clermont-Ferrand

Deux soucoupes ont été aperçues hier dans le ciel clermontois.

A Beaulieu, en Corrèze, un engin mystérieux a été aperçu lundi soir par plusieurs personnes dignes de foi.

D'autre part, un de nos lecteurs de Charente, M. Hubert de Saint-Just, nous prie de rectifier une information à laquelle son nom a été mêlé par erreur ou par suite d'une plaisanterie douteuse. Voici d'ailleurs ce qu'écrit M. de Saint-Just :

« Dans le numéro 228, du 4 octobre 1954, du « Populaire du Centre », vous avez publié en page 3 (3^e colonne), une information selon laquelle je vous aurais écrit avoir vu « un objet lumineux évoluant dans le ciel au-dessus du bourg Montrollet ».

« Ma femme et et moi avons été étonnés de lire cette information, car nous ne vous avons jamais écrit à ce sujet, pour la simple raison que nous n'avions rien vu de ce genre ».

« J'ignore qui a pu emprunter notre identité et dans quel but cela a pu être fait. J'aimerais d'ailleurs le savoir ».

« Mais je tiens à démentir formellement cette information qui est dénuée de tout fondement et serais heureux que vous vouliez bien publier ce démenti en précisant que je n'étais pour rien dans l'information qui le provoque. Je suis persuadé que votre bonne foi a été surprise et que cette même bonne foi vous enverra à donner une suite favorable à ma demande ».

« Je tiendrais d'ailleurs à prendre ainsi position sur le problème des « soucoupes volantes » : je m'en rends compte que ce qu'en publient les journaux ».

October 6th. Villers-le-Lac, France. (10:30 p.m.)

A balloon?

A slow moving white light came out of the west and sailed to a point 100 yards away from the home of Mme. Salabrine and her daughter on the outskirts of Villers-le-Lac. Having approached that close, and under observation by the two women, the thing in the sky was seen to be mainly a dark mass with a small white light underneath it. A shower of sparks issued from the object and after remaining motionless for a brief time, it moved away quickly. 63.

October 7th. Beruges, France. (4:00 a.m.)

It was so early for the first UFO sighting on October 7th the witness, a farmer named M. Edward Thebault, was not yet up and about. A strong light woke him and he staggered to the window and with his sleepy eyes saw the source of the bright illumination, a glowing mass about nine feet in diameter resting on the road that ran by the farmhouse only a few yards away. M. Thebault flipped on the switch to his roomlight which apparently produced a reaction from the object. The object suddenly swept the area with a powerful beam. In a panic M. Thebault rushed to wake his father but by the time the two returned to the window to look out, the mysterious thing had disappeared. 64.

October 7th. Plozevet, France. (no time known. Early morning?)

A smoky, glowing, orange-colored, object appeared in the sky near the coastal village of Plozevet. Villagers claimed the UFO at one time dipped to an altitude of only 30 feet before moving away to the southeast. Numerous fishermen at sea also witnessed the phenomenon. 65.

October 7th. Jettingen, France. (Sunrise)

Speeding along on Rt N16 near Jettingen on his motor scooter, M. Rene Ott passed a field where a mushroom-shaped object was hover just above the ground. Visible on the side of the nine foot wide object was a luminous rectangle(a door?). M. Ott raced away on his scooter but the object took up the chase, the UFO flying just above the scooter(15 feet or so) and staying in that position until the nearest town was reached. 66.

October 7th. St-Jean-D'Asse, France. (6:20 a.m.)

Yet another Frenchman on the highways that morning received a surprise. It seems a M. Alexander Tremblay, driving a truck on Rt N138 near St Jean-D'Asse, had trouble making it up a slight grade. It was still dark(6:20 a.m.)and M. Tremblay's had his headlights on. For no apparent reason the truck's engine quit and the headlights failed. M. Tremblay got out to check under the hood but his attention was suddenly drawn to a powerful blue-colored light speeding in his direction, and as it approached, M. Tremblay could see that the light was being emitted by a flying cigar, blue and red in hue. 67.

October 7th. Monteux, France. (no time known)

Another "landing" was suppose to have taken place in the vicinity of Monteux, France, on the 7th when a M. Margaillon encountered a hay stack shaped object on the ground which he estimated was about 8 feet in diameter. M. Margaillon felt so paralyzed for some reason even his breathing was affected and he gasped for air. 68.

October 7th. Mendionale, France. (no time known)

"Little men and a flying mushroom."

The French newspaper Sud-Quest published this story:

"M. Manes Guesurtia of Mendionale(Basses-Pyrenees) was on his way to work on October 7, 1954, when he noticed at a distance a strange object that seemed to be shaped like a mushroom. Walking across the field toward it, he saw on the grass two red engines about 2 meters in diameter. Besides them stood two little men about 80 centimeters tall. The two little men gestured to him, indicating that he should enter one of the machines. They entered the other one, and it rose into the air without a sound. Looking through the open door of the other object, M. Guesurtia saw a third little man. Suddenly the door was closed and the second object also took off, displacing a slight current of air. Neighbors said that they saw nothing, but they found the grass on the prairie crushed and yellow." 69.

October 7th. District of Peronne, France. (no time known)

A rather interesting event is described by Aime Michel, although briefly, concerning an object reported flying over a wooded area in the Peronne district called Foucaucourt-en-Santerre. People living in an area covering some 30 kilometers got a glimpse of the UFO, various witnesses reporting the same details as to time and size. Michel was struck by the fact the UFO, a cigar-like body, resembled the thing reported at Margnane, France, back on October 26, 1952. 70.

October 7th. Rimini, Italy. (no time known)

A flying cigar was spotted zipping across the horizon at Rimini on the Adriatic coast by a Professor G. Umani.

Saucer lookouts were supposed to have been set up by the Italian Air Ministry and a group of astronomers based at Lucques let the public know they would act as a clearing house for flying saucer reports. 71.

October 7th. Kenya. (no time known)

A mention was made on the newswires that numerous UFO sightings were being made in the central African nation of Kenya. Unfortunately no details were given. 72.

October 7th. Midura, Australia. (no time known)

A star-like body was reported making unusual motions in the sky. One such motion was a cork-screw course. 73.

Leonard Stringfield and Dr. Herget.

"Do you have a security clearance."

In October 1954 the editor of the C.R.I.F.O. Newsletter, Leonard Stringfield, was receiving numerous inquiries from his readers concerning the big green fireball that streaked over the U.S. Southwest back on September 18th, asking if the phenomenon had any possible connection with the UFO riddle. Needing some scientific advice, Stringfield made up his mind to contact Dr. Herget, a professor on the staff of the University of Cincinnati. It seemed to be worth a try since it was known Dr. Herget was working on a Navy satellite program and just happened to be the world's foremost authority on asteroids.

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Stringfield got through to Dr. Herget and introduced himself by saying he wanted some expert advice on green fireballs and the UFO mystery, mentioning that he had already discussed things with the Air Force's BLUE BOOK people at Wright Field. The professor was receptive and suggested that Stringfield stop by at the University Observatory where they could talk in private. Quite possibly Stringfield was ignorant of the fact Dr. Herget was no stranger to the UFO problem, having conferred with the Air Force on at least one occasion that we know of, back in February 1948, according to BLUE BOOK records, concerning a group of strange "meteors" that zoomed over Memphis, Tennessee. Also, it was Dr. Herget who suggested to BLUE BOOK that they sign on Dr. Lincoln LaPaz and Dr. J. Allen Hynek as project scientific advisors.

That the Cincinnati University professor was not a "babe in the woods" in regards to the UFO problem, was something Stringfield learned about quick enough. It was Dr. Herget that began the interview when the two men sat down to talk in the professor's office, the astronomer asking Stringfield: "Do you have a security clearance?" When the UFO buff gave a negative reply, this is what happened, as Stringfield describes it: "As though operated on a pushbutton, the atmosphere changed. Turning red, Dr. Herget said harshly, 'I take a dim view of the whole subject. There's absolutely nothing to it.'" 74. Stringfield tried to save the interview after that by presenting evidence for the existence of UFOs but Dr. Herget took a hard-line Menzel-type attitude and cut the meeting short. 75.

October 7th. Henzies, France. (6:00 a.m.)

"Everybody laughs at us."

Two young French children were questioned by police after they claimed to have seen something extraordinary 6:00 a.m. October 7th. The oldest of the two, ten-year-old Claude Lasselin, protested: "Everybody laughs at us, but we saw what we saw." According to Claude, he and his nine-year-old sister Francoise were walking home when they saw a big, red-colored, egg-shaped, object resting in an open field. Curious, the children crept up on the object and when about 100 yards away, saw that the top of the "egg" had what appeared to be a dark-colored hatch, and no sooner had they noticed that particular feature, they witnessed something startling. Said Claude: "At this moment, I saw, and so did my sister, two men of normal height come out of the 'egg.' They were all in black, and their faces seemed black. We were seized with fear and flew home, and did not turn our heads." 76.

October 7th. St.-Etienne-Sous-Barbuise, France. (7:30 p.m.)

If we can believe the story, three UFOs set down on the ground near a rail crossing at St.-Etienne-Sous-Barbuise. Glowing brightly, one round object and two cigar-shaped objects, had parked themselves at the spot for some unknown reason.

M. Marcel Guyet passed that way after work and saw the objects, as did his son who travelled the same road a short time later. 77.

October 7th. Bompas, France. (12:00 p.m.)

A mysterious flying object was supposed to have made a brief landing in the village of Bompas, France, at midnight. A resident, M. Sebelli, saw the object touch down so he alerted his neighbors. A number of people gathered in time to see the object before it rose and made its departure. 78.

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FRANCE
Oct. 8, 1954

NEW UFO'S DESCRIBED AS 'SOUP TUREENS'

Paris, AFP, Radioteletype in French to the Americas, Oct. 7, 1954,
0438 GMT--E

(Text)

Paris--The appearance of mysterious objects, varying now from the classical "saucers" to "cigars" and "soup-tureens," is continuing in France's skies.

A Dordogne farmer saw "Martians" again yesterday. According to him, they were two normal men, of European type, dressed in khaki overalls. They came down from an object which had landed in the vicinity, approached the farmer and shook his hand, asking him: "Paris-nord?" Aved by stupefaction, the farmer was unable to answer. The two strangers stroked his dog and bearded their engine. They lighted up "some kind of electrical lighting," and the apparatus flew away rapidly and noiselessly, without smoke or spark, at a dizzy speed. Owing to fog and semi-darkness, the witness was unable to observe exactly, and gave the following description: The object had the trunk of a big cart, and the form of an "oval soup-tureen" streamlined to the front.

Three inhabitants saw a luminous globe which seemed to swing at about 50 centimeters from the ground. The globe turned red and then blue and flew up vertically and rapidly. A similar globe was seen near La Rochelle.

In the Biarritz area, several persons have seen at different hours mysterious round and oval objects, which were leaving luminous trails in the sky.

On the golden coast, a young woman asserted that she saw an unknown object sending forth an orange light, landing near her house. Alerted neighbors ascertained later that earth lumps had been thrown around within a radius of 4 meters at the place where the object had landed.

An Isere farmer saw a "huge flying orange section." He said that its top was luminous and a little later I saw it divide along its length into three smaller sections, which gradually disappeared."

An inhabitant of Lower Seine saw an object "in the form of a luminous bundle, which changed into a ball before disappearing."

Finally, an engineer of Seine and Marne sent a letter to a local newspaper, stating that he had seen "a big disc, from 8 to 10 meters in diameter, which was rotating on a certain spot, while sending out red and purple lights. The object was about 400 meters in height and gliding over me for more than 20 minutes."

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FRANCE
Oct. 8, 1954

Midget 'Beings' in 'Thing'

Paris, AFP, Radioteletype in English to the Americas, Oct. 7, 1954, 1400 GMT--J

(Text)

Chaumont--A road worker near here reported today having seen one of the occupants of a "flying saucer" dressed in a "hair-covered-cloak."

Andre Marey, 48, of Mertrud, Haute-Marne, said he was walking along a road yesterday morning when he saw an orange-colored "thing" which he first took to be a tree whose leaves were turning for the fall. As he approached, Marey said he saw next to the "thing" a small "being", less than 4 feet tall, dressed in the coat. Marey said that when he called, the "being" turned and entered the "machine" which rose vertically in the air.

Marey said the machine was spherical in form, and about 30 feet in diameter. Underneath the machine was a sort of spindle, Marey said, and between the spindle and the body of the machine was a "port hole" by which the "being" entered. A flame shot from the spindle as the machine took off, Marey said. Marey said he told his fellow workmen about the incident, and two of them returned with him to the site. All three said they found that the grass had turned slightly milk-colored, and there were round imprints of small legs where the machine had stood.

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Encore et toujours "elles"

Louhans (C.P.). — Les apparitions de soucoupes volantes deviennent de plus en plus fréquentes.

La région du Louhannais à son tour vient d'être visitée par l'un de ces engins. Un commerçant de Louhans M Emile Nicolas, agent des cycles Terrot dans cette ville, ne croyait pas aux e soucoupes à ni aux engins du même genre.

Travaillant par habitude plutôt que par goût de jour, M. Nicolas essayait donc un scooter sur la route de Lohouan à Bourg-en-Bresse, dans la nuit de samedi à dimanche. Arrivé à l'entrée du pont de la Barque il fit demi-tour et c'est alors qu'il vit dans le ciel une grande masse noire dans le ciel demi-obscur : il aperçut distinctement une masse noireâtre descendant à la verticale et se poser à terre. M. Nicolas nous a d'ailleurs donné la vision suivante : « J'ai vu comme si j'étais à l'habitude, lorsque j'essais une machine, j'étais allé jusqu'au pont de la Barque. En faisant demi-tour, j'ai vu sur ma gauche une masse très noire qui descendait du ciel verticalement et qui se posait à terre. C'était une machine à réaction de fer Dijon-Bourg et la route à une cinquantaine de mètres. Ce moi J'ai stoppé immédiatement pour mieux observer l'engin qui, aussitôt à terre, laissa s'échapper par deux ouvertures latérales deux jets de fumée jaunâtre mais très forte. Rien ne bougeait. J'ai puis resté à regarder pendant 10 minutes au moins l'engin qui me restait à peu près huit mètres devant moi, dont le bas était très lumineux. C'était une machine à réaction, une légère courbe je m'ai pu m'en approcher, mais j'ai eu l'idée d'aller chercher M. Rodot qui se trouvait dans mon atelier. Quand j'ai mis mon moteur en marche, j'ai vu que les deux jets de fumée sur les lumières s'éteignaient aussitôt et l'engin s'éleva très ra-

pidement à la verticale. Je revins sur les lieux avec M Rodot, mais nous ne vîmes plus rien. »

Ayant peur de passer pour un plaisantin, M. Nicolas n'avait pas parlé de son aventure à son entourage. Ce n'est qu'hier qu'il en fit état lorsqu'il vit dans la presse les nombreux témoignages apportés à ce sujet.

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CANTON DE MORTEAU

VILLERS-LE-LAC

Est-ce une soucoupe ? — Lundi soir plusieurs personnes du « Bout du Pont » et du « Clos Rondot » eurent leur attention attirée, vers 20 h., par une tache blanchâtre apparue vers l'ouest, à haute altitude, ayant l'air de descendre vers le sol.

A 21 h. 45, une jeune fille aperçut une masse blanchâtre au sommet, d'un rouge éblouissant en dessous et posée à environ deux cents mètres de sa maison, vers une baie, entre la gare et le pont. Ayant appelé immédiatement sa maman, celle-ci put observer également des sortes d'étoiles brillantes se dirigeant vers le côté est, et qui paraissaient projetées en cascades par l'engin mystérieux.

Au moment où une auto donna un coup de klaxon sur le pont, pour avertir

leurs p. tous, font leur départ, une forme blanche se dissipait après avoir marqué, semble-t-il, un temps d'hésitation, sans aucun bruit et sans laisser de trace.

Collision entre auto et moto. — Dans la nuit de dimanche à lundi, vers minuit, une automobile conduite par le Dr Barthe, médecin au sanatorium des Géménies, à Villers-le-Lac, descendait la route des Fias, lorsqu'elle entra en collision avec une motocyette conduite par M. Todeschini, de Morteau. Le choc fut d'une extrême violence, M. Todeschini resta étendu sur le sol et dut être transporté à l'hôpital de Morteau. Les deux véhicules sont sévère-

LES "MARTIENS" EN BALADE (Suite)

Nouveaux (de notre C.P.). — Selon les témoignages de cinq personnes, dont la sincérité ne saurait être mise en doute, une soucoupe volante a traversé le ciel de Château-Chalon dimanche soir, vers 21 heures. L'étrange apparition eut lieu vers 11 heures. Il s'agit, cette fois, d'une tache lumineuse, de forme ovale, paraissant immobile à très haute altitude. A un moment donné, la tache parut se séparer en deux parties, et chacune des disques formés se mit à tourner à toute allure, en changeant plusieurs fois de couleur. Puis tout s'éteignit. Au bout de quelques minutes, la tache lumineuse réapparut, avant de se scinder à nouveau et de se mettre à tourner. Le même phénomène se produisit à plusieurs reprises sous les yeux plus émerveillés qu'effrayés des deux Châtellains-Chalonais.

Encore le même engin qui a été vu à Santenay-le-Petit, le même engin ? En tout cas, le témoignage des Santenayais se trouve confirmé par celui de Lilliole qui, quelques instants plus tôt, en a vu au-dessus de la région trois « croissants » lumineux.

La "soucoupite" continue ses ravages

Mores (de notre correspondant particulier). — Dans la haute Jura où les déclarations des enfants de Prémanon affirmant qu'ils avaient aperçu une soucoupe. Les esprits sont échauffés.

L'autre jour, un Rousselland (dont on ne donne pas le nom) a annoncé qu'une soucoupe était posée à la Combe aux Chèvres, dans une petite clairière de la forêt du Massacre.

En fait, les nombreux curieux (20 voitures au moins) qui se déplacèrent, virent bien un objet métallique resplendissant au soleil.

De plus des barrages de police avaient été installés sur toutes les routes. On devait avoir plus tard que les policiers juraient plus tard que, dans la nuit, le passage en Suisse, que le Martien, car la soucoupe de la forêt du Massacre n'était qu'un prétexte pour installer là depuis des années !

SOUCOUPE VOLANTE A SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE

Samedi, entre 22 h. 30 et 23 h. 45, un groupe de quatre personnes de Savigny-les-Beaune ont aperçu une « boule de feu » très brillante suivie d'une longue traînée verte, qui a traversé le ciel à une allure vertigineuse.

Deux autres personnes qui se trouvaient à un endroit différent ont également remarqué le phénomène.

Il ne s'agit donc pas d'une hallucination... mais est-ce bien une « soucoupe » ?

Pierre calcinée, herbe brûlée sous la soucoupe de Doncourt-Village

NANCY 12 octobre (dép. « France-Soir »). — Vers 1 h. 30, hier matin, alors que tout dormait à Doncourt-Village (Meurthe-et-Moselle), un silence anormal éveillait les habitants d'une ferme, à l'écart du pays. Inquiet, les fermiers se mirent à la fenêtre et virent un objet plat, « trois fois gros comme un œuf », couchant, « descendant », posé au bordure du bois tout proche. Bientôt l'objet s'élevait à grande allure à la verticale et disparaissait. A l'endroit indiqué par les fermiers, les gendarmes constatèrent que les pierres avaient été calcinées et avaient pris une teinte rouge brique sur une circonférence de 1 m. 50. La terre, partout ailleurs détrempée par la pluie, était, à l'intérieur de cette circonférence, réduite en cendres sur une profondeur de trois centimètres.

Un engin lumineux observé au Cameroun par des témoins dignes de foi

YAOUNDE (Cameroun), 12 oct. (dép. « France-Soir »). — Un énorme disque lumineux a été observé dimanche à Yaoundé par un groupe de personnes dignes de foi : le colonel Cauvin, directeur des services d'hygiène et de prophylaxie du Cameroun ; M. Mena, médecin-chef de l'hôpital ; M. Dumont, directeur des services de sécurité ; Foleux, conseiller de l'Assemblée territoriale ; Moreau, administrateur et maire adjoint de Yaoundé. C'est le chien de la maison qui, en aboyant, attirait au dehors les occupants. Sous le disque pendait une sorte de cylindre oscillant. L'engin, après quelques secondes, disparut rapidement vers l'est.

● UN DISQUE ORANGE émettant de vives lueurs a été observé à Champagne-sur-Seine (Seine-et-Marne) par M. T..., saisonnier à Machault, qui a pris des photos. Un boucher de Seine-Port a vu, à Savigny-le-Temple, un engin semblable ainsi que, à Meaux, M. Lefranc, employé de banque à Paris.

● UN TONNEAU INCANDESCENT, de deux mètres de haut, a été aperçu dans un pétage par deux jeunes filles de Heilmersdorf (Haut-Rhin). L'engin s'éleva et disparut rapidement.

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LA VILLE

Une soucoupe volante a-t-elle assisté au passage du cortège de la Fête des vendanges ?

Un lecteur nous écrit que dimanche après-midi, alors qu'il admirait le cortège de la Fête des vendanges duquel Léopold Robert, il vit dans le ciel, du côté de Saint-Basile, un disque jaune et brillant, immobile, qui, par moments, devenait invisible. Il a disparu subitement, comme par enchantement.

Le directeur de l'Observatoire de Neuchâtel n'a pas eu connaissance de ce phénomène au sujet duquel il est du reste très sceptique.

Vous elles histoires de soucoupes volantes

Des traces d'atterrissage ont été relevées en France

LA ROCHELLE, 11. — Un maçon habitant l'île de Ré, M. Simonnet, a déclaré avoir vu une sphère lumineuse de 12 mètres de diamètre environ qui oscillait à une cinquantaine de mètres du sol.

La sphère, a-t-il dit, est devenue rouge, a viré au bleu et s'est élevée très rapidement à la verticale.

Deux autres habitants de l'île de Ré ont déclaré avoir été les témoins du même phénomène.

Deux Parisiens en vacances dans la commune de Mouchamps, M. et Mme Laroche, ont affirmé avoir vu, à la tombée de la nuit, une sphère incandescente.

Mme Thérèse Fourmeret, 33 ans, habitant Poncey-sur-l'iglon (Côte-d'Or), a vu un engin se poser dans un pré non loin de son domicile. Elle a déclaré qu'effrayée elle s'était bien gardée d'observer plus longtemps ce phénomène et s'était réfugiée chez des voisins. La gendarmerie a relevé des traces très nettes sur le sol à l'endroit indiqué. Des moites de gazon avaient été arrachées et projetées dans un rayon de quatre mètres.

A Dardilly, près de Rouen, M. Landrin, proposé aux eaux, qui se promenait en compagnie de sa femme, a été égaré par un faisceau lumineux. Lorsqu'il recouvrit les yeux, déclarait-il, il vit une boule qui disparaît quelques minutes plus tard.

Enfin des soucoupes, rigoles, disques, couronnes, boules, loyers, traînées lumineuses de couleurs diverses et tous autres objets volants ont été vus à Saint-Etienne, dans plusieurs villages d'Eure-et-Loire, à Dieulevalon (Côte-du-Nord), à Reyrieux (Isère), à Ajort (Calvados) et à Biarritz.

Un cultivateur de Chaleix (Dordogne), M. Garreau, a affirmé sur l'honneur avoir vu une « soucoupe volante » se poser dans sa propriété. M. Garreau a déclaré que deux hommes partiellement normaux, revêtus de combinaisons kaki, en sont descendus, lui ont serré la main et lui ont parlé une langue inconnue. M. Garreau stupéfait n'a pas répondu. Les deux hommes ont couronné son chien et sont remontés dans leur appareil qui s'est envolé sans bruit à une allure vertigineuse.

A l'endroit indiqué par M. Garreau, on a constaté que l'herbe avait été foulée.

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October. (The first week. Exact date not known) Patna, India.

Hindu funerals at the city of Patna were interrupted when above the rising vapors of the burning ghats a dark grey disc appeared. About 15 feet across, the circular object dived to within 300 feet of the ground, its sides spurting smoke. Over 800 mourners in the area at the time witnessed the UFO. 79.

October. (The first week. Exact date not known) Mulhouse, France.

In the southeast corner of France two witnesses swore they sighted a luminous spindle accompanied by a dozen satellite bodies. 80.

October 8th. Riel, Austria. (no time known)

In an issue of Stringfield's C.R.I.F.O. Newsletter it stated:"...police said they received thousands of reports of luminous objects flying over the town of Riel, Austria." 81.

October 8th. Mertrud, France. (no time known)

"Flying red knob."

The report from Mertrud on the 8th was little bit different. A being, an estimated four feet in height, jumped into his machine when spotted and flew away. Larger than most UFOs being reported (30 feet in diameter), the object in question was ball-shaped, orange-colored, and sported a single leg that protruded from the bottom. The witness called the UFO a "flying red knob." 82.

October 8th. Calais, France. (9:15 p.m.)

A domed object, bluish in color, swooped over a road, turned a white hue, and then sped away. 83.

October 9th. Ales, France. (11:45 a.m.)

An employee of the Riche Hotel in Ales, France, looked up at the sky 11:45 the morning of the 9th in time to see a saucer hovering overhead, spinning on its axis. The disc-shaped object then sped away, all the while accelerating rapidly. 84.

"'FLYING DISKS' DRAW A JEER." --Chicago Tribune headline.

The Air Force "disclosures" appeared on schedule on October 9th, but the news release steered clear of any hint of Pentagon guided missile secrets or space visitors, instead the handout was a routine blast at Donald Keyhoe-type believers and denying the charge the military was "hiding the truth," or that any menace threaten the nation:

"After a study of more than 3,500 sightings of heavenly apparitions and other phenomena, the Air Force has found 'no authentic physical evidence' that the eerie lights in the sky are space ships from other planets, or secret weapons launched by the United States or some foreign power." 85.

Desmond Leslie's October 9th disclosure.

Flying saucers under guard in hanger 27? The Murdoc rumor again.

Those who had faith in the rumor flying saucers had landed at Muroc Air Force base early in 1954, and that President Eisenhower had inspected the alien craft during his Palm Springs vacation; point to another appearance of the rumor in the Fall of 1954 that is suppose to help "confirm the truth of

the Muroc incident," and that some discs were "under guard in a Hanger 27 at Muroc."

If one checks out the source of this Fall 1954 "confirmation," one finds that it originated in the October 9, 1954 issue of Valor magazine in the publication's feature "Saucer Symposium" written by George Hunt Williamson. The so-called "facts" given in Williamson's article simply consisted of the results of "research" done by Desmond Leslie, contactee George Adamski's co-author, during a 1954 trip to southern California. Leslie supposedly questioned a military man that was stationed at Muroc at the time. The military man was not named. 86.

October 9th. Lavoux, France. (no time known)

Another "mysterious figure in a diving suit" encountered a Frenchman on October 9th when a farmer, on his way home on his bicycle, found the road barred by a "bright-eyed, hairy-chested" figure wearing "boots without heels" and a device on its chest that "beamed two headlights." 87.

October 9th. Carcassonne, France. (4:00 p.m.)

Four o'clock in the afternoon on the 9th a large ball-like object sat on the shoulder of the road that ran passed the town of Carcassonne. The bottom half of this object seemed to be made of metal, while the upper portion was transparent. As M. Jean Bertrand approached the sphere in his car, he could see two beings of a humanoid shape inside the UFO which rose and then sped eastward. 88.

October 9th. Stringfield, Col. O'Mara, and the Air Force news release.

Apparently the trouble between Leonard Stringfield and Col. O'Mara of ATIC over their June 1954 phone conversation had to do with the Intelligence Chief making remarks that were intended to prepare the U.S. public for an official announcement about the UFO mystery by the Air Force. The announcement was to suggest (the impression given by the colonel) advanced American devices were probably responsible for many reports of strange phenomena in the sky, yet Stringfield chose to stress the possibility of the indorsement of extraterrestrial visitors when he quoted O'Mara as saying: "Flying saucers exist," and then the colonel made a cloudy statement about an upcoming October 9th military press release of which Stringfield quoted this portion: "(a statement)...which will explain some of the past contradictions and release details behind many sightings." 89.

Stringfield did ask the colonel quite directly if UFOs were spaceships, and O'Mara apparently failed to make the usual careful rejection of such a concept, replying that the Air Force was: "...gradually getting more data." 90.

October 9th. Pournoy-la-Chetive, France. (6:30 p.m.)

While at play, four French children noticed an odd light. A quote from a press account collected by Jacques Vallee says:

"It was a round machine, about 2.5 meters in diameter, which was standing on three legs. Soon a man came out. He was holding a lighted flashlight in his hand and it blinded us. But we could see that he had large eyes, a face covered with hair and that he was very small, about four feet tall. He was dressed in a sort of black sack like the cassock M. le Cure wears. He looked at us and

said something we did not understand. He turned off the flashlight. We became afraid and ran away. When we looked back we saw something in the sky: it was very high, very bright and flew fast." 91.

October 9th. Rinkerode, Germany. (Evening)

There was a lot of blue light off to one side of the road as Willi Hoge, a movie projectionist, drove by on his way home. His first thought was that an airplane had come down in the area due to an emergency, but as Mr. Hoge peered closer he discerned four small figures (about four feet high) with big heads and chests, and small thin legs, apparently doing some repair work(?) on a spindle-shaped machine. All of the figures were dressed in some sort of one-piece elastic body suit. 92.

October 9th. Beauvain, France. (Evening)

A speeding sphere streaked low over the treetops near Beauvain the evening of the 9th. Cyclist Christian Carette had the thing in view for about ten seconds and said the ball-like object had a fiery appearance and some sort of protruberance coming out its top portion. Its speed was terrific. 93.

October 9th. Cuisy, France. (7:20 p.m.)

Cars stopped.

A fascinating account came from Cuisy, France, the evening of the 9th concerning unexplained engine failure and UFOs. In this case, the victims of the annoying experience were two auto mechanics, M. Andre Bartoli and M. Jean-Jacques Lalevee.

It seems M. Bartoli was just leaving M. Lelevee's house in his car and was backing up when, through the rear window, he saw a yellow-orange flying cigar in the twilight. Since his engine suddenly quit at the same time, M. Bartoli popped open the car door and jumped out to get a better look at the funny object passing overhead. The thing quickly sped out of sight in the direction of Paris to the southwest.

M. Lalevee, who was standing nearby to see his friend off, had also spotted the UFO. Both men exchanged opinions about the phenomenon, speculating that they just witnessed a meteor crossing the heavens at a very low altitude.

With the sky show over, M. Bartoli returned to his car and noticed, much to his puzzlement, that the headlights were out, and the motor in gear but not running.

Aime Michel investigates.

UFO investigator Aime Michel somehow heard of the incident and paid a visit to the men. Michel suggested to M. Bartoli that the shock of seeing the UFO made him yank his foot off the accelerator stalling the engine, but the professional auto mechanic denied he would do such a thing for a mere light in the sky, besides the car's ignition was on and the headlights out, indicating something very strange had occurred.

Whatever had happened, they was no permanent harm done. M. Bartoli said he restarted the car's engine without difficulty and the headlights went on normally.

The two mechanics wanted Michel to give his judgement on the case but the French UFO researcher replied: "If you report this to the papers,

Pour mystifier ses compatriotes

10 octobre 1954

Un farceur construisait des soucoupes volantes

Lille, 5 octobre. — Un mineur retraité de Beauriville-Béthune, connu dans sa commune comme un farceur, n'a pas manqué l'occasion que lui offrait le mystère des soucoupes volantes, pour s'amuser aux dépens des habitants des localités voisines.

S'inspirant du système de la montgolfière, le joyeux retraité fabriquait des engins qui atteignaient trois mètres de diamètre. L'enveloppe était constituée par des feuilles de papier gris, fort soigneusement collées. A la base de la « soucoupe », se trouvait un petit réceptacle dans lequel reposait une souffie d'étaupe imbibée

d'un liquide inflammable. Il suffisait alors d'enflammer l'étaupe pour voir l'engin s'élever et disparaître au gré des vents, épousant de reflets jaunâtres et oranges. C'est à la suite de la découverte d'un de ces engins près d'une meule de paille, à laquelle il avait failli communiquer le feu, que les gendarmes furent amenés à soupçonner le retraité. On devait d'ailleurs découvrir chez celui-ci de nombreux modèles de « soucoupes volantes », prototypes que leur inventeur se préparait à lancer dans le ciel du Nord.

par. Suite en dernière page

Le mystificateur prétendait qu'il avait déjà construit et lancé plus d'un millier de ces engins. L'émotion sera sans doute condamnée à des contraventions pour amusement dangereux.

CEUX QUI EN ONT VU...

Le Havre. — M. André Lefèvre, chauffeur de taxi, qui stationnait, hier soir, vers 22 heures, sur le port, a aperçu un disque incandescent qui, à l'ouest de Deauville, montait dans le ciel, laissant derrière lui une traînée phosphorescente et une légère fumée. Ce phénomène, qui a été visible pendant dix minutes, a eu également pour témoins plusieurs marins regardant leur bateau.

Le Puy. — M. et Mme Terrasier, de Saint-Etienne, qui campaient à Auré-sur-Loire (Haute-Loire), ont aperçu dans le ciel un objet lumineux donnant l'impression d'un gros phare qui se déplaçait à vive allure à environ 2 000 mètres d'altitude. L'engin émettait un faisceau lumineux de couleur rouge orangé et suivait une trajectoire nord-sud. Lorsqu'il eut disparu, un deuxième engin semblable au premier et paraissant le suivre apparut, suivit la même direction et disparut à son tour.

A peu près au même moment, plusieurs personnes ont aperçu, au-dessus du clocher d'Auré, des engins semblables qui, après s'être immobilisés un instant, traversèrent le ciel à vive allure en direction du sud-ouest.

Lens. — D'après le soir, vers 21 h. 30, à Abain-Saint-Nazaire un engin qui avait la forme d'une marmite qui tournait sur lui-même a été aperçu dans le ciel par deux personnes. Il dégageait une lueur rougeâtre et s'est rapidement déplacé.

A la même heure, un engin qui,

cette fois, avait la forme d'un croissant, a été aperçu dans le ciel de Liévin. Après avoir plané pendant quelques minutes, le croissant se partagea en deux. La partie supérieure est alors restée immobile, tandis que l'autre atterrissait dans un champ, entre deux meules, d'où elle s'envolait peu après pour aller se rattacher à la partie restée en l'air.

Angoulême. — Dimanche soir, vers 21 h. 15, sur la route de Montmoreau - Villebois-Lavalette (Charente), M. Jean Allary, 22 ans, a vu très nettement, à la lueur du phare de son cyclomoteur, une sorte de tonneau haut d'environ 1 m. 80, piqué de clous dorés, qui se balançait sur le bord de la route. Lorsque M. Allary eut dépassé l'engin mystérieux, il se retourna, à une distance d'environ dix mètres, mais ne vit plus rien.

Des témoins ont vu, hier après-midi, à l'endroit même indiqué par M. Allary, des traces d'environ sept mètres de longueur dans l'herbe qui borde la route.

Autun. — Plusieurs personnes ont déclaré avoir aperçu dans la région d'Epinaux-lez-Mines (Saône-et-Loire), une sorte de grosse boule lumineuse évoluant lentement de façon bizarre dans le ciel.

Un phénomène analogue a été observé dans l'Ain et dans le nord du département du Rhône, vers le col des Echarnaux, ainsi que dans l'Isère, près de Morestel.

Nevers. — A Château-Chinon, cinq personnes dont la sincérité ne saurait être mise en doute, ont aperçu un phénomène qui se présentait à plusieurs reprises sous leurs yeux plus étonnantes qu'effrayées.

A 21 heures une tache lumineuse de forme ovale paraissant immobile à très haute altitude apparut dans le ciel. A un moment donné la tache se sépara en deux parties, chacune des deux formes se mit à tourner à tour de rôle en changeant plusieurs fois de couleur. Puis tout s'éteignit mais au bout de quelques minutes la tache lumineuse réapparut, se scinda à nouveau et se remit à tourner.

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A LA FRONTIÈRE

Un engin mystérieux aurait atterri dans le Haut-Jura français

Les Trois enfants d'une famille habitant une ferme isolée à Prémaman (Jura) ont déclaré avoir aperçu un engin mystérieux à proximité de la demeure paternelle, lundi 27 septembre, à 20 h. 30.

Ces enfants, un garçon de 12 ans, une fille de 8 ans et une autre de 4 ans, sont parfaitement normaux. Ils ne fréquentent pas les cinémas et ne lisent aucun journal pour enfants. Ils ont des réelles aptitudes qui peuvent influencer leur imagination. Aussi leurs déclarations ont-elles été corroborées avec le plus grand sérieux et transmises comme il se doit aux autorités compétentes.

Le jeune garçon a déclaré qu'il s'agit d'une forme métallique, couleur aluminium, de deux mètres de haut sur un mètre de large, qui se déplaçait aisément. Il a prétendu avoir lancé une pierre sur l'engin, ne constatant depuis elle a émis un son métallique. Puis il a dit avoir lancé encore une flèche de bois armée de caoutchouc au moyen de son pistolet à ressort. Il aurait alors perçu un bruit métallique analogue mais moins intense. Après quoi l'engin aurait avancé vers l'enfant qu'il aurait heurté et renversé en proférant des « grognements ».

Plus étonnantes, les deux fillettes se sont tenues à l'intérieur de la maison. Elles affirmaient avoir vu la « forme » à un mètre de la porte d'entrée. Elles se sont cachées précipitamment dans le four.

Enfin, les trois enfants ont vu disparaître l'objet « qui s'élevait dans le ciel en laissant derrière lui une lueur conique ».

Naguère il d'une incursion d'habitants d'un autre village. Nous ne pouvons cette information avec toutes les réserves d'usage, en insistant cependant sur le fait que les trois jeunes témoins, non encore influencés par les « rumeurs » malicieuses, appartenant à une famille absolument honnête qui désire garder l'anonymat et ne recherche par conséquent aucun effet publicitaire.

10 octobre 1954

LES REVOILA ! Un cigare bleu-vert est aperçu au-dessus de Perrigny

M. Hubert, demeurant 88, rue Vannier, à Dijon, est gardien de nuit à la Station de Service et Esso, à l'entrée de la M.N. 14. M. Hubert a été, dans la nuit de mardi à mercredi, le témoin d'un étrange phénomène.

Vers 2 heures du matin, alors qu'il se trouvait dans son bureau, normalement éclairé, M. Hubert aperçut une lueur qui, dit-il, s'élevait violemment la piste de la station d'une lumière verdâtre, intrigante, le jeune homme sortit dans la nuit à peine couverte par une étrange engin, de forme allongée, et également vers lumineux. Le cigare disparut rapidement en direction de Perrigny-vaux. L'apparition n'eut duré que trente secondes à peine.

A nos lecteurs de se faire une opinion.

9 octobre 1934

SOUCOUPES (SUITE)

Trois mystérieux engins ont atterri sur la voie ferrée, dans l'Aube

TROYES, 8 octobre (dép. « France-soir »).

LES Martiens considéreraient-ils que les voies ferrées de notre pays constituent pour leurs mystérieux engins une piste d'atterrissage idéale ? On pourrait le croire. Car c'est encore sur les rails, à Saint-Etienne-sous-Barbuise (Aube) qu'aux dires de M. Marcel Guyot, 45 ans, et de son fils Jacques, 21 ans, se seraient posés hier une soucoupe et deux cigares volants.

D'après le récit
des « témoins »
le Martien moyen
mesure
de 1 mètre à 1 m. 20
porte un casque de moto-
cycliste et ne parle pas
le français

Les plus récents témoignages sur les étranges passagers des soucoupes, cigares et engins divers qui se sont posés en différentes régions de France, concordent sur un point : les Martiens présumés ont de petite taille, et différents de ceux qui seraient apparus au Portugal et mesureraient 2 m. 50.

Nous résumons les récits des témoins qui pourront donner une idée de ce que pourrait être le « Martien moyen » :

M. Marius DEWILDE, 34 ans, métallurgiste à Quersoubie (Nord), a vu deux êtres mesurant un mètre, larges d'épaules, mais apparemment sans bras. Ils étaient vêtus de combinaisons et munis de casques-scapulaires. Ils ont bréqué sur le témoin un rayon qui l'a paralysé pendant quelques secondes.

M. Pierre LUCAS, ouvrier boulanger à Loctudy (Finistère), a vu sortir d'une soucoupe un « individu » mesurant 1 m. 20 qui lui tapa sur l'épaule en proférant des sons inintelligibles. Il avait le visage ovale et poilu et des yeux « de la grosseur d'un œuf de corbeau ».

M. André MARCY, 45 ans, cantonnier à Mertrud (Haute-Marne), a vu débarquer d'une soucoupe un être mesurant 1 m. 20, « vêtu d'une houppelande couverte de poils ».

M. Antoine MAZAUD, de Bugast (Corrèze), a vu un être de « taille moyenne » et coiffé d'un casque de motocycliste.

M. Lucien BORDET, magasinier, 9, rue Lapérouse, à Paris, a vu au bois de Boulogne trois « êtres » de 1 mètre de haut, vêtus de combinaisons lumineuses et coiffés de casques dont les hublots dissimulaient les yeux. L'un d'eux, qui semblait être le chef, avait « dix tentacules sur l'abdomen ».

— Il était environ 19 h. 30 et je regagnais à bicyclette mon domicile, nous a dit M. Marcel Guyot, lorsqu'au moment de franchir le passage à niveau qui coupe la route d'Arcis-sur-Aube, j'ai brusquement aperçu, posés sur la voie ferrée, trois engins qui dégageaient une violente lumière blanche. Surpris, sur le moment, j'ai poursuivi mon chemin et c'est un peu plus tard que j'ai compris qu'il s'agissait de soucoupes volantes, mais je n'ai pas osé revenir en arrière.

M. Jacques Guyot, qui passa au même endroit quelques minutes après son père, a confirmé les dires de celui-ci, apportant même des précisions :

— Un des engins, nous a-t-il dit,

était rond comme une soucoupe, alors que les deux autres étaient allongées comme des cigares.

La nouvelle a fait sensation dans l'Aube, car c'est la première fois que semblables engins foule le sol du département. Et, dame ! on commençait à s'inquiéter.

Rayons pétrifiants, œufs volants à travers la France

● **UN RAYON PETRIFIANT** de couleur verte a cloué au sol, près du Mans, sur la Nationale Le Mans-Farfa, des ouvriers de la Régie Renault auprès desquels une soucoupe s'était posée.

● **DES ETOLLES GROSSES COMME LA LUNE** ont été aperçues par deux personnes. Cela s'est passé à Ballon (Sarthe).

● **UN ŒUF VOLANT** a été vu à Lavenay (Sarthe) par M. Maurice Burge et plusieurs témoins.

● **UN TECHNICIEN DE LA METEO** de la station d'Arange (Sarthe) a vu dans le ciel deux insectes rouges foncés se déplaçant sans fumée. Il va faire un rapport.

● **UN DISQUE ROUGE** a été vu aux Aubiers (Deux-Sèvres) par Mmes Bremond, Couturie et Girard ainsi que par M. Camille Blain, conseiller municipal de Bremaud.

● **A CHALETTE (LOIRET)**, un employé de l'imprimerie Bernard a aperçu un engin lumineux de forme ovale évoluant dans le ciel.

● **UN OBJET BIZARRE** s'est élevé dans le ciel à très vive allure à Dordives (Loiret).

● **UNE SOUCOUPPE ROUGE VIF** a été vue, lundi soir, vers 21 h., au-dessus de Vanves (Seine), par M. Baldochi, professeur de mathématiques. L'objet qui se déplaçait à faible allure dans la direction est-ouest, s'est élevé brusquement à la verticale et a rapidement disparu.

● **UN CIGARE LUMINEUX** muni de deux disques à sa partie inférieure a été vu à Corbigny (Nièvre).

● **DES GLOBES LUMINEUX** ont été aperçus par deux commerçants de Saint-Bihy (Côte-du-Nord). Les consommateurs d'un débit de boissons ont observé le même phénomène.

● **UN PETIT TAS DE CENDRES** a été découvert à Eumoyen (Charente), à l'endroit où le jeune Claude Bourneix, 17 ans, avait vu tomber dans un champ un disque orange.

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Un globe lumineux dans le ciel de Brive

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Un «cigare volant»,
dans la Corrèze

Un «cigare volant»,
dans la Corrèze

Au bout de quelques minutes le
gare volant piquait soudain à la
verticale et disparaissait rapide-

« Au matin le mystérieuse machine volante n'était plus à la place où nous l'avions remarquée, quelques heures auparavant »
 « Toutefois en direction de Fleury Japerçus un grand disque blanc très brillant dans le ciel étoilé ou luisait la lune »
 « Je suis sûr que je n'ai pas confondu avec une étoile car cet appareil tournait sur lui-même et avait une superficie bien plus grande que celle des autres ordi-

« M Raymond Rivière dont la
bonne foi ne fait aucun doute »
terminé en ces termes :
« Je vous avoue que le spectacle
était féerique hallucinant. Que se
passe-t-il là-haut? Ah! savoir! »
Ouf! Savoir! Tout est là depuis
qu'un peu percuté sont signalés
des vols de ces mystérieuses sou-
coupes volantes qui traversent
l'imagination des terriens dans le
domaine du merveilleux.

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Engin mystérieux dans le Lot

Ces enfants aux dires des témoins
avaient l'air de grosses étoiles
très brillantes.

Une soucoupe dans le ciel narbonnais

Narbonne (CP) — Deux bons
vrais familles narbonnaises — ou
de leurs propres vœux — et ce
qui peut s'appeler bien vu pu
que leur conversation a dure une
heure environ — un engin aer
qui se maintient à grande altitude
Laissez parler l'un des temoins
que nous avons eu la bonne for
tune de joindre hier vers midi

Il s'agit d'un honorable citoyen paronnais M Raymond Rivière, 62 ans, inspecteur des comestibles aux halles, demeurant au Moulin du-Gus sur une berge de la Roubine non loin de l'usine de sulfure à 100 mètres environ de la glacière.

Lezignan-Corbières venant de
sortir devant la porte de notre logis
lorsqu'il rentra précipitamment et
m'annonça qu'il venait de voir une
soucoupe volante

« Il m'engagea à le suivre. Nous
sortîmes et nous vîmes en direction
de Montpellier, très haut dans
le ciel une sorte de disque ellipti-
que portant en son centre com-
me une croix colorée d'un joli
vert bleuté. Chose curieuse à in-
tervalles réguliers toutes les sept

Amusement dangereux
Un vieux mineur
du Nord
s'amusait à construire
des « soucoupes
volantes »

Lille — Un mineur retraité, de Beuvry-les-Béthune connu dans la commune comme un farceur n'a pas manqué l'occasion que lui, offrait le mystère des sous-sols pour faire peur aux enfants et aux dévotionnaires pour ramener aux dévotionnaires des habitants des localités voisines.

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 inappétit du système de
 monnaie, la jeunesse retirée à
 briquet des engins qu'elle n'a pas
 trou mètres de diamètre. L'arbre
 loppe était constituée par des
 feuilles de papier gris fort soigneu-
 reusement collées. A la base de
 la soucoupe trouvant à l'extré-
 mité d'un petit bras dans lequel
 se trouvait une touffe de duvet im-
 bécile d'un liquide inflammable. Il suffisait
 d'allumer alors l'enflamme: le topopop
 pour voir l'engin s'élever et d'écarter
 le parachute au gré des vents enroulés
 autour des jachères et oranges.
 C'est là que se trouvait la nouveauté
 de l'engin: d'une merle du paillard
 laquelle n'a de ces engins était faite

communiquer le feu que les gens
darmes turen' amenés à soupçon
nier le retraité

On Cevait d'ailleurs découvrir
chez celui de nombreux modèles
de sous-coups volantes et proto
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rait à lancer dans le ciel du nord
Le mystificateur a prétendu
qu'il avait déjà construit et lancé
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QUI EST-IL ?

Une « soucoupe volante » atterrit à Toulouse et trois témoins voient débarquer un être étrange

A Montluçon, un
cheminot interpelle
un "Martien"

Toulouse 16 octobre (A.P.F.) — Un
sagittaire de petite taille avec une
tête ronde par rapport au corps,
des yeux énormes, mais en la des-
cription que vient de faire un Tou-
lousain M. Olivier d'un mystérieux
personnage descendu d'un objet ap-
parentement volant, a été pour tout à 10 h. 30,
sur la route vague.

M. Olivier, propriétaire des « Tabac-
sacris » dans rue des Pains-
à Toulouse, était accompagné
d'un « compère », M. Pélissier, et d'un
jeune garçon d'une quinzaine d'années.
Tous trois virent se poser, dans
un champ, de forme sphérique et
de couleur rougeâtre. Puis apparut
vêtus sur le personnage dont le
sagittaire des dits des témoins,
trouvait comme du verre.

Par la suite, M. Olivier déclara à
la crue d'une maison située à
un peu plus loin, le sagittaire et le
jeune garçon, alors M. Pélissier,
disait à M. Olivier : « Tu vois,
c'est là où nous sommes ».

Après un temps très court, environ
une minute, le sagittaire repartit
à son objet volant qui s'éleva à la
verticalité sans bruit, et disparut dans
le ciel à une vitesse prodigieuse en
laissant un sillage de feu.

En raison de la nuit aucune com-
munication n'a pu être faite à l'endroit
où se serait posé l'engin.

Près du Cher à Montluçon

Le dossier des soucoupes volantes
est encore augmenté de plusieurs
cas étranges. C'est à Montluçon, en
Corrèze, que deux témoins ont ra-
conté la descente d'un objet volant
sur la route de Montluçon à La Roche-
Vive, le 15 octobre 1954.

M. Laurette, qui a son travail et
habite à Montluçon, est allé à la
poste de la S.N.C.F. sur la route
de Montluçon à La Roche-Vive, le
15 octobre, lorsqu'il vit un objet
volant qui passait à peu de distance
d'un fourneau de gaz où brûlait à
haute température. A côté
de l'appareil, qui avait la forme d'une
soucoupe, il y avait quatre ou
cinq personnes. L'objet volant se
leva de nouveau et disparut dans
le ciel à une vitesse prodigieuse.
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poste de la S.N.C.F. sur la route
de Montluçon à La Roche-Vive, le
15 octobre, lorsqu'il vit un objet
volant qui passait à peu de distance
d'un fourneau de gaz où brûlait à
haute température.

M. Laurette ne lui en demanda pas
davantage et se rendit à son travail.
A peine avait-il fait cent
mètres, qu'il vit l'appareil s'élever à
la verticale sans bruit. Il s'arrêta
bientôt à ses yeux. Sur la route de
Montluçon à La Roche-Vive, il com-
pta deux ou trois autres personnes
qui avaient vu le même objet.

Une "soucoupe" en Corrèze

M. Jean-Pierre Barbazange, cul-
tivateur à La Roche-Vive com-
mune d'Albussac (Corrèze) a
aperçu une soucoupe volante qui
descendait des hauteurs de la région.
Elle volait à basse altitude.



LE MARTIEN M'A FRAPPÉ SUR L'ÉPAULE

Ouvrier boulanger à Lezoudy
(Morbihan), M. Lucas (65-ans)
a été surpris, à 4 heures du
matin, dans son fournil, par
l'arrivée d'un être venu qui lui
frappa sur l'épaule après être
sorti d'un appareil étrange (sou-
coupe volante ou cigare ?). M.
Lucas, effaré par cette appa-
rition, appela son patron, mais le
visiteur disparut avec sa ma-
chine. M. Lucas, malgré sa
grande frayeur, n'a jamais ra-
pporté dans son récit, ajoutant
même que l'être venant présentait
des paroles intelligibles.

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VIGNOBLE

SAINT-ÉLAIRE

Un cigare traverse le ciel

(c) Jeudi soir, vers 18 heures 15,
un de nos écoliers habitant Saint-
Étienne, a aperçu non pas une sou-
coupe, mais ce qui fut à paraître
plutôt un cigare volant. Celui-ci se
dirigeait de l'ouest à l'est à une très
grande vitesse. Sa couleur était oran-
ge avec des reflets verdâtres aux ex-
trémités.

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SOUCOUPE... VOLE!

Un cercle de gamins, dans un quartier d'Ussel, jouait à « Pigeon vole ». Vous connaissez tous ce jeu qui consiste à déclarer si un objet vole ou pas... Celui qui se trompe se voit infliger un gag... Lorsque le chef du petit groupe lance : « Soucoupe »... les sept ou huit petits gamins répondent en chœur : « Vole! »

Vous avez déjà vu une soucoupe voler? Moi, non! Il est vrai que si l'hécatombe de témoignages qui viennent de gens qui ont remarqué des engins mystérieux dans le ciel, se poursuit, il arrivera un temps où celui qui n'aura rien vu sera montré du doigt par son voisinage.

Depuis quelque temps, la presse mondiale relate les faits que des engins extra-planétaires survolent la Terre... On entendit parler des soucoupes, puis ce fut le cigare, la tasse, la toupie et, pour compléter la liste, « l'autobus » volant...

On l'on sait que des Ussellois ont eu la « primeur », un certain soir, de voir explorer une de ces machines infernales... Depuis cette apparition dans le ciel limousin, les discussions vont « bon train »...

Deux clans se sont formés : « Ceux qui y croient » et ceux qui restent perplexes ». Nous avons pensé que nos lecteurs seraient heureux de connaître les réactions des Ussellois devant ces phénomènes! C'est ainsi que nous avons interrogé au hasard quelques personnes de notre cité des Ventadours. Certains étant des célébrités. A notre question rituelle : « Croyez-vous aux Martiens? » Voici ce qui nous fut répondu :

« Moi, nous a dit celui que l'on surnomme « Néné », une histoire de Martiens et leurs soucoupes ça ne m'intéresse pas du tout! Parlez-moi plutôt de la « baleine du pont des Salles! »

Tres sérieux, un digne propagandiste du cyclotourisme nous a déclaré : « J'avoue que je me lamente à y croire... Nous sommes dépassés, et de loin, par des êtres grandement plus évolués que nous, nous dominant de beaucoup par leur intelligence et leurs découvertes scientifiques. Quant à préciser si ce sont des Martiens ou les habitants de quelque autre planète, l'avenir peut-être nous le dira! »

Ce fut au tour, ensuite, du populaire « Zozo » de nous déclarer :

« Cette affaire là m'intrigue à un tel point que la nuit dernière, encore, j'ai fait un rêve épouvantable : J'étais allé à la cueillette des champignons, vers Saint-Pardoux, lorsqu'un « météore » de très grosses dimensions tomba à quelques mètres de moi! Je ressentis une « émotion » telle que je me retrouvai les « quatre fers en l'air ».

Je me réveillai et j'aperçus le cigare qui gisait immobile au milieu d'une clairière... Tout à coup, une porte s'ouvrit, et des formes extraordinaires s'en dégagèrent, des êtres gigantesques, prolongés par des tentacules et se déplaçant par saccades. Je fus parcouru d'un long frémissement, et restai cloué sur place terrorisé. Les formes s'approchèrent dans ma direction. Je tentai de m'échapper, mais l'un des Martiens brandit une arme secrète, en forme d'entonnoir, qui projeta un rayon mortel qui me terrassa ».

La s'arrêta le récit de notre ami, qui nous dit s'être brusquement réveillé et s'être retrouvé sur la descente de lit avec une serviette de toilette sur les yeux.

Notre enquête nous a conduit auprès d'une quatrième personne qui nous a répondu : « Tout ça, ce n'est que du « baratin » (lisez : des histoires). Croyez-vous que si ces gens-là existaient vraiment, ils ne chercheraient pas à entrer en contact avec les Terriens que nous sommes. Il n'y a pas lieu de s'alarmer, et je croirais plutôt que ces « phénomènes » seraient de provenance d'un pays civilisé. »

Un audacieux, celui-là nous a dit : « Pour ma part, je vous assure que si les Martiens m'invitaient à monter à bord de leur « soucoupe » je les suivrais! »

Un autre de dire : « Ma belle-mère n'en dort plus. Tous les soirs, elle barricade solidement la porte de sa maison. »

Les avis sont partagés. Toutefois, la majorité des réponses qui nous furent faites prouvent que l'existence de ces engins ne faisait plus aucun doute et qu'elle créait une certaine inquiétude. Nous osons espérer que savants et techniciens qui se pencheront sur ce délicat problème réussiront à élucider ce mystère qui préoccupe tant d' esprits.

« LE MARSOIN »

Encore des soucoupes volantes!!!

Ces apparitions sont de plus en plus nombreuses.

Les témoignages de gens sincères sont de plus en plus importants. Pour apporter de la précision au monde entier, il est absolument nécessaire que chacun de nous soit muni d'un appareil photographique ou d'un camera cinématographique pour fixer le cas échéant l'apparition d'une soucoupe volante.

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UZERCHE

Phénomène dans le ciel

Plusieurs personnes dignes de foi habitant le faubourg Saint-Eulalie à Uzérche auraient observé dans le ciel, samedi soir 2 octobre, dans la direction de Fleux (Lozère), un phénomène assez singulier.

Un point brillant se serait déplacé (non pas comme une étoile filante) mais à la manière d'un engin, en direction sud-nord. Plusieurs témoins se concordent.

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***OFFENSIVE** de soucoupes volantes, pour l'instant toutes pacifiques. On en signale non seulement dans les Pyrénées-Orientales, dans les Deux-Sèvres, le Finistère, la Seine-et-Marne et l'Herault, mais à Prémasson (Jura).

En Haute-Marne, un cantonnier interpelle un " MARTIEN " ... qui monte à bord de sa machine et s'enfuit

En Dordogne, un cultivateur a vu une " soupière volante " et ses deux occupants

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Un globe lumineux dans le ciel de Brive

Brive (C.P.). — M. Henri Maury est un timide et, au surplus, il redoute le ridicule : c'est pourquoi il n'a rien dit de ce qu'il avait vu lorsqu'il a lu dans la presse que, de tous côtés, on signalait l'existence de phénomènes mystérieux.

« Une nuit, chez moi, nous a-t-il dit, entre minuit et 1 heure du matin, la fenêtre de la chambre étant ouverte, j'ai aperçu, voyageant dans le ciel, une sorte de globe lumineux ressemblant à une étoile et qui venait de la direction du terrain d'aviation (ce terrain, voisin de Brive, est situé sur la route de Bordeaux).

« Ce n'était pas une étoile filante puisque ce disque rouge s'immobilisa bientôt au-dessus de la gare pendant à peu près trois-quarts d'heure. C'est alors que du globe, tels des rayons, fusèrent des lames multicolores.

« Au bout de trois-quarts d'heure environ, le globe, amputé de ses lames, se remit en mouvement et disparut dans une traînée lumineuse. »

Chamont 7 octobre (A.P.P.). — M. André Narcy, 48 ans, cantonnier à Merind (Haute-Marne) se rendait hier matin à son travail, à motocyclette, lorsque à proximité de Voillecomte à 7 h 15, il remarqua dans un champ au lieu dit « La Vieille-Tuillette » un objet de couleur orange. En se rapprochant il constata qu'il se trouvait en présence d'un engin pour lui inconnu. Le cantonnier arrêta sa machine et à pied arriva à une centaine de mètres de l'objet. C'est alors qu'il aperçut à proximité un petit être ayant environ 1 m 20 de hauteur et vêtu d'une houppelande couverte de poils. M. Narcy eut très peur et se coucha sur le sol puis il appela l'individu. Celui-ci, après s'être retourné vers lui s'engouffra dans sa machine qui s'envola immédiatement à la verticale et pour se perdre dans les nuages.

D'après M. Narcy, l'engin était de forme sphérique d'un diamètre de dix mètres environ. Sous la sphère se trouvait une sorte de fusée et le hublot par lequel l'être entra dans l'engin se trouvait juste entre le fusée et le corps de l'appareil. Au départ de ce dernier une sorte de flamme sortit du fusée tandis qu'un grand remous vaporeux se produisit sous l'engin.

M. Narcy se rendit aussitôt à son travail où il conta son aventure à ses camarades. Avec deux d'entre eux, MM. René et Henry, il retourna sur les lieux où il constata que la rosée n'existait plus sur une certaine surface. L'herbe avait une teinte légèrement altérée et se trouvait écrasée sur un carré d'environ deux mètres de côté. En outre, 12 traces parallèles ressemblant à des empreintes de pieds rouges se trouvaient réparties sur une certaine distance, laissant à penser que l'appareil s'était posé par une suite de petits sautements.

Un cultivateur de Chaleix (Dordogne), M. Garreau a affirmé sur l'honneur avoir vu une « soupière volante » se poser dans sa propriété. M. Gar-

reau a déclaré que deux hommes paraissant normaux revêtus de combinaisons kaki, en sont descendus, lui ont serré la main et lui ont parlé une langue inconnue. M. Garreau, stupéfait, n'a pas répondu. Les deux hommes ont caressé son chien et sont remontés dans leur appareil qui s'est envolé sans bruit à une allure vertigineuse.

A l'endroit indiqué par M. Garreau on a constaté que l'herbe avait été foulée.

En Corrèze

Au Verdier (commune d'Eyburel) plusieurs personnes ont aperçu, le soir du 1^{er} octobre, vers 22 heures, une boule de feu dans le ciel. Pendant quelques secondes elle a illuminé le paysage d'une lueur rougeâtre et paraissant suivre le cours de la Vézère elle a disparu dans la direction d'Uzerche.

Samedi 2 octobre, en plein jour, cette fois, vers 13 h 30, dans le bourg d'Espartignac, une fillette de 8 ans, qui sortait de chez elle pour se rendre à l'école a été effrayée par un phénomène étrange. Elle appela aussitôt sa mère qui put constater le fait suivant : un objet de forme cylindrique, extrêmement brillant et qui paraissait tourner sur lui-même à très vive allure montait à la verticale dans le ciel où il devait disparaître.

Une sphère lumineuse à l'île de Ré

Un maçon habitant l'île de Ré, M. Simonnet, a déclaré avoir vu une sphère lumineuse de 12 mètres de diamètre environ qui oscillait à une cinquantaine de mètres du sol.

La sphère, à 11 h 55, est devenue

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SOUcoupes ET CIGARES

DANS LE CIEL CORREZIEN
Des observations troublantes, certes,
mais rien qui puisse contribuer à percer
le mystère

Dans l'incroyable sardasade que chaque jour (ou chaque nuit) soucoupes, cigares et engins de toutes sortes mènent dans le ciel de notre pays, la Corrèze ne sera pas jusqu'ici la part du lion. A croire que certains lieux sont plus propices que d'autres aux premières évolutions de ces véhicules aux apparences variées.

Mais le fait est certain que si nous n'avons pas eu la quantité par contre nous avons eu la qualité.

J'entends par là que les quelques observations faites dans notre région l'ont été par des gens sérieux dont on ne peut méconnaître et doute ni la bonne foi ni le sérieux. M. Mazaud de Buzet, assistant à un solide républicain, fut parce qu'il fut le premier à apercevoir et à décrire l'engin à ailes fixes et à observations faites dans le ciel de Rome mais sans autre que de la perspective d'un certain personnage, qui lui suppose être le pilote ou le passager du véhicule. L'engin, d'un personnage du type à terre, n'a pas plus l'air d'un objet terrestre que d'un objet céleste. C'est un objet à ce qu'on appelle certains avec un peu trop de familiarité.

Plusieurs semaines après d'autres témoins sont allés d'eux de foi que M. Mazaud, observant dans le ciel entre Portes et Saint-Chamant, en suit cette fois-ci qui évolue un peu à la façon d'un serpent et qui paraît soudain à la verticale.

Mais voilà qu'à ces deux observations sérieuses vient s'ajouter une troisième, rapportée par un fondeur de la région à garder l'habitude de se compromettre. e Samedi, m'a-t-il dit, je me trouvais en voiture sur la route d'Espeyres à Lapauze en compagnie de ma femme, pendant qu'il y avait une pluie nous allions vers les bois voisins chercher des champignons. Il nous arriva à 14 h. 15 et nous étions arrivés au lieu dit « La Clède ». Soudain, j'aperçus dans le ciel un engin blanc et très vite au centre de l'horizon, puis il disparut soudain derrière une colline voisine dans la direction d'Espeyres. Parfois, j'ai vu cette machine, le ciel mais, n'ayant pas eu l'engin mystérieux, il avait disparu.

Mon informateur est l'un des plus observateurs et expérimentés de la région. Il ne s'agit pas d'un avion, tout au moins pas d'un avion d'un modèle connu. Il n'y avait pas de plane. Il appartenait donc à la catégorie « cigares volants ».

Dans la catégorie « soucoupes volantes » l'observation la plus sérieuse a été faite par le docteur M. Baret qui nous avait rapporté dans le ciel... il a pu observer l'engin à l'aide de jumelles. D'autres faits troublants ont été constatés. Mais ne nous laissons pas le préjugé des observations de M. Baret.

C'est ainsi qu'à Port-de-Noix, commune de Saint-Genès-sur-la-Route nationale de Tulle à Besse, plusieurs personnes ont observé un phénomène à leurs yeux inexplicable.

C'est M. Baret qui donne à l'engin à ailes fixes, il est certain que de son point de vue on découvre un vaisseau étrange. Il aperçoit à la hauteur d'une tête humaine, un dirigeable de l'aspect d'une belle machine qui se déplace en changeant d'altitude. M. Baret, un homme sérieux, a vu cela à deux reprises.

observer la boule lumineuse elle se déplace, s'arrête, à un moment il s'agit d'un objet qui se dirige vers le village de Port-de-Noix, mais elle revient vers Port-de-Noix. Le fait est certain que plusieurs personnes ont observé l'engin à l'aide de jumelles. D'autres faits troublants ont été constatés. Mais ne nous laissons pas le préjugé des observations de M. Baret.

Au village de Port-de-Noix on a vu encore d'autres engins. Les uns sont des cigares, les autres des soucoupes. Les uns sont des engins à ailes fixes, les autres des engins à ailes déployées. Les uns sont des engins à propulsion humaine, les autres des engins à propulsion mécanique.

LA CORREZE DU NORD Graines de soucoupes

NIMES, 14. — Plusieurs chasseurs de la commune de Saint-Ambroix (Gard), auraient récemment aperçu sept à dix minuscules dans la forme rappelait vaguement celle d'un corps humain. Lorsqu'ils tentèrent d'approcher, les aires se précipitèrent vers un engin phosphorescent qui s'enfuit aussitôt.

A l'emplacement où se trouvaient les pilotes de la soucoupe volante, les chasseurs découvrirent sur le sol un certain nombre de graines d'aspect blanchâtre, qu'ils firent examiner par des grainetiers. Ceux-ci se trouvaient dans l'impossibilité de les classer dans une espèce connue.

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Un sphérandrier aux yeux écorchés

TOULOUSE, 14. — Un sphérandrier de petite taille, avec une tête grosse par rapport au corps, deux yeux énormes, telle est la description qu'a faite mercredi soir un Toulousain, M. Olivier, d'un mystérieux personnage, descendu d'un engin sphérique qui venait de se poser à 19 h. 30 sur un terrain vague.

M. Olivier, propriétaire des Etablissements Javal Kote, à Toulouse, était accompagné d'un employé, M. Porre et d'un jeune garçon d'une quinzaine d'années. Tous trois virent se poser l'engin lumineux, de forme sphérique et de couleur rougeâtre, puis aperçurent venir vers eux le personnage dont le sphérandrier, aux deux yeux énormes, brillait comme du verre.

Par la suite, M. Olivier, selon toute l'attention, devint à la fois d'une manière méfiante, par une partie, le sphérandrier. « Je n'y croyais pas », ajoute M. Porre, mais je l'ai vu comme je vous vois. Cela fait un tiers d'heure.

Après un temps très court, environ une minute, le sphérandrier regagna la sphère lumineuse qui l'emportait à la verticale, sans bruit et disparut dans le ciel à une vitesse prodigieuse en laissant un sillage de fumée.

En raison de l'obscurité, l'enquête n'a pu être poursuivie que jusqu'à minuit. Des bruits d'engins ont été entendus en d'autres endroits du territoire vague.

L'un des témoins a déclaré que le sphérandrier était entouré de reflets bleus et d'autres parties d'objets bleus brillants. Il a ajouté qu'il avait vu s'approcher, il avait été entouré d'une vingtaine de mètres par une force paralytique d'engins, lorsque l'engin s'est élevé dans le ciel, il a été violemment jeté à terre.

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FRANCE-SOIR

SOUCOUPES

(SUITE)

**4 personnages "grands
comme des enfants de**

**11 ans" se
promènent**

sur la R.N.631 (Tarn)

**avant de rega-
gner leur engin**

TOULOUSE, 12 octobre (dép.
« France-soir »).

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**Coincidence troublante
Trois Lausannois
ont vu dimanche
une soucoupe volante
(« bien dodue » !)**

Notre confrère « La Nouvelle Revue de Lausanne » publie la lettre d'une lectrice lausannoise qui, se promenant dimanche dans les environs de Romanel, a aperçu dans les airs « une belle lentille jaune d'or, bien nette, bien dodue, pas éblouissante, et absolument immobile... Et tout d'un coup, sans élan, sans mouvement, il n'y avait plus rien... »

Deux autres lecteurs, qui se promenaient dimanche près du Mont sur Lausanne ont également signalé à notre confrère, l'apparition d'un engin mystérieux qui se déplaçait très rapidement.

La concordance (dans le temps et l'espace) de ces deux témoignages n'est-elle pas troublante ?

M. JEAN-PIERRE MITTO, agent technique, a affirmé hier avoir vu, samedi soir, vers 20 h. 30, au lieu-dit La Califfe, sur la route nationale 631, une soucoupe volante et ses passagers.

M. Mitto a fait la déclaration suivante :

— Venant de Toulouse, je rentrais chez mes parents, à Briatexte (Tarn), en compagnie de mes deux cousins. Je roulais à assez vive allure. Après le contour de la Califfe, nous avons distingué deux petits personnages — taille d'un enfant de 11 à 12 ans — traversant la route, à quatre ou cinq mètres de la voiture, et qui sautèrent dans le pré.

J'ai freiné et me suis arrêté vingt mètres plus loin. Le temps de descendre et nous vîmes s'envoler à la verticale un grand disque bombé, d'un diamètre de six mètres environ. L'engin, de couleur rouge orangé, sembla être aspiré et disparut dans le ciel comme un feu de Bengale... »

**Fausse alerte aux Martiens
porte des Lilas...**

« Un appareil étrange, doté d'un phare puissant, vient de se porter porte des Lilas », nous ont téléphoné simultanément hier, à 20 h. 30, plusieurs lecteurs de « France-soir ».

Renseignements pris sur place, il ne s'agissait que d'une voiture de police pourvue d'un projecteur qui balayait les terrains vagues des

« Buttes Rouges », où des rôdeurs avaient été signalés.

Premier engin « non identifié »

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L'an 1953 dira peut-être ce que ont les soucoupes volantes.

Aujourd'hui, dans la plus raisonnable des possibilités, elles ne ont encore que des hypothèses.

Telles qu'elles sont cependant, dans leur mystérieuse et redoutable imprecision, elles couvrent le territoire français d'un réseau multiforme, fugace, mais omniprésent.

La vision de Kenneth Arnold

Cette armada qui hante notre ciel, elle s'est d'abord montrée aux Etats-Unis. C'est là qu'est apparu le premier engin non identifié, et c'est le 24 juin 1947, exactement.

L'affaire, depuis, a fait du chemin.

Elle commence donc le 24 juin 1947 il fait très beau. M. Kenneth Arnold, pilote son avion personnel 3 000 mètres environ au-dessus de l'Etat de Washington.

Une vive lueur accroche son regard, et il compte, alignés en la indienne, neuf disques brillants qui, comme reliés les uns et les autres, se déplacent à très grande vitesse : M. Arnold pense qu'ils volent à 3 000 kilomètres à l'heure. Cette vision étrange dure ou trois minutes, puis s'évanouit.

M. Kenneth Arnold va se poser à Yakima, et raconte son aventure.

La soucoupe volante est dorénavant révélée aux hommes. Elle a désormais s'étendre, proliférer, envahir le continent américain. Un récit de M. Kenneth Arnold, à peine publié, vaut aux journaux des avalanches de témoignages. On y attache pas trop d'importance, encore que chaque nouvelle infor-

mation, incontrôlée et incontrôlable, entraîne un Niagara de récits où les disques volants jouent un rôle de plus en plus menaçant.

Quinze jours se passent dans cette fièvre qui ne s'apaise pas et voici qu'apparaissent, dans le ciel de Californie cette fois, et dans des circonstances plus troublantes encore, deux mystérieux objets volants.

C'est le 8 juillet 1947. A l'aérodrome de Muroc, on procède, dans le secret, aux essais d'un nouvel avion supersonique. Deux engins - en forme de disque ou de sphère - évoluent à 3 000 mètres au-dessus du terrain. Ils disparaissent au bout de quelques minutes.

L'idée, si l'on peut dire, est dans l'air. Un pilote de ligne, volant vers Seattle, rencontre quatre disques « lisses au-dessous et bosselés au-dessus ». Pour l'Américain moyen, la soucoupe est partout.

La première victime

Pour le capitaine aviateur Thomas F. Mantell, elle est la mort. Mantell est la première victime des soucoupes volantes.

Il appartient à l'escadron de chasse de Mustangs P-51, à Godman Field, dans le Kentucky.

Le 7 janvier 1948, la tour de contrôle est avertie qu'un « objet circulaire » ayant 90 à 100 mètres de diamètre a été signalé à moins de 150 kilomètres.

Un quart d'heure plus tard, le sergent de la tour de contrôle, M. Blackwell, voit l'objet au-dessus de l'aérodrome. Il en avertit ses chefs. Coudai se précipitant sur le terrain. Tout le personnel de la base y est bientôt rassemblé. L'engin évolue, il paraît énorme : plusieurs centaines de mètres de diamètre. Une lueur rouge le cerne.

On lance enfin l'escadron de Mustangs sur « l'objet ». Trois appareils s'élèvent. Le capitaine Mantell pilote l'un des chasseurs.

Mantell prend de l'altitude. A 16 h. 45, il annonce par radio qu'il

s'approche de l'objet. A 15 h. 15, Mantell fait savoir qu'il continue de monter vers l'objet. Deux des chasseurs abandonnent. Mantell, seul, force vers son but mystérieux. Il dit : — Je monte à 3 000 mètres. Si je ne suis pas rapproché, je reviens.

Mantell s'élève ainsi à 3 000 mètres. On suppose qu'il a perdu connaissance. Il n'a pas d'appareil à oxygène. L'avion aveugle continue sur sa lancée. Il atteint sans doute 10 000 mètres, puis pique du nez. Chute terrifiante. L'avion éclate, se disloque. Ses débris tombent au sol. Le capitaine Mantell est mort.

Ce pourrait être un conte philosophique, que cette poursuite d'une insaisissable chimère, et cet échec mortel.

Mais était-ce une chimère ? L'Amérique entière se pose la question.

Les savants : Vénus ou ballon-sonde ?

Les savants répondent par deux hypothèses qui, toutes deux, excluent celle que les Américains préfèrent au fond de leur cœur : l'objet mystérieux, et qui défend son secret en tuant l'imprudent qui l'approche.

Cette mythologie est répudiée par les techniciens qui avancent que :

1 IL PEUT S'AGIR DE LA PLANÈTE VENUS. Le professeur d'astronomie Hynck, qui enseigne à l'Université d'Ohio, et qui est l'un des experts commis dans l'enquête ouverte, déclare que la position de Vénus, le jour de l'accident, est à peu près celle de « l'objet » pour lequel par Mantell. Le docteur Langmuir, prix Nobel de physique, affirme de son côté que, le jour où Mantell s'est tué, Vénus était proche d'une de ses périodes d'éclat extrême. (La thèse Hynck sera confirmée par le savant lui-même à l'aérodrome de Godman Field, où l'on observe un nouvel « objet » brillant. Cet objet, c'est Vénus.)

2 IL PEUT S'AGIR D'UN BALLON-SONDE DE LA MARINE. Ces ballons peuvent s'élever à 33 000 mètres d'altitude, et se dilater en prenant de la hauteur, jusqu'à atteindre le diamètre de 33 mètres et

l'épaisseur de 33 mètres. Lorsque l'observation est terminée, les appareils de mesure sont largués automatiquement et descendent par parachute. Quant au ballon, il éclate et ses débris, accrochant le soleil, ne manquent pas d'intriguer ceux qui, du sol, les voient évoluer dans le vent.

Ces explications rationalistes doivent le public américain qui reprend espoir lors de la publication d'un ouvrage à gros tirage, un best-seller bientôt, dans lequel l'auteur Frank Scully, résolument convaincu de l'existence des soucoupes volantes, répudie la version officielle de la mort de Mantell.

« Le rayon de la mort »

Il avance celle-ci : « l'objet », pour lequel par Mantell est occupé, dirigé par un mystérieux équipage. L'équipage voit le « Mustang » le prendre en chasse. Il se croit menacé, et fait alors usage d'une arme aussi mystérieuse que le reste : il dirige sur l'aviateur américain un « rayon de la mort », que Scully définit comme un « rayon de désaimantisation », ce qui provoque la destruction instantanée du Mustang et de son pilote.

Cette hypothèse, dans laquelle on ne distingue pas entre la fiction et la science, accredit l'idée que les soucoupes volantes existent réellement et elle éduite d'autant plus que l'auteur attribue aux engins une origine extra-terrestre. Sur cette lancée, qui agite les imaginations, Vénus et Mars entrent dans le circuit.

Quant au premier observateur des « objets », il déclare à la radio qu'après tout les engins que l'on appelle soucoupes n'ont avec cette pièce de vaisselle qu'une ressemblance assez lointaine.

Kenneth Arnold paraît incertain des soucoupes volantes, n'en a pas moins apporté au monde la révélation d'un phénomène encore inexplicable.

Prochain article :

34 cas inexplicables

they'll say that a flying saucer flew over your car and stopped your motor." 94. M. Bartoli countered with: "I'll have to see one to believe in flying saucers." 95. Was his "flying cigar" a "saucer?" Bartoli just shrugged.

Michel ended his interview and reflected on the men's testimony. If the object had left the Quisy area in a southwest direction, it must have passed over National Road No.2(a superhighway)during the rush hour. Why hadn't others seen the sky object? Michel learned that a mysterious sky object had crossed the highway, apparently the cause of a rash of engine failures that produced a big traffic jam just south of Dammartin-en-Goele. A number of the motorists had sighted the sky object. Furthermore, west of the highway close to the town of Dreux, some hunters had viewed a "vaguely luminous mass" in the sky moving slowly toward the southwest. 96.

October 9th. Bel-Air, France. (11:00 p.m.)

According to a French newspaper:

"About eleven o'clock on the night of October 8-9, 1954, M. Puygelier saw overhead near the town of Bel-Air a luminous elongated object resembling a gigantic egg, which descended close to the ground, oscillated a few seconds, then landed behind a hedge near the road. He drove on to St. Cloud in fright, but then returned with another witness. Where the craft had been seen, they could make out in the darkness a human silhouette standing motionless on the roadside. At this place the next morning a strip of burned vegetation 3 meters long was found, surrounded by an area where the grass was trampled." 97.

October 10th. Alexandria, Egypt. (no time known)

A red and green cylinder reported. 98.

October 10th. Liege, Belgium.

The Royal Belgian Observatory declared that it would act as a clearing house for UFO reports made by the public. 99. An Italian UFO "center" also opened in the village of Fiumetto. (Right)

'Flying Saucer' Centre
An "independent centre for the gathering of news about 'flying saucers,'" manned by enthusiastic amateurs, has opened at Fiumetto, a village near the north-west coast of Italy. It will study the reports and publish periodic accounts of the "flying saucer" situation. —
Reuter

Reuters 10/11/54

Balloons and flying saucers.

An October 10th U.S. Air Force statement released at Fort Worth, Texas, declared:

"Any mysterious white balls or flashing lights seen moving across the United States from now to December 15 will have no connection with flying saucers. They will be 37-foot plastic balloons released near Tracy, California, where winds from 28 to 110 miles an hour will float them east. Timing devices will explode the helium-filled bags after two or three day's travel, and 300 pounds of experimental equipment will parachute to the ground." 100.

October 11th. Jonzieiux, France. (4:00 a.m.)

A milkman making his rounds at 4:00 in the morning, M. Baptiste Jourdy, had his headlights go out and his truck's engine stop for no apparent reason. Immediately thereafter a brilliant body crossed the sky beneath the clouds at right angles to the road. Within seconds after the UFO passed out of sight, the headlights: "...went back on by themselves." 101. Also, the truck's engine turned over normally when M. Jourdy turned the key. 102.

See 'Em?--Saucers Cover City

Several Disc Objects Reported Over Cincinnati;

Little Men Leave Craft in Germany, Says Here

Mysterious aircraft . . . "orange-red colored, silent, disc-shaped and 60 feet in diameter," were reported hovering 300 feet over Cincinnati Monday.

This was the fifth report within a week of similar objects seen around the city, always traveling in sets of three.

A similar wave of flying saucer reports has cropped up in five other parts of the world, including Germany, Belgium, Egypt, Argentina, Lebanon and the French Cameroons.

LATEST DISCS cited here were Monday at 5 a. m. by WLW announcer Keith Wildeson. He reported the incident to Leonard H. Stringfield, 7017 Britton Avenue, MIDDLETOWN, Place, director of civilian research, interplanetary flying objects. He said the current reports "seem to indicate a pattern" in the flight of the saucers.

One of Stringfield's neighbors, John H.

Swadstrom, 7016 Britton Avenue, spotted a formation of three discs Sunday at 5 p. m.

STRINGFIELD SAID Cincinnati is supposed to be a magnetic fault line and that perhaps the saucers come here to recharge.

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5 Parts of World Report Visits by Flying Saucers

German Says Queer Men 3½ Feet High Climb Out Of a Mysterious Craft

By International News Service

A sudden wave of flying saucer reports came simultaneously today from persons in at least five different parts of the world, including one from a German who claimed to have seen creatures less than four feet tall disembark from a cigar-shaped craft.

Persons in Germany, Belgium, Egypt, Argentina, Lebanon and the French Cameroons claimed they saw mysterious disks in the sky.

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"Oversized Heads"

Then, the movie projectionist added, he suddenly sighted four creatures about 3½ feet in height. He said they had "thick-set bodies, oversized heads and delicate legs" and wore rubberlike clothing.

Hoge said he observed the craft and its occupants for about 10 minutes from a distance of about 200 feet but did not have the courage to approach any closer.

Flying saucer reports came also from Frankfurt, Germany; Namur, Belgium; Buenos Aires, Alexandria, Beirut and Yaounde in the French Cameroons.

Also in Germany, pilots and pupils at a glider school near Frankfurt claimed to have seen a "slightly swollen silvery disc" moving noiselessly over their field.

Agence France Presse said the 13 witnesses, some of them former Luftwaffe (German air force) men, denied that they were the victims of an optical illusion.

A mail carrier in the Belgian village of Huy, near Namur, reported that he spotted a flying "cigar" which rose into the sky as he approached. He claimed to have seen two silhouettes "roughly human in shape" aboard the craft.

Several hundred witnesses in Alexandria told of seeing a luminous object which changed in color from red to orange as it streaked through the sky. Later the mysterious object turned green and then a sort of gray-blue.

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Sorry, Saucer Had No License Number

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—A Los Angeles man reported seeing a flying saucer land in Alhambra Park and "a little man in a white suit get out."

A truck then came and carried away both the saucer and the little man, the observer said.

He would have gotten the truck's license number, he said, except that the fog closed in and he couldn't see anymore.

The witness refused to give his name, "because everybody would think I was crazy."

Une soucoupe volante s'est-elle posée dans l'Yonne ?

Les témoins — deux femmes — sont formels
et des "traces" ont été relevées

Auxerre (de notre C. P.) — Vendredi matin, Mme veuve Geoffroy, habitant au hameau des Jolives, commune des Dizès (Yonne), s'en allait rejoindre le lavoir où elle travaille habituellement, au Heudt « En Bécard », lorsque sa attention fut attirée par un engin bizarre reposant à gauche d'une clairière.

Il s'agissait d'un appareil genre « soucoupe volante », tel que la presse en a décrit depuis quelques semaines.

De forme allongée, mesurant dix ou sept mètres, le cylindre (vu de profil) était de couleur brune et présentait

un renflement à sa partie centrale supérieure. A côté, un homme de taille moyenne regardait justement Mme Geoffroy, qui prit peur et se revint que deux heures plus tard.

Heureusement, une autre personne, Mme Gisèle Flin, qui gardait ses chèvres de l'autre côté du bois, fut avertie de cette présence insolite par les aboiements de ses chiens. Elle vit, à une trentaine de mètres, un homme accroupi, paraissant de taille normale, qui s'affairait autour d'un engin.

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SOUCOUPE

Cet engin est décrit de la même manière que le fit Mme Geoffroy.

Mlle Flin ramène ses chèvres prudemment par un sentier en direction de la route afin de mieux regarder, tout en étant en sécurité. Elle quitte donc l'appareil des yeux pendant trois ou quatre minutes. Lorsqu'elle voulut regarder de nouveau, de la route, elle ne vit plus rien. Sans bruit, l'engin avait disparu.

Sur la rosée, à la place où il avait été vu, se trouvaient des traces d'herbes sèches, distantes de 30 centimètres, attestant que la soucoupe, montée sur patins, « Je les ai nettement vus », dit Mlle Flin, s'était bien posée là.

D'autres personnes passant quelques instants plus tard purent le vérifier.

Les déclarations des leonaises correspondent à celles données par un paysan de Buges, qui aperçut un engin et une personne identiques sur le plateau de Millevaches, en Limousin.

Il y a un mois, une habitante de Dizès, hameau de Varennes, Mme Lucas, avait aperçu un appareil qui planait et qui, d'un seul coup, parut en flèche à la verticale. Il faisait un clair de lune superbe. Mme Lucas n'osa rien dire, de peur que l'on se moquât d'elle.

La région de Dizès, en raison de la présence de tas d'ocre extraits des puits de Sully, attire-t-elle, par ses taches claires, l'attention des observateurs des vaisseaux interplanétaires ?

Mardi 12/10/54

INFORMA

Près de Munster, quatre " Martiens " réparaient leur " soucoupe volante "

Un opérateur de cinéma les observe pendant 10 minutes

Munster (Westphalie), 11 août (A.C.P.). — M. Hoge, opérateur de cinéma de son métier, a déclaré à l'Agence D.P.A. qu'il a vu samedi soir, près de Munster, quatre hommes sortis d'une soucoupe volante.

Ces hommes, de 1 m. 20 environ, ont le torse fortement développé et une grosse tête. En revanche, leurs membres inférieurs sont petits et maigres.

M. Hoge était en train de rentrer chez lui lorsqu'il vit dans un champ à soixante mètres de la route, une lumière bleue. Il pensa qu'il s'agissait d'un avion accidenté puis il s'aperçut que la lumière provenait d'un objet ayant une forme de cigare. Quatre hommes, en combinaison de caoutchouc, travaillaient sous l'engin. Aucun d'eux ne soufflait mot.

Hoge les regarda travailler pendant dix minutes, sans s'approcher, parce qu'il avait peur.

Finalement les quatre hommes par une sorte d'échelle, rentrèrent dans le cigare qui, quelques mètres après avoir décollé, prit la forme d'une soucoupe projetant une lumière éblouissante.

Un mécanicien de la S.N.C.F. de Limoges surpris par un objet lumineux

Dimanche soir 3 octobre, vers 19 h. 10, le conducteur d'autorails Clavand André, du dépôt de Limoges, assurait la conduite du train 1347, qui part d'Ussel vers 18 h. Sur son trajet, entre les gares de La Celle-Corrèze et Plainartige, entre les km 445 et 444, en débouchant d'une courbe à 70 km/h, il fut soudain surpris d'arriver sur une grande circonférence lumineuse d'en-

viron 100 mètres de diamètre.

Dans sa surprise et son émotion, il ralentit son convoi par un violent coup de frein, ce qui lui permit de mieux observer ce phénomène. Il éteignit ses phares et fut complètement ébloui par la puissance de ce faisceau lumineux de couleur rose, et comme il se rapprochait, la circonférence se déplaça lentement sur sa droite, dominant une colline déserte où il ne pousse que de la bruyère et où il put distinguer les quelques sapins existant dans cette contrée, pareils que s'ils avaient été en cristal tellement ces rayons étaient puissants, et lorsqu'il arriva à hauteur de ce phénomène tout s'éteignit et disparut en laissant une traînée de fumée blanche qui montait vers le ciel.

D'après renseignements pris, plusieurs habitants de la région l'auraient également aperçu.

Boules de feu en Corrèze

Nous avons mentionné qu'une boule de feu avait été vue des hauteurs de la route d'Eyburis dans la direction d'Espartignac.

Aujourd'hui nous devons signaler qu'une autre boule de feu semblable d'ailleurs à celle qu'on observe un peu partout, a été vue dimanche soir 10 octobre par nombre d'Uzerchois dans la direction de St-Ybard.

Le phénomène a été constaté des hauteurs de la Pomme ainsi que des terrasses de la rue de la Justice (côté ouest) entre 19 et 20 h environ.

La boule de feu semblait osciller de haut en bas, pour disparaître ensuite après un mouvement latéral. La boule était enveloppée d'un halo rougeoyant.

Cette « apparition » est longuement commentée dans nos murs.

Soucoupe ou pas soucoupe, les Uzerchois n'ont pas été les victimes d'une hallucination collective dans plusieurs quartiers à la fois !

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Encore une soucoupe !

Il faudrait parler plus exactement de cinq soucoupes. En effet, une personne nous signale que, placée à l'extrémité nord du pont du Mail, samedi dernier, à 18 h. 50, elle a vu dans le ciel, au sud, se dirigeant d'est en ouest, une succession d'apparitions : d'abord un point lumineux, puis deux engins mystérieux, de forme oblongue, verticaux ; après cela, de nouveaux un point lumineux, suivi de trois engins et plus tard de deux engins. Les engins semblaient brûler tous à un même point de leur trajectoire. Les apparitions durèrent pendant plus de 5 minutes.

Qui dit mieux ?

Deux jolies « Martiennes » accordent un autographe à un instituteur français !

13 OCT

Les soucoupes volantes n'ont décidé, meurt pas frot de nous ménager des surprises. Jusqu'ici les pilotes de ces engins obscurs étaient des gnomes vus ou d'inséparables géants qui bien qu'affablies ne nous donnaient pas une vision particulièrement réjouissante de l'humanité martienne.

Un instituteur colonial en congé dans l'île d'Oléron (Charente-Maritime), M. Martin, vient de découvrir d'aimables représentantes d'un monde qui ne cesse de faire plaisir sur nous des objets pour le moins disgracieux. Cet heureux mortel fut donc mis, l'autre jour, en présence de deux jolies « Mar-

tiennes » portant bottillons, vestes et gants de cuir, ainsi que des casques brillants. A la vue de ces femmes à l'allure martiale et martienne, M. Martin s'avança et leur tendit gaiement son carnet et un stylo afin de recueillir un autographe. Sans réticence aucune, elles y tracèrent alors des hiéroglyphes en les commentant avec volubilité dans un langage inconnu. Puis les « Martiennes », mesurant 1 m. 70 environ, tirèrent leur révérence à l'instituteur et s'envolèrent à bord d'une soucoupe...

M. Martin aurait conservé précieusement ce manuscrit inédit...

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12 OCT

Les soucoupes et les cigares volants envahissent notre ciel

Cela devient très sérieux. Notre ciel archaïque commence à être sillonné d'engins mystérieux.

Nous avons signalé le passage d'une « soucoupe » au large de Saint-Blaise, l'après-midi de la Fête des vendanges. Or, ce dernier dimanche après-midi, à 16 h. 25, un promeneur passant au pied du château de Colombier a aperçu au-dessus de lui un engin brillant, de la forme d'un cigare, qui traversait le ciel du nord au sud à une allure rapide. L'altitude peut être évaluée à 2000 mètres. L'apparition dura à peine cinq secondes, à cause des nuages.

Est-ce une « soucoupe », est-ce un « cigare » ? Dans l'incertitude où nous sommes, nous sommes bien obligés de constater que dimanche, il y avait des démonstrations d'engins à Planeyss. On nous jure que le « cigare » n'était pas un avion. Et le dimanche de la Fête des vendanges, il y eut un lâcher de ballonnets à Morat, à l'occasion d'un banquet organisé par la paroisse catholique. Ballonnets qui, nous dit-on, s'envolèrent en gré des courants d'air.

Nous souhaitons vivement qu'un de ces engins mystérieux atterrisse dans notre région et nous nous réjouissons de passer l'exposer dans notre vitrine.

Uzerche

D'un écran à l'autre

A la salle Chavant : « Le Roi du Zézélabia »

A la salle Bayard : « Thérèse »

Toujours des phénomènes dans le ciel

(suite)

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October 11th. Sassier, France. (4:15 a.m.)

Another electromagnetic incident took place 15 minutes later at Sassier where two travelling salesmen, M. Louis Vigneron and M. Henri Gallois, encountered a strange object and its occupants. In M. Gallois' words:

"I was driving in the middle of the road when suddenly near Sassier I felt something like an electric shock through my whole body. At the same time the car motor stopped and the lights went out. Paralyzed, we asked ourselves what was happening. It was then that, in a field bordering the road about 165 feet away, we saw a round object. Next to it we saw clearly three short beings who seemed to be moving about quickly. Their silhouettes soon disappeared into the saucer-like object which flew off immediately.

"Almost right away my lights went back on and we were able to drive away." 103.

October 11th. Bauquay, France. (dawn)

Cows frighten.

A big, bright, red "cigar volant" zoomed over a French farmer's field at Bauquay in Norwandy at sunup. The farmer, and two others, watched as the elongated object sped by at treetop level. The cows in the field went into a panic, the bells around their necks jangling loudly as the animals ran wild. A day later the cows still refused to give milk. 104.

"Suspicious somnolence."

Much to Leonard Stringfield's surprise, on October 11th the Associated Press contacted him about his CRIFO organization so the newsservice could work the information into a story about UFO reports from Cincinnati and Germany (See newsclipping). This inquiry by AP made Stringfield wonder if censorship of the UFO subject was disintegrating. Reflecting on the past record of the Fourth Estate, Stringfield noted the: "...suspicious somnolence of Life since 1952, 'canned' editorials, and, an occasional Dr. Menzel yeast-puffed theory, viz., cobwebs, airborne lunchwrappers, phosphorescent bugs (no kidding)..." 105. Stringfield remarked: "...we in 'the business' find other sources to lend us courage." 106.

October 11th. Cherry Valley, New York. (4:00 p.m.)

An American engineer named Abraham Cox, of Cherry Valley, N.Y., was surprised when a grey metallic-like disc about 30 feet across came into view. The object was not moving that fast, and it was only at a moderate altitude, so Mr. Cox got a good look. The object was soundless and visible for about half a minute as it soared over Cherry Valley on a horizontal course. As an engineer, Mr. Cox marvelled at the aerodynamics of a flying craft without a tail or wings, but he had only a moment to do that because he was abruptly distracted by a sharp movement the craft made, a shift to a vertical position so that it "rolled through the air like a wheel." 107.

October 12th.

"The Zenith."

Voici le dossier des «soucoupes volantes»

Une enquête d'André FONTAIN et Jacques BERGEAL

France Soir

12 Octobre 1954

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Avant-garde de l'armada qui hante notre ciel, le premier engin non identifié est apparu le 24 juin 1947 au-dessus de Washington

Six mois plus tard, le capitaine-pilote Thomas Mantell, parti à la poursuite d'un « objet circulaire », tombait foudroyé

Les soucoupes volantes sont devenues le problème du jour. Des témoignages de plus en plus nombreux sont produits par des gens qui, de bonne foi, affirment avoir observé des engins mystérieux. Réalité encore inexpiquée ou fiction collective, les soucoupes volantes sont l'inconnue de cette fin 1954.

« France-soir » ouvre le dossier. Nous ne prétendons pas apporter de réponse certaine à la question. Nous nous proposons de vous raconter comment ces engins mystérieux ont apparu dans notre univers, comment, à partir de la stupéfaction d'un pilote américain, il y a plus de sept ans, le nombre des témoignages s'est accru de mois en mois jusqu'à cette vague de fond qui, aujourd'hui, paraît submerger notre pays.

Après ce récit, dans lequel on apportera les hypothèses avancées aux différentes époques d'observation, « France-soir » publiera les opinions autorisées de savants et de techniciens français de la physique, de l'aviation, de l'aéronautique et de l'astronomie.

Nous aurons ainsi fait le point — provisoire — dans un problème en plein développement.

L E ciel de France paraît maintenant être obscurci par le vol d'innombrables engins mystérieux. Ces aéronefs anonymes sont parfois des disques, parfois des cigares, parfois des entonnoirs. On vient de nous signaler quelque chose que l'on s'excuse de nous définir comme un... pot... de chambre.

Ces machines volantes, en dépit de la diversité de leur aspect, ont quelques caractéristiques communes. Elles sont ultra-rapides. Les observateurs accidentels qui en ont eu la révélation parlent de vitesses de l'ordre de 8.000, 8.000, quand ce n'est pas 12.000 ou 14.000 kilomètres à l'heure.

Elles sont généralement silencieuses. Leur accélération est foudroyante. Elles peuvent prendre des virages à 90 degrés sans ralentir leur prodigieuse allure. Elles sont entourées d'un halo lumineux, tantôt orange et tantôt verdâtre. Elles disparaissent dans l'espace.

Enfin l'on prête plus volontiers une origine extra-terrestre à ces « engins volants non identifiés », et plus précisément encore une origine martienne. Et l'on parle maintenant quotidiennement, de « soucoupes volantes ». On en parle dans le métro, dans la rue, au café et à l'atelier. Les « soucoupes volantes » sont entrées dans notre vie de chaque jour. Elles sont, pour l'homme de 1954 ce que devait être à l'annonce de la fin du monde pour l'homme de 999. L'an 1000 n'a pas apporté la fin du monde.

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While analyzing the data on the French excitement, UFO researcher Aime Michel selected October 12th as the "zenith" of the UFO wave. Surveying the French press, he noted that "flying saucers" had become a major daily newsstory, with usually a half page coverage, and front page treatment was not uncommon. To Michel the space given the subject in the newspapers was a measure of how the mystery had become part of the French public's consciousness, although he was impressed by the fact that only actual eye-witnesses were "believers" while people in general preferred to blame the sightings on a psychosis, which was why professor Heuyer's "sauceritis schizophrena" theory received accolades. 108.

October 12th. Toulouse, France. (4:00 a.m.)

Another early morning case was recorded at the Croix Durade section of Toulouse when a luminous craft was seen taking off from a field. A check of the site discovered a 50-foot area of flattened grass. 109.

October 12th. Orchamps-Vennes, France. (no time known)

According to a Toulon newspaper:

"On the 12th, a curious object with four wheels was seen by Franzesco Beuc on the farm where he worked on Orchamps-Vennes; nearby was a 5-foot helmeted being who jumped into the device, which rolled along the road for some distance before it gradually ascended." 110.

October 12th. Mamora forest, Morocco. (afternoon)

The afternoon of the 12th, as story goes, a small figure in a metallic-like suit was spotted climbing aboard a craft that quickly lifted off and flew away. The witness to this "saucer visit" was a French engineer who saw the four-foot-tall being while driving through Morocco's Mamora forest. 111.

October 12th. Caracassonne, France. (4:00 p.m.)

According to the newspaper La Charente Libre:

"About four o'clock in the afternoon M. Jean Bertrand, a mechanic of Carcassonne, saw a spherical object flying at low altitude. Its lower part seemed to be made of shining metal and the upper part of plastic. He said that he could see two human forms inside the machine before it disappeared at high speed toward the east." 112.

October 12th. Sainte-Marie d'Herblay, France. (10:30 p.m.)

"Gilbert's hoax."

In the Atlantic seacoast town of Sainte-Marie d' Herblay there lived thirteen-year-old Gilbert Lelay, a lad with considerable imagination. On the 12th of October this youth told authorities he had come across an odd machine resting in a pasture, a sort of "phosphorescent cigar," and next to it was a man who came up to Gilbert and said (in French it is assumed) it was permitted to observe but not to touch anything. The man did not stay long, but before he left in the machine, Gilbert noticed that in the man's hand was a glowing sphere that sent out shafts of purple light. As the door on the cigar-shaped machine opened and closed, Gilbert got a glimpse, he said, of a console covered with colored lights. When the odd craft vaulted into the sky, it performed two loops. 113.

After inquiries were made, Gilbert's claim was determined to be bogus, but that did not discourage the boy who was associated with another false report on the 16th at Erbray. 114.

UFO wave hits northern Italy:

On October 12 and 13, 1954, people in at least 15 sections of the Po River Valley reported UFOs. No more detail is known.

October 14th(9th). Teheran, Iran.

"Attempted abduction?"

When the southern shift of the 1954 wave hit Iran, very strange stories came out of that country, one of which excites modern day UFO researchers. Gordon Creighton, to whom the UFO community owes a great debt because of his many translations of foreign news accounts, managed to acquire an English version of an article in Teheran's principle newspaper Ettela'at that gives us some fascinating information:

"A few days ago, one of our correspondents reported from Mahallat that a marvellously luminous object had landed near there and that many farmers had been impressed by its strange and colourful appearance. It was hemispherical in form, and emitted multi-coloured beams of light.

"It only landed for a brief period, and in the meantime more and more of the country folk were crowding near to look at it, but nobody would go too close to it, so great was their fear.

"The central part of the object was of metal and less bright than the rest.

"While the crowd of people was growing larger and larger, the object suddenly shot straight upwards into the sky and vanished. The affair has provoked great discussion among the populace.

"Following upon this report, we then received another one from a resident of Shamsabad who walked into our editorial offices this morning and stated that at 6:30 a.m. yesterday(October 14th), just as he was coming out of his house, he saw a luminous object resembling a brightly shining star. It was at a distance of about 100 meters from him, and he estimated its length as about five meters. He had already heard of flying saucers, and at once realised that this was one. Approaching more closely, he perceived a 'short young man' standing on a circular piece of metal in the middle of the radiant object and looking around him searchingly.

"The witness was now only twenty meters from the saucer and could see that the pilot was laughing at the terrified expression on his face: Suddenly however the machine shot up into the air at an unbelievable speed and vanished.

"The following episode occurred in Amireah Street, here in Tehran.

"A Mr. Ghaseme Fili, who lives in that street, informs us that at 2:30 a.m. last Friday(October 8th), he being at that time on the second floor of his house, he saw a luminous white flying object which became stationary at a distance of about twenty meters from him. Lights were shining from the rear end of the object and from its sides.

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Article from French newspaper La Croix du Nord (North Star)

Types of Flying Saucers

Nîmes, France

Several hunters in the community of Saint-Ambroix (Department of Gard), are alleged to have recently seen seven very-small beings whose shape suggested vaguely that of a human body. When the hunters attempted to approach them, these beings precipitated themselves upon a phosphorescent craft which immediately took off.

At the place where these flying saucer pilots had been, the hunters discovered, on the ground, a number of grains of a queer appearance: they had these grains examined by experts who found it impossible to identify them among any group of grain-types known to science.

A Diver with Enormous Eyes

Toulouse

A diver of small stature with a large head in comparison to his body, and two enormous eyes, was described Wednesday night by Mr. Olivier, an inhabitant of Toulouse. This mysterious pilot alighted from a spherical craft which landed at 1935 hours on an "undefined territory".

Mr. Olivier, owner of the Javel Moto establishment at Toulouse, was accompanied by an employee, Mr. Perano and by a young boy of about 15 years of age. All three of them saw the luminous craft land and noticed that it was of spherical shape and of a reddish color, and also some people approaching

One of them, the "diver", sparkled like glass, according to the witnesses.

Mr. Olivier, a veteran aviation pilot, drew the diver on a door in a very impressive manner. Mr. Perano added, "I didn't believe it, but I saw him just as well as I see you. That gave me a darn shock."

After a short while, approximately one minute, the "diver" reached the luminous sphere which took him away in a vertical ascent without noise, and disappeared in the sky at a terrific speed, leaving a streak of fire.

Due to darkness, the investigation could not be undertaken until Thursday morning. Only traces have been found at various spots at the "unidentified area".

One of the witnesses alleged that the flying saucer was surrounded by iridescent reflections and emitted around itself a slight fog. He added that when he tried to approach, he was held back at a distance of approximately 20 meters by a paralyzing force, and was violently thrown to the ground when the craft had risen into the sky.

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French newspaper, "France-Soir", dated 14 October 1954

The military commander (governor) of Metz studies the report of Commander Cottel, who saw a luminous craft caught in the beam of a searchlight.

By special reporter Henri Pignolet

The military commander of Metz, General Navarre, Commander of the Sixth District listened this morning to a report by Commander Cottel, specialist of terrestrial anti-aerial forces, on the presence (last Sunday) of a mysterious craft, which appeared during a three-hour period in the beam of a powerful army searchlight, in the sky over the city. It can be very well imagined, with what care and caution the Commander of the FTAA has edited this report. Commander Cottel was in charge of the radar post, installed at the army stand of the Commercial Fair at Metz which just closed. This post had a powerful searchlight which swept the sky over the city during the fair. A dozen men were around the apparatus when, on Sunday night, the beam of light suddenly focused upon a motionless globe in the middle of the sky, "scintillating like a ball on a Christmas tree," asserted the Commander.

The beam was directed straight upward. The "thing" seemed to be 10,000 meters off. This is, at least, what experts alleged. There was no mistake, it must be stated.

"It is a sonde-ball", said one of the searchlight operators.

"Impossible, this must have a diameter of 50 meters." Everybody agreed, but who can tell for sure?

The Radar Apparatus Did Not Record Anything

Since one did not dare to believe in flying saucers, it was decided to clean the lenses and even to change the carbon-electrodes in the searchlight.

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the searchlight was lit again, the ball was still there.

Curious onlookers crowded around the searchlight; they also saw the "ball of the Christmas tree". They saw it up to the moment when (around 2300 hours) the crew gave up, and decided to extinguish the searchlight. However, they were not the only ones who saw it; the next morning, inhabitants of the suburbs of Sablon and Queuleu, had to confirm the appearance of the phenomenon.

But, the radar apparatus, which had scanned the skies without interruption, did not record anything.

This "thing", explained one of the technicians, is non-metallic and, therefore, not detectable by radar.

The day-before-yesterday, the Mets Fair, which had been visited by more than 600,000 visitors, closed its doors: no more searchlight, no more radar, no more mysterious spheres. Nothing is left, but the testimony of a dozen people: the searchlight operators, an officer of the Geographic Service of the Army, and Commander Cottel, who's report is impatiently awaited in the mansion of the military governor. The curiosity, which can be well imagined, will make the flying saucers an historic event.

Three Little Beings in an Electric Saucer

Nevers, October 13

Two merchants of Clamecy, Mr. Louis Vigneron and Henri Gallois, who were on their way to the fair at Cordigny, noticed, yesterday morning around six o'clock, from their little truck, a craft of cylindrical form and of a fairly large diameter, appearing at a distance of approximately 50 meters.

At the same instant, the engine of the truck stopped and the headlights went out.

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Mr. Gallois stated: "It took away my breath! My body was struck by a sort of electrical discharge. I could very distinctly make out a craft which looked like a saucer.

I noticed three beings of small stature and of seemingly bizarre shape moving around the craft. We sat as if immobilized inside of the little truck unable to move. Only after the craft had flown away with incredible rapidity, could we continue on our way."

Mr. Vigneron confirmed these statements of his companion, and so did a third witness, Mr. Henri Chameau, who is a carriage maker at La Carie in the community of Clamecy.

Car Stopped by the Passage of a Reddish Ball

Saint-Etienne, 12 October

Two people from Gueugnon, namely Messers Jeannet and Garnier, who were on their way home in their automobile last Sunday night, witnessed an inexplicable phenomenon:

Suddenly their vehicle was overflowed by a sort of reddish ball which passed by like a flash. The engine of the car stopped and all the lights of the car went out. A few instants later, when the luminous apparition reached the horizon, the headlights of the car functioned again, and the engine purred again.

A giant rocket taking off from a field, has been seen by Mr. Pierre Vidal, cook, living at Croix-Daurade, near Toulouse, and by his nephew, Angel Hurie. The phenomenon disappeared in a luminous orange and pale-green light. At the spot where the rocket had presumably stopped, the grass was covered with a fatty vapor, smelling of petroleum.

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Mr. M. Bon, a professor of mathematics, from Lisieux, discovered, over the Mont-Germain-de-Livet woods, a silvery disc of seven or eight meters diameter which rose quietly into the sky while turning around its own axis. After it moved toward the ground from an altitude of approximately 800 meters, it took off in a horizontal direction in a sort of dizzy attitude.

A "special advisory group", namely, the owner of a cafe, a rugby player, and a champion swimmer, have also seen, above the chapel of Brouilly in the direction of Monteglas in the department of Rhone, a flying saucer, moving like a ball used for playing.

A bell-shaped object, three meter height, moving in bounds of 12 meters in an orange gleam and emitting sparks of greenish light, was observed for an hour, on the railroad tracks from Evreux to Louviers, by an artist, his apprentice and an agricultural worker.

A luminous mushroom, which moved rapidly and noiselessly, has been seen Monday night at half-past 2300 hours, by Mrs. Drouillard, at La Roche-sur-Yon.

A "flying cigar" of metallic appearance, from which three red-balls became detached, has been seen by Mr. Roger Thevenin and Albert Daury, police officers of the city force at Riom (Puy-de-Dome).

Another "cigar", surrounded by an iridescent gleam, has been observed at Bonpas in the oriental Pyrenees Mountains. It was discovered by Mr. Sebelli, a baker.

A craft of oblong shape, described big figure S's in the sky, and making a noise like pressurized vapor, has been spotted by three young hunters over the city of Gaillac (Aveyron). The same craft is alleged to have been observed at Pont-de-Salars.

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Le gouverneur militaire de Metz étudie le rapport du commandant Cottel qui a vu un engin lumineux pris dans le faisceau d'un projecteur

(De notre envoyé spécial Henri PIGNOLET)

METZ, 13 octobre (par téléphone).

Le gouverneur militaire de Metz, général Navarre, commandant la 6^e région, attend ce matin le rapport du commandant Cottel, spécialiste des forces terrestres alliées, sur la présence, dimanche dernier, dans le ciel de la ville, d'un mystérieux engin qui pendant trois heures resta le soir dans le faisceau d'un puissant projecteur de l'armée.

Ce rapport, on l'imagine avec quel soin et quelle précaution le commandant des F.T.A.A. l'a rédigé. Le commandant Cottel dirigeait le poste de radar installé au stand de l'armée à la foire commerciale de Metz qui vient de fermer ses portes. Le stationnement d'un puissant projecteur qui, pendant toute la durée de la foire, balayait le ciel de la ville. Une dizaine d'hommes se trouvaient autour de l'appareil lorsque, dimanche soir, le rayon lumineux s'immobilisa soudain sur un globe immobile en plein ciel, et, maintenant, avait affirmé le commandant, comme une boule d'arbre de Noël.

Le rayon était à la verticale. Le « chose » semblait se trouver à 10.000 mètres. C'est du moins ce qu'affirmaient les observateurs. Ce se différait pas, il faut le dire.

— C'est un ballon-sonde, avança un des servants du projecteur.

— Impossible, « ça » doit avoir cinquante mètres de diamètre. Tout le monde en convint.

Mais alors ?

Le radar n'avait rien accroché

Ainsi, comme on ne voulait pas croire aux soucoupes volantes, on décida de nettoyer les glaces et même de changer les charbons du projecteur. Lorsqu'on ralluma celui-ci, le ballon, était toujours là.

Les curieux qui étaient groupés autour du projecteur, virent, eux aussi, « la boule de l'arbre de Noël ». Ils la virent jusqu'au moment où vers 22 heures on se résolut à éteindre le projecteur. Ils ne furent pas seuls d'ailleurs, puisque des habitants du faubourg de Sablon et de Quatre-Étoiles, le lendemain, eurent aussi à affirmer avoir constaté le phénomène.

Le radar, cependant, dont le faisceau, sans cesse, avait balayé l'espace, n'avait rien accroché.

— La « chose », explique un technicien, n'est pas métallique. Elle n'est pas détectable au radar.

Avant-hier, la foire de Metz, qui avait reçu plus de 600.000 visiteurs, fermait ses portes. Plus de projecteur, plus de radar, plus de sphère mystérieuse. Il se savait que le témoignage d'une quinzaine de personnes, des servants du projecteur, d'un officier du service géographique de l'armée et du commandant Cottel, dont le rapport qu'on attend au palais du gouverneur militaire avec l'impatience... et la curiosité que l'on devine, fixera ce point de l'histoire des soucoupes volantes.

Trois « pelils êtres » dans une soucoupe électrique

NEVERE, 13 octobre (dép. « France »). — Deux commerçants de Clamecy, M. Louis Vigueron et Henri Galliot, qui se rendaient, hier matin, vers le bureau, à bord de leur camionnette à la foire de Cordigny, sont aperçus, dans un champ, à cinquante mètres environ de la route, un engin de forme cylindrique d'un assez grand diamètre.

À ce même instant, le moteur de la camionnette s'arrêta et les phares s'allumèrent.

— J'ai vu, a déclaré M. Galliot, le petit coupé. Mon corps fut parcouru par une sorte de décharge électrique. J'ai pu distinguer trois nettement l'engin qui ressemblait à une soucoupe.

« J'ai aperçu, s'agitant autour de la machine, trois êtres de petite taille qui s'élevaient par bonds alternés. Nous étions comme immobilisés à l'intérieur de la voiture et dans l'impossibilité de nous déplacer. Ce n'est qu'après que l'engin se fut arrêté avec une rapidité inouïe que nous avons pu constater notre erreur ».

M. Vigueron a confirmé les déclarations de son compagnon ainsi qu'un troisième témoin, M. Henri Chameau, charbon à La Charité, commune de Clamecy.

Voiture stoppée par le passage d'une boule rougeâtre

SAINTE-ETIENNE, 13 octobre (dép. « France »). — Deux Georges-nais, MM. Jeannet et Garnier, qui regagnaient leur domicile en automobile, ont été, dimanche soir, les témoins d'un phénomène inexplicable.

Bruquement, leur véhicule fut arrêté par une sorte de boule rougeâtre qui passa comme un éclair. Le moteur de la voiture s'arrêta et ils furent privés de lumière. Quelques instants plus tard, alors que l'appareil lumineux s'était éloigné de l'horizon, les phares de la voiture fonctionnèrent à nouveau et le moteur se remit à rouler.

« UNE VUSPE GRANTE, décollant d'un champ, a été vue par M. Pierre Vidal, cuisinier, demeurant à Croix Daurade, près de Toulouse, et son neveu, Angeli Hutele. Elle disparut dans un sillage lumineux noir et vert pile à l'emplacement présumé de la fusée, l'herbe était recouverte d'une vapeur grasse à l'odor de pétrole ».

« UN PROFESSEUR DE MATHÉMATIQUES de Lézard, M. Ben, a aperçu à Saint-Germain-de-Livet au-dessus d'un bois, un disque argenté de sept à huit mètres, qui s'est élevé silencieusement dans le ciel en tournant sur lui-même. Après avoir piqué vers le sol d'une altitude d'environ 500 mètres, il est reparti à l'horizontale à une allure vertigineuse ».

« UN CONSILLER GÉNÉRAL, un caletier, un joueur de rigby et un champion de natation ont aperçu au-dessus de la chapelle de R-mully (en direction de Montreuil) une soucoupe volante à allure de boule de jeu ».

« UNE CLOCHE de trois mètres de haut, se déplaçant par bonds de deux mètres dans une lueur orange et en émettant des étincelles vertes, a été vue pendant une heure sur la voie ferrée Evreux-Louviers par un artisan, son apprenti et un ouvrier agricole ».

« UN CAMIONNIER LEMINIER, qui se déplaçait rapidement et sans bruit, a été vu lundi soir, vers 21 heures 30, par Mme Drouillart, à La Roche-sur-Yon ».

« UN CIGARE VOLANT, d'aspect métallique, auquel se sont attachés trois boules rouges, a été vu par MM. Roger Thévenin et Albert Daur, gardiens de la paix du corps urbain de Rines (Puy-de-Dôme) ».

« UN AUTRE CIGARE entouré de feux blancs a été observé à Rom-py (Pyrénées-Orientales) par le boulanger M. Sobell ».

« UN ENGIN DE FORME ovale, d'acier, décollant dans le ciel de grands « s » et faisant un bruit de vapeur sous pression a été aperçu par trois jeunes chasseurs au-dessus de Gaillet (Aveyron). Le même engin aurait été observé à Pont-de-Salars ».

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"Inside the object he could see what appeared to be a small man dressed in black clothing and wearing on his head a strange mask shaped like the trunk of an elephant. Said Mr. Fili: 'I was standing, with both hands on the bar of my balcony, looking with astonishment at this strange object, when I suddenly felt as though I were being drawn up towards the object as though by a magnet.'

"Mr. Fili cried out in terror and awakened the neighbours. Meanwhile, the luminous object shot straight up into the sky and vanished in the twinkling of an eye. It emitted sparks as it rose up.

"While the foregoing reports were being assembled, we received a visit this morning from a resident of Salsabil Street, also in this Capital. Very worried and frightened, this man told us that this Morning(October 15th), as he opened his front door, he saw a pale coloured cigar-shaped object moving slowly through the sky. As it changed direction, he saw multi-coloured flashes of light come from both sides of it." 115.

Mr. Fili's remark about being "drawn upward by an invisible force" has caught the eye of UFO researchers doing work on modern cases. It seemed to suggest that similar statements made by "UFO abduction victims" may be a real part of the UFO mystery, seeing as how this supposed 1954 incident was recorded long before the abduction phenomenon became recognized.

Paralysis phenomenon.

October 14th. Manosque, France. (no time known)

A mystery object was encountered by a hunter, a M. Masses, who immediately backed away, but his dog became aggressive and charged the object. The animal suddenly became semi-paralysed and struggled back to his master. 116.

October 14th.

Witness:Flight-Lieutenant James R. Salandin.

Unit:County of Middlesex Squadron,Royal Auxiliary Air Force.

Aircraft:Gloster 8 jet fighter.

Time:Shortly after 4:15 p.m.

A pilot in the British military reserve, Lt. Salandin was on a training flight the afternoon of October 14th for what promised to be a routine exercise. Weather conditions were excellent as he flew his jet south from North Weald Field, Essex, to an area over the Thames Estuary. Two other meteor-jets were visible high above in the clear blue sky as Lt. Salandin put his aircraft in a climb to reach their altitude. Climbing passed 16,000 feet and with the city of Southend below him, Lt. Salandin suddenly spotted three round objects, one gold and the other two silver-colored, as they sped across the sky high on his port beam. He was startled to see one of the silver circular objects turn and head straight for him at tremendous speed. The object approached so close it nearly filled his plane's windscreen, but at the last second it veered to one side, avoiding a fatal collision. The near-miss, as one can imagine, was such a shock Lt. Salandin did not really recover his composure for at least ten minutes, the Air Reservist flying slowly all that time and not attempting any maneuvers. The object was certainly a type of "flying saucer," with an unmarked surface, a "bun-shaped top and bottom," separated in the middle by a flange. The only regret the pilot had was that things happened too fast for him to think about pushing the gun-camera button. With the "saucer" coming within an estimated 300 yards, the film images could have been remarkable.

LES MARTIENS La vie existe-t-elle

S l'actuelle apparition des « Martiens » en Europe accidentale semble correspondre, selon toutes les apparences à la manifestation d'une curieuse « psychose des masses ». Il n'est scientifiquement nullement exclu que les habitants d'autres planètes essaient de communiquer à un moment donné avec les Terriens.

IL NE S'AGIRAIT SANS DOUTE NI DE MARS NI DE VENUS. CES ASTRES QUI ANIMENT ACTUELLEMENT LES IMAGINATIONS L'ASTRONOMIE MODERNE POSSEDE SUFFISAMMENT DE RENSEIGNEMENTS POUR POUVOIR AFFIRMER QU'AUCUNE DES PLANETES DE NOTRE SYSTEME SOLAIRE NE POSSEDE DES CONDITIONS ATMOSPHERIQUES TELLES QUE LA VIE, SELON NOTRE CONCEPTION DU MOT, Y SOIT POSSIBLE.

Même sur terre, aucune vie en surface n'était possible avant l'apparition d'une large couche d'oxygène. En effet les rayons ultra-violet, émanant du soleil étaient mortels dans ces temps préhistoriques pour tout organisme vivant et ceux-ci ne pouvaient survivre qu'au fond des eaux, protégés qu'ils étaient des rayons par de larges couches aquatiques. C'est ainsi qu'on peut affirmer avec certitude que nos ancêtres lointains étaient des êtres marins.

Ce n'est qu'après l'apparition de l'oxygène qu'une couche d'ozone a pu se former dans les grandes altitudes, protégeant les êtres vivants, émergents en surface de la violence mortelle des rayons ultra-violet.

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sur d'autres planètes ?



PAREES A CELLES DE LA NOTRE ?

Un des premiers chercheurs quant à l'origine de la vie, le professeur George Wald, de l'Université de Harvard (U.S.A.), dit à ce sujet : « Une planète comme la nôtre, de la taille de la Terre, avec la même température et le même ensoleillement, est un phénomène rare dans l'univers. Mais il faut prendre le mot « rare » dans le sens astronomique du mot, car cet univers est si vaste que, DANS NOTRE SEULE GALAXIE, on estime à 100.000 le nombre de planètes semblables à la Terre. Or, à l'heure actuelle, les plus puissants de nos télescopes ont permis de découvrir quelque 100 millions de galaxies, ce qui nous permet d'évaluer le nombre d'autres similaires à la Terre à au moins 10 millions de millions ».

Or, estime le professeur Wald, dès que les conditions optimales de la vie sont réunies, il n'y a pas de raison pour que la vie n'apparaisse pas.

— Nous ne sommes pas seuls dans l'univers — dit-il — nous ne supportons pas seuls le fardeau de la vie et ce qu'elle implique. La vie est un phénomène cosmique.

Ces chiffres ouvrent des horizons passionnants.

Il reste évidemment le problème de la distance. La lumière ou provenance des galaxies lointaines met plusieurs siècles à nous parvenir, mais, il s'agit de siècles à l'échelle de la vie humaine et il n'est pas exclu que pour les « vivants » des autres galaxies, cet « obstacle » ne soit pas plus difficile à franchir que pour nous un fleuve ou un océan — alors que cette entreprise paraîtrait inimaginable à un escargot ou à une fourmi.

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An attempt was made to pursue the object but it was too fast to catch. Lt. Salandin made a radio report of the sighting and upon landing he also informed the Squadron Intelligence officer, a certain Derek Dempster, who would later become editor of the civilian UFO magazine Flying Saucer Review.

A formal report of Lt. Salandin's encounter was forwarded to the Air Ministry. 117.

A curious fact about the Lt. Salandin case that took place in the sky over Southend, is that late that evening a strange UFO incident was experienced on the ground at Southend (The reader is referred to the case "What scared Miss Hennessy?." See the next page.)

October 14th. Biot, France. (6:15 p.m.)

Pedaling down a street in the Maritime Alps town of Biot, M. Jose Cassella braked his bike to a stop when his way was blocked by a big, smooth-surfaced, metallic-looking, oval object. Like a huge aluminum egg 15 feet by 9 feet in size, the thing sat there for a moment and then silently took off at high speed. Others in Biot made independent observations of the object. 118.

October 14th. Saone-et-Lorire district. France. (nightfall 7:30?)

At nightfall a French motorcyclist suffered inexplicable engine trouble on the road to Brosse-Tillots. The motor quit and the bike rolled to a stop. Perplexed the rider dismounted to check for a malfunction, but before he had a chance to do anything the road ahead was lit up by a brilliant circular mass 50 yards away that resembled a "...plate turned upside down." 119. Fearfully, the witness turned his bike around, pushing the machine and manipulating the controls with the hope he could make a fast escape. Curiously, at the point in the road where he first experienced engine trouble, the bike suddenly roared to life. 120.

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DEUX « MARTIENS » traversent une route nationale du Tarn avant de s'envoler dans leur soucoupe !

Après nous avoir montré des « Martiens » géants, voilà que les soucoupes volantes se mettent à vibrer sur l'illuminée qui effectuant des poursuites de reconnaissance sur les routes nationales.

Cette nouvelle variété d'humaines interplanétaires nous est révélée par M. Jean-Pierre Hilla, agent technique, qui affirme avoir vu, samedi soir vers 20 h. 30, les passagers d'une soucoupe traverser la route nationale 631 en l'espace

dix « La Calife ».

— Revenant de Toulouse en automobile, je conduis à deux vite allure. J'ai soudainement distingué, ainsi que les deux passagers qui m'accompagnaient, deux petits personnages de la taille d'un enfant de 11 à 12 ans, traversant la route à quatre ou cinq mètres de la voiture, la soucoupe se trouvant dans le pré. J'ai stoppé aussitôt. Le temps de descendre et nous « nous » nous sommes trouvés à un grand disque rouge d'un diamètre

de six mètres environ. L'engin disparut dans le ciel en quelques secondes.

Arrêtés par un rayon lumineux !

M. Henri Gaudelot, Louis Vigneron, fermier, qui conduisent un camionnet, ont été stoppés par un rayon lumineux. Voici la déclaration de M. Gaudelot :

— Je circulais en milieu de la chaussée, non loin de Clermont, lorsque j'ai ressenti la décharge électrique. Le moteur s'arrêta et les phares s'éteignirent. Soudain, j'observai dans un pré un objet de forme cylindrique d'un diamètre assez grand. J'ai vu nettement autour de cet appareil trois petites têtes qui se mouvaient prudemment.

L'apparition n'a duré que quelques secondes, mais elle était très nette et aucun doute n'est possible.

M. Vigneron a confirmé les dires de M. Gaudelot.

October 14th. Hobbs, New Mexico. (8-9:20 p.m.) "Lubbock Lights?"

One of the few U.S. reports made in October was submitted by amateur astronomer R.S. Fleming, who witnessed a series of five manifestations during the time period of 8-9:20 p.m. at Hobbs, New Mexico. What gave

the sightings special significance was their similarity to the famous "Lubbock Lights" of the summer of 1951, and the little-known formations of lights reported over El Paso, Texas, on September 14, 1952.

The first appearance of something strange was noticed at 8:00 p.m. as Mr. Fleming was setting up his small telescope for an evening of astronomical observations. A formation of lights in a half circle, bisected by a straight line, swept out of the northeast, passed silently overhead at an estimated 5,000 feet altitude, and then disappeared to the southwest. So puzzled was Mr. Fleming (he claimed great familiarity with jets), he summoned his wife and daughter to be additional witnesses.

After a wait of about 10 minutes, another "half circle" of soft lights soared across the sky. These "Hobbs lights" were either individual glowing bodies themselves, or weak points of light on a large craft too dark to discern, because the witnesses could not see an outline or a surface between the lights. The phenomenon moved too quickly to bring the telescope to bear on it.

Stargazer Fleming guessed that the formations were moving "twice the speed of a jet," and spanned a distance "twice that of America's huge B-36 bomber."

There were a total of five overflights at altitudes Fleming guessed were from 5,000 to as low as 2,000 feet. All were the same save the last one at 9:20 p.m. when a half circle consisting of three rows of lights swept overhead. 121.

It would be hasty to classify the Hobbs case as a "true" UFO sighting without checking the possibility there was some unusual military aircraft traffic that particular evening, but since it might help explain the famous "Lubbock Lights" of 1951, it is being included.

October 14th. Southend, England. (Just before midnight)

"What scared Miss Hennessey?"

The fullest account of Miss Hennessey's experience is to be found in the files of the now defunct News Chronicle of South-on-Sea, England:

"Twenty-three-year-old Patricia Hennessey is scared. She is convinced that she has seen a flying saucer --on the ground. It terrified her and sent her running home trembling with fear. At first she would not talk about it, but gradually her family and friends persuaded her to tell what she saw.

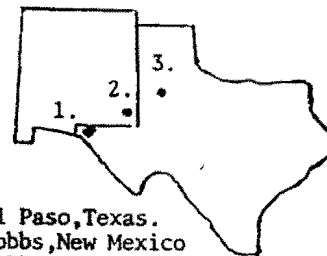
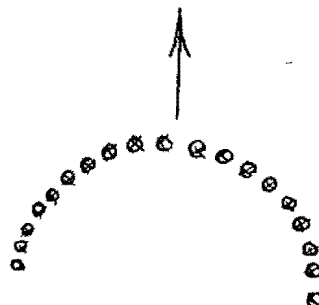
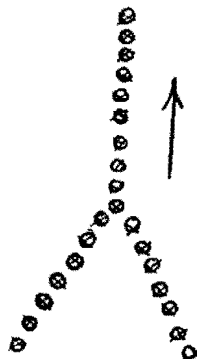
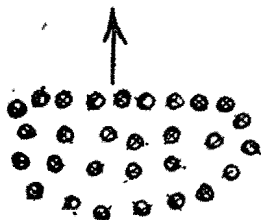
"Miss Hennessey was walking in Park Lane, Southend, on her way home to nearby Chase Road on Thursday night (October 14th) night when she was confronted by 'The Thing.' She said: 'Suddenly something made me look up. In the road five yards away by the Kerbside was a silvery object about 12 ft. high. It was doomed and cylindrical --about 10 ft. across. A pipe the thickness of a human body and rather like a gas mask tube came from inside The Thing. It was attached down one side, and went back in again at the bottom. It had no legs or wheels. There were no markings. It seemed as though The Thing had a pale light shimmering from inside. I began to tremble. I turned and ran.

"The spot is by the gates of Southchurch Hall Park. At the nearest house a woman was asked if she had seen any strange object the night before. She did not ask why she was being questioned.

Below and Right:

El Paso, Texas.

September 14, 1952



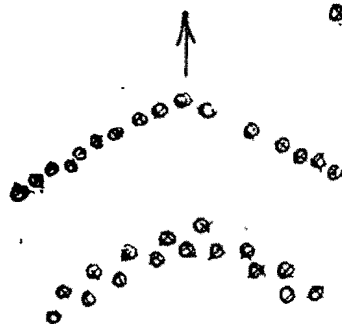
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Right:

"Lubbock Lights"

Lubbock, Texas.

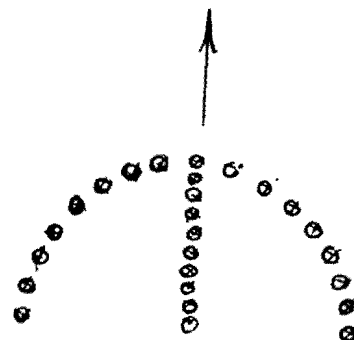
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Right:

Hobbs, New Mexico.

October 14, 1954.



"'I kept my curtains shut close last night,' she answered, and would say no more.

"Only 100 yards away in Cheltenham Road a woman reported seeing an airborne 'saucer' a few months ago. It was also seen and logged at Southend Airport as 'an unidentified object.'" 122.

October 15th. Hungary. (early morning)

An article in the Hungarian weekly Tukor does not provide much of a UFO report by most standards but it did indicate "UFO hysteria" had penetrated the Iron Curtain:

"Early on the morning of 15th October 1954 a shining object sped through the sky westwards, watched by hundreds of thousands of people, most of whom still think today that they saw a flying saucer. About 1,500 people wrote down their findings in response to an appeal from the astronomical observatory 'Urania'--and here we come up against the disconcerting riddle that no two of their reports appear to be alike; according to the reports 1,500 people have obviously seen as many different objects. Fortunately a completely objective 'witness' was found--in the form of a camera. A teacher from the province of Gyor-Sopron photographed the object twice. By means of this, together with reports from reliable witnesses, the people at the observatory were able to establish that the object was big, shining and reddish in colour--it could well have been a small comet--and that it went through the sky at a speed of 40 km per second along a path Amsterdam-Athens. This comet only went through the uppermost layer of the earth's atmosphere before continuing its journey round the sun after a slight alteration of orbit. This case demonstrates that anybody not versed in astronomy and mechanics is not suited to discuss such a phenomenon, even though he tries to be objective. The phenomenon flew or moved at a distance of 1,000 km from the observers and at a height of at least 200 km. Its speed was of a cosmic order yet not one of the eyewitnesses noticed these essential facts --everybody thought the object was much closer and moving like an aircraft." 123.

October 15th. Boaria, Rorigo, Italy. (no time known)

Things really got wild in Italy if our information is correct, for it seems an Italian farmer by the name of Antonia Grepaldi had an "aerial visitor" that did much more than just make an appearance. Grepaldi, whose farm is about 50 miles from Italy's major city in the Po River Valley, the metropolitan area of Milan; was near his farmhouse watering some of his cows at a small pond when a big "dark egg-like body" came into view, giving off blue-silver sparks, tongues of blue and yellow flame, and intense heat. Swooping low over the farmhouse, the "flying egg" spooked the cows, the animals stampeding in confusion. In the turmoil Grepaldi's 9-year-old daughter was knocked to the ground. With his child injured, Grepaldi panicked and ran indoors where he promptly fainted.

Meanwhile, the big ovoid sped away, travelling at an altitude of about 45 feet, but even at that low height the strange object was spotted by at least three other people in the area, and it apparently was so low it produced an effect felt at ground level. As the UFO passed over some haystacks, the straw burst into flame. Other indications that the UFO radiated heat was that the small pond in Grepaldi's barnyard lost all its water and some of man's cows standing nearby suffered burns. 124.

15 OCT

MESSIEURS LES MARTIENS conduisez prudemment!

*Le trafic céleste est devenu si dense
qu'on pourrait craindre d'affreux embouteillages*

Le ciel est bruyant de soucoupes volantes, de cigares et de champignons. Depuis quelque temps, nos lecteurs l'auront pu constater: le nombre de ces engins, leur vitesse extraordinaire, leurs écarts de cheveux embellés, leurs virages sur les chapeaux de soucoupe mettent en péril la tranquillité

des constellations, et font prévoir, à brève échéance, des accidents spectaculaires, ou tout au moins d'incalculables embouteillages.

On jure, en chronique régionale, que du ciel de Saint-Blaise a été traversé hier soir par un cigare. Mais voici les dernières dépêches qui nous racontent l'histoire à épisodes des fausses et des vraies soucoupes, en Suisse et dans le monde.

A GENEVE

Ce n'était qu'un météore!

GENÈVE, 14. — Jeudi, vers 10 heures du matin, de nombreuses personnes ont observé un point lumineux semblable à une feuille de métal scintillant au soleil, qui se déplaçait côté Jura en direction de l'autre extrémité du lac.

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15 OCT

Soucoupes, disques, cigares et autres cloches

(SUITE DE LA PREMIERE PAGE)

Bien des personnes ont, au voir dans ce phénomène une soucoupe volante, et l'observatoire a reçu nombre de coups de téléphone. Or il s'agit, en réalité, d'un magnifique météore.

EN FRANCE

Le Martien parlait français

Un garçonnet de 13 ans, le petit Olivier Lelay, vient de recueillir la déclaration en français — assez brève — du pilote d'un cigare volant.

Le rencontre de ce Martien polyglotte et de Jeanne Lelay, une fille avant-hier soir, vers 27 à 30, près de Châteaubriant (Loire-inférieure), à quelques dix cents mètres du domicile de ses parents.

L'objet est resté dix minutes à observer les engins ayant la forme d'un cigare, d'où avait sorti un homme chaussé de bottes qui lui aurait déclaré en français:

« Regarde, mais ne touche pas. »

Il lui fut la main sur l'épaule (ce qui, de l'autre, il tenait que bonne langue) des trois virées. La jeune comète dans l'appareil, qui évoluait deux fois dans les airs et disparut subitement. Tel est l'essentiel de la déclaration faite par ce Petit Poucet de l'âge scolaire.

Un général ordonne une enquête

Le général commandant la 4me région militaire a ordonné une enquête sur la présence d'un cercle lumineux qui demeure immobile pendant plusieurs heures au-dessus de Metz, dimanche soir.

D'après les premiers renseignements recueillis, il semble que ce phénomène pourrait être expliqué par l'apparition à haute altitude, d'un comète temporaire, observé par le capitaine Cap-

dent, les services militaires poursuivent leurs investigations.

Apparitions diverses

On signale encore diverses apparitions: à Jonzeaux (Loire) où un camion de tannerie a de nouveau été hiqué par un rayon rayonnant; à Pontant-Cornbault, près de Melun; à Bornes (Pyrénées-Orientales) et à Bayona.

EN AUTRICHE

Un célèbre danseur « en a vu une »

Dans le Tyrol, M. Harold Kretzberg, le Serge Lifar autrichien, a observé, alors qu'il se trouvait dans son jardin, une soucoupe volante qui a survolé la petite localité de Seefeld, avant de se diriger vers le nord et de disparaître derrière les montagnes.

MAIS EN ANGLETERRE

« on s'y croit pas ! »

LONDRES, 14 (A.P.P.). — Le ministre de l'air britannique ne croit pas à l'existence de soucoupes volantes, cigares ou autres engins volants. En effet, tout en se refusant à tout commentaire sur les engins vus en France et dans les autres pays européens, le porte-parole officiel du ministère déclarait que 25 fois que l'on trouve des explications naturelles aux apparitions enlucées signalées en Grande-Bretagne: il s'agit le plus souvent de ballons aérostatiques ou autres explications ne peut être donnée, ajoute-t-on au ministère de l'air, c'est généralement parce que les témoins des phénomènes qui prétendent avoir assisté à ces apparitions sont insuffisants.

Toutefois, comme celui de ce genre a été signalé en Grande-Bretagne au cours des dernières semaines,

October 15th. Perpignan, France. (no time known)

A big red-glowing ball came down out of the sky and touched down only 150 feet from M. Damien Figueres who was out walking his dogs. To M. Figueres' great astonishment, a figure, dressed in a suit a deep sea diver might wear, stepped out of the luminous sphere, walked around it, and then climbed back aboard. As M. Figueres' dogs barked at the strange object, it sailed away. 125.

October 15th? Alvito, Portugal. (no time known)

While hunting in a pasture, sportman Manuel Madeira's attention was drawn to a cloud of dust which seemed to indicate he had flushed some game. Carefully approaching the spot, Senor Madeira arrived in time to see a strange cigar-shaped object launch itself skyward in a vertical climb at terrific velocity. 126.

October 15th. Po-di-Gnocca, Italy. (afternoon)

A flying disc made a brief touchdown, shooting vertically after a moment or two at rest. This was witnessed by farmers in the in the area.

What sets this case apart were the "traces" left behind, primarily a gaping hole 20 feet in diameter, the earth ripped upward by some powerful force as if by a giant vacuum! Ragged clods of dirt were scattered about and a half dozen popular trees next to the big hole showed burned marks.

As with the October 4th Poncey case when a big hole was apparently created by a UFO, authorities showed an interest in the apparent "solid evidence" at Po di Gnocca and made inquiries. 127.

Nairobi Reuters dispatch:"Saucers from space."

With little saucer activity in the U.S. during time period, there was not much for Donald Keyhoe to do except discuss with his friend Frank Edwards rumors about possible Mars discoveries after a recent planetary study by the world's top astronomers. There was one stargazer in particular that pleased Keyhoe, the vice-president of the Kenya Astronomical Association G. Duncan Fletcher. Keyhoe read a Reuters dispatch in the Chicago Tribune that could have been a quote from one of his books:

"From all the information available they are steadily mapping every part of our earth.

"Reports have been made by observers who have seen these unidentified flying objects over atomic plants, dock yards, airfields, naval bases, and some of the larger cities of the world. Their approach to us is, I suggest, similar to what our own approach would be if the boot were on the other foot. Suppose we were to visit Venus. I do not think that we would land until we had made every possible investigation.

"The obvious thing is that we should map, photograph, and if possible carry out a thorough investigation before we wantonly risked life by hasty landing. It is not unreasonable therefore that whatever controls the UFO's is doing exactly that." 128.

October 15th. Nimes-Courbessac airfield. (7:50 p.m.)

A giant yellow cigar-like object with portholes was supposed to have been seen on the Nimes-Courbessac airfield. Creatures wearing helmets were visible inside the craft. A cloudy mist surrounded both ends of the 150 by 12 foot spindle. 129.

October 15th. Isbergues, France. (night)

A glowing sphere set down in a field near the village of Isbergues. The luminous object gave off different colors. Numerous witnesses in the area sighted the object. 130.

October 15th. Fouesnant, France. (night)

A red-glowing "inverted plate" swept low over the countryside near Fouesnant and then out to sea. The witness to this overflight was a truckdriver named Rene le Viol who saw a second such object following the first one. 131.

October 16th. Bangkok, Thailand. Perignan, France. (See newsclipping)

Saucers Back Again —This Time Bangkok

BANGKOK, Oct. 16 (INS).—Thailand which has been feeling ignored by interplanetary visitors—heaved a sign of relief today after a flying saucer was sighted over Bangkok.

Bangkok newspapers, quoted by Agence France Presse, not only hailed the sighting of a saucer over their city "at last," but declared that "available information reveals that uninvited guests from outer space... are directing their attention here with a friendly attitude toward the people of Bangkok."

PERIGNAN, France, Oct. 16 (INS).—A retired French customs man today reported he saw a flying saucer land and a tall man dressed in "a diver's suit" step out.

Agence France Presse said Da-

mien Sigueres, 36, described the "saucer" as a large red sphere. He added that the occupant jumped back into his craft and took off rapidly, but noiselessly, when he saw Sigueres' two dogs.

October 16th. Quasso, Italy. (no time known)

Two UFOs were reported near the city of Quasso, Italy, by a bus driver, Senor De Rossi. According to Senor Rossi one of the strange aerial bodies dived at the ground, and as it swooped low a gesticulating figure could be seen. 132.

October 16th. Modena, Italy. (no time known)

According to the London, England, Evening News, a fast-flying incandescent cigar-shaped object zoomed over Modena, in northern Italy. 133.

October 16th. Cier-de-Riviers, France. (no time known)

"Horse levitated?"

Jacques Vallee received a letter from a young(22) Frenchman by the name of Guy Puyfourcat who felt compelled to share his UFO experience.

Like the majority of French cases, the incident occurred in a rural setting with M. Puyfourcat leading a horse by a bridle down a country lane. It was fortunate that the young man was not mounted on the animal because for no apparent reason the mare became nervous. At the same time a gray-colored object about four feet in diameter rose up from a spot close by and then moved toward the man and horse, passing above them. As the object passed over, an astonishing thing happened. The horse was pulled upward, at least nine feet, so high M. Puyfourcat let go of the bridle. The horse then fell back to earth and lay motionless for a minute or two, and whether the animal was stunned by the fall or some sort of paralytic effect, is not known, but the mare recovered slowly, its walk unsteady when it regained its feet. M. Puyfourcat felt nothing during the incident. 134.

October 16th. Bailloulet, France. (sundown) Missing time?

Another motorist, this time a veterinary surgeon by the name of Dr. Henri Robert, sped along Route N314, passing the village of Bailloulet, and at that point the doctor sighted an echelon formation of strange objects moving at a slow speed across the sky. One of the objects suddenly left the formation and lost altitude, plunging earthward in a "dead leaf" fashion, coming to rest about 100 yards from Dr. Robert's car. The surgeon felt an "electric shock" and his car's motor started to act up. The headlights went out and the motor died completely. As the vehicle rolled to a stop, Dr. Robert, who could not move by this time, noticed a little figure about three feet in height moving in the vicinity of the object that had landed. After that, he felt strange and "all went dark." The next thing he remembered is the headlights of his car coming on by themselves and seeing the UFO lifting off and speeding away in a northern direction. Feeling now returned to Dr. Henri body. 135.

Was there "missing time" in this case? It is interesting to note that this incident was not "recalled at a later date." Dr. Robert's story was printed in the newspaper Paris-Presse on October 19, 1954.

October 16th. Belgium. Slow meteor? (9:00-9:30 p.m.)

At 9:00 p.m. a mystery object was seen streaking over the Belgian towns of Arlon, Martelange, and Sibret. It left a luminous trace across the sky.

At 9:15 p.m. some people at Warenme, which included two constables, saw a red trail in the heavens.

At 9:30 p.m. a "saucer-shaped" object spewing luminous smoke appeared in the air over Turnout. 136.

Dompierre, France. (9:45 p.m.)

A close approach of a glowing yellow "craft," some 60 feet wide and 6 feet high, was claimed by two Frenchmen, one was a M. Laolotre and the other was a M. Deschamp. The men said the object hovered within a dozen feet of the ground for about four minutes. 137.

More "meteor" sightings. (9:22 p.m.-9:45 p.m.)

Something was seen high in the sky over the Italian cities of Milan and Turin about 9:22 p.m.

At 9:25 p.m. residents of Salins, France, noticed something coming out of the southeast sky from the direction of northern Italy. As the thing passed overhead it appeared as a dull-glowing lenticular shape trailing a luminous stream of smoke. Moments later the lenticular body passed over the cities of Dole and Montmirey still on a northwest trajectory. The elongated form was then spotted at Damparis and Dijon. The object was at a high altitude since observers some distance to the right and left of the object's course could see the thing travel from horizon to horizon.

At 9:35 p.m., continuing in a straight line, the lenticular body appeared over Paris, causing some concern at Orley airport which put all air traffic on hold while the phenomenon was in sight. Some people in the French capital claimed they saw the object come to a stop while others even asserted the object made a turn to the west.

The French Air Force Inquiry Commission looked into the case and concluded that a "slow meteor" was responsible, and that those who said they had seen a course change had merely suffered from an optical illusion. To explain the duration of the object's passage, the French Commission suggested that witnesses' timepieces were not set properly.

Amie Michel thought more of the case than the military because he had knowledge of a sighting near St. Malo, a town that lies west of Paris on the coast of Brittany. The time of this sighting was not known but there may have been a connection with the "slow meteor." What was seen at St. Malo, however, did not resemble the supposed meteor. According to the witness two objects raced across the sky and a third object was seen intercepting the first two at a right angle. This new formation of three objects sped away leaving a thin vapor trail behind them. 138.

"Gigantic luminous object."

There is no alinement with the "slow meteor," but during the same time period, 9:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m., a spectacular sky show was taking place over the French Pyrenees village of Beless where 50 people; including a Dr. Millet, President of the Aviation Club of Lavelanet; witnessed a "gigantic luminous object" perform a series of fantastic maneuvers while it emitted smoke. 139.

October 16th. Siena, Italy. (midnight)

A big glowing body landed momentarily in a meadow at the town of Siena, according to several local citizens. 140.

October 17th. Toulon, France. (no time known)

"Je suis Francaise."

One UFO researcher asked if a "Martian" was attempting to masquerade as a Frenchman when he heard the story of cafe owner Alphonse Rapellini who phoned the Toulon police to say a domed flying saucer landed nearby and its pilot had asked for directions. Before leaving, the pilot told M. Rapellini: "I am not a Martian, I'm French (Je suis Francaise)" 141.

October 17th. Varigney, France. (8:30 p.m.)

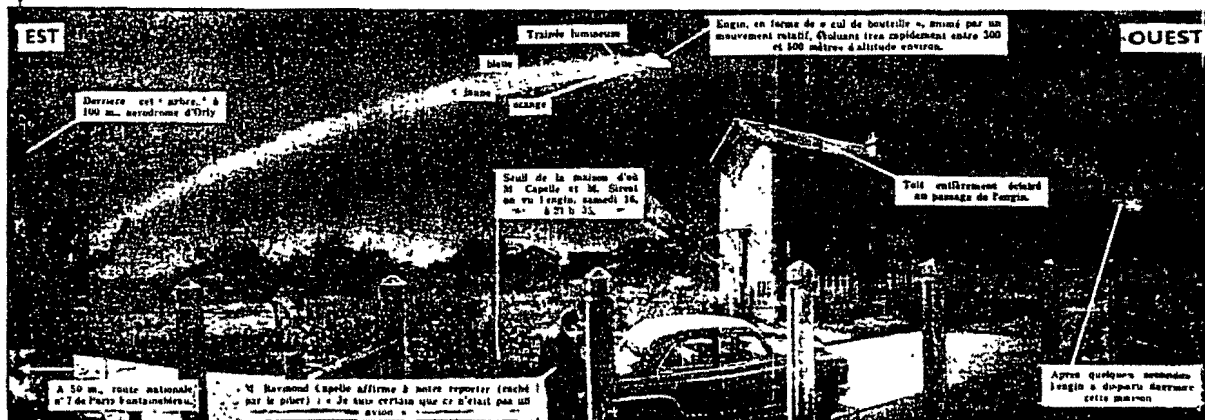
It was a red glowing hemispherical machine that came down to a landing near Rt. D-10, a road that passed through the village of Varigney. The object was so obvious, parked as it was on a slight rise in the ground, several motorists stopped to gape. M. Barret, a crossing guard, a cafe owner named Beauclair and his daughter Jeanne, were among the witnesses that gathered at the spot to stare at the mysterious object.

France Dimanche

VOUS FAIT VISITER

Un "cul de bouteille" lumineux et silencieux au-dessus d'Orly et dans le ciel de Paris

Le télescopage le plus troublant, cette semaine, sur les sous-solles voilantes, vient de la région parisienne : d'Orly. Samedi 16 octobre, M. M. Raymond Capelle et Charles Siret, après dîner à 21 h. 35, sortaient de chez M. Capelle 6, rue du Fay-de-Dôme à Orly, lorsqu'ils aperçurent dans le ciel un engin mystérieux. Filant d'Est en Ouest, cet engin, en forme de « cul de bouteille », tournait sur lui-même et lâchait derrière lui une traînée lumineuse orange, jaune et bleue, longue de trente fois environ le diamètre de l'engin. A cet instant, cette traînée lumineuse s'entièrement défilait la rive. Après quelques secondes, l'engin a disparu derrière une maison, M. Capelle est employé au service à trafic d'Alc Franco à Orly. Pendant cinq ans (quatre ans en indépendant, un an à Orly), il a appartenu à la gendarmerie de l'air. Il reconnaît qu'il porte quel type d'appareil au bruit de son moteur, et ne se peut pas tromper, dit-il. Il ne s'agit pas d'un avion à réaction, cet engin ne faisait aucun bruit, c'est ce qui lui donne son caractère surprenant. M. Siret, employé à l'U.S.A.F., travaille au terrain d'Orly depuis trente ans. Il confirme en tous points le témoignage de M. Capelle. Cet engin a également été observé par de nombreux Parisiens et habitants qui en ont situé le passage de la Bourne à Neuilly. Trois C.N.R. l'ont également vu au-dessus de Lann.



When some of the witnesses got up enough courage to approach the object, it rose to a point where it was out of reach, about 60 feet high, where it emitted red and white beams of light from its underside. 142.

Craziness in the U.S.

The Detroit Flying Saucer Club convened group discussions in late October, engaging in chatter that ranged over science, religion, and what the FBI's self-appointed informant described as "double-talk," however the organization's Vice-President tried to provide a focus by announcing there might be mass landings in October in Detroit, that one such landing had already taken place at 4:30 a.m. the morning of September 30th when some strange greenish men in brown uniforms had landed at Rotunda Drive and Southfield on the outskirts of the city. The informant was highly suspicious of the announcement, particularly after group discussion leaders (he had been appointed one) were given official instructions on how to guide club members in their thinking, to: "...indoctrinate club members to receive the space visitors." 143.

One can imagine what this self-appointed FBI spy thought. He probably believed he was preparing the way for a secret Russian commando raid!

Craziness in Europe.

"10 million franc reward."

The foreign correspondent for the Washington Evening Star spotted the next item and forwarded it to his editor for the enjoyment of American readers:

"Paris- Readers of the classified AD columns of the Brest-Telegramme blinked recently at the following notice:

REWARD:

OFFER OF 10 MILLION FRANCES (28,000 U.S. dollars) TO ANY ONE WHO BRINGS ME A LIVE INHABITANT OF THE PLANET MARS. CONTACT PRE AT LOCRONAN (FINISTERE)." 144.

October 18th. Cisternes-La-Forêt, France. (no time known)

A domed, oval-shaped object giving off white light was seen by two Frenchmen, a M. J. Augard and a M. J. Chanzotte. When approached, the object shot upward and then took off to the northeast, spewing a reddish smoke in the process. 145.

October 18th. Pont L' Abbe D'Arnoult, France. (no time known)

In another case on the 18th a "strange craft" greatly surprised a M. Meunier, a construction supervisor, who swore that even his war time experiences had not frightened so much as this sighting. 146.

October 18th. Fontenay-Torcy, France. (8:40 p.m.)

"Glow-worm eyes."

A French couple, M. and Mme. Lherminier, told authorities a red spindle-like body swooped down out of the evening sky and set down at a place down the road from them. Cresting a hill, the man and his wife found themselves

CASH REWARD

A \$5,000 cash reward "for proof that there are interplanetary machines piloted by beings from another world" has been offered by Dan Paul, publisher of FRAUDS magazine, La Crescenta, California -- to which the writer has added a modest \$100 as an indorsement of Mr. Paul's challenge aimed at the humbugry of those who originate irresponsible stories about "the little men from out of space".

Several people, to our knowledge, claim to have had long talks with various types of creatures recently arrived by "flying saucer" -- but can't produce a shred of tangible proof! Others are still displaying the grisly picture of the small, grotesque creature being dragged along between men dressed in 1915 garb -- with spine tingling tales of Venusians living in nearby cities, and good citizens (including our CSI Secretary) who was reported abducted by 3 spacemen in long dark flowing cloaks being snatched up from the sidewalk. It would be encouraging to hope that these people might be reminded of Mr. Paul's offer from time to time.

In the meanwhile, Mr. Paul's \$5,000 plus cash reward is available to anyone WHO DOES come forth with irrefutable proof of the interplanetary nature of the UAO. And, he assures us, that he will be the happiest man in the world to be able to pay it -- upon proper proof.

**\$28,000 Reward Offered
 For Capture of a Martian**

Several Europeans Muff Good Chances to Collect; at Least, That's What They Say

OCT. 23, 1954

By CROWDY & NOLES
 Paris, Oct. 23 (NANA)--Readers of the classified ad columns of the Brest Telegramme blinked recently at the following notice --
 "Reward: Offer of 10 million francs (\$28,000) to anyone who brings me a live inhabitant of the planet Mars. Contact Pre at Octodon (Finistere)."
 It may be that M. Pre has his tongue in his cheek and a good deal less than 10,000,000 francs in his pocket. But considering what is going on -- Europe there!

Other Reports

Although Allingham has written a book about his experience and stood the best chance of earning M. Pre's reward, he has no corner on the Martian market. Within recent weeks, European newspapers have been flooded with scores of hardly less intriguing reports --
 On the night of Sept. 10, near Quereouille in Northern France, an oblong machine about 10 feet long landed on a railroad track a few yards from the house of farmer Marius Dewilde. Two small men

The 10 million francs (\$28,000) offered by an European UFO enthusiast was not the only sum made available as an award to anyone lucky enough to get their hands on something otherworldly. The editor of the Los Angeles-based Civilian Saucer Investigators Quarterly Bulletin noted in the publication's last issue (Winter, 1954) that the California publisher of FRAUDS magazine had put up \$5,000. The CSI writer expressed a willingness to chip in a \$100 out of his own pocket. (See clipping from the Bulletin)



— Adé, chef... ça se complique, j'ai dans mon bureau un type qui assure avoir vu un narghileh volant !

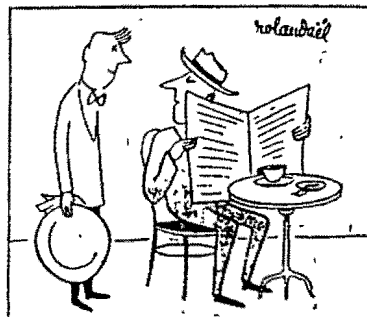


— Les Martiens qui débarquent ?
— Mais non, les Durand qui s'eng... !

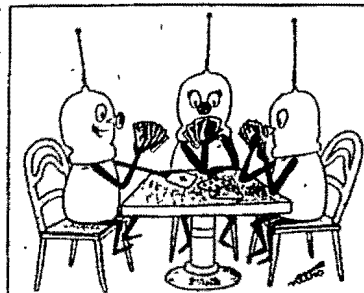


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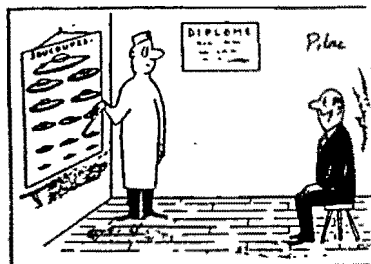
— Ces histoires de soucoupes, ça se finit !...



— Je soucoupe !...



— Ça doit être humide chez vous. J'ai souvent entendu parler des giboulées de Mars.



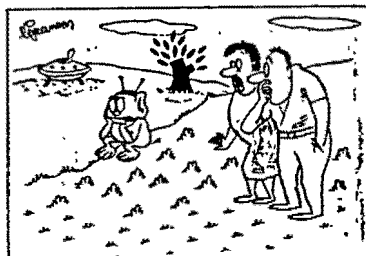
— Vraiment, docteur, vous croyez que je peux espérer en voir ?...



— Si c'est fameux ?... Tu veux y goûter ?... C'est un mégot de cigare volant !...



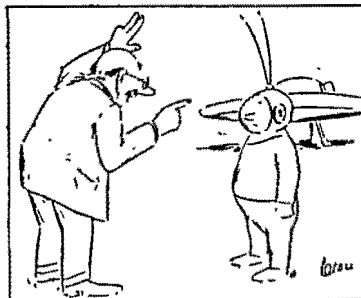
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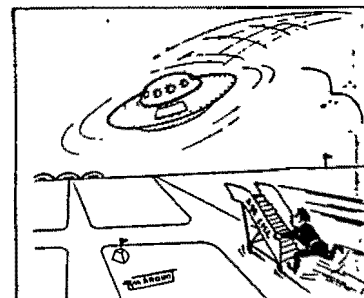
— C'est curieux, il n'y a pas l'air dans mon assiette !...



SOUCOUPES violents



— Tiens ! Chez vous aussi vous en portez ?



Sans paroles

confronting a thick-set creature, about three feet tall and wearing a helmet. The creature, they said, had unforgettable glowing orange-colored eyes.

Four other people in the area made independent observations of a UFO in the general area at the time. 147.

October 18th. Royan, France. (9:00 p.m.)

"Luminous bridge."

A pair of UFOs flew over a busy French highway, Route N150, at 9:00 p.m. October 18th. The two UFOs seemed to be connected by a "luminous bridge" according to those who paid attention. Two witnesses, whether they were motorists is not given in the account, M. and Mme. Labassiere, said they observed the pair of objects set down in a field where two "drawf-like" beings emerged, one from each craft. The beings re-entered different objects, giving the impression the ships had landed with the purpose of exchanging personnel. After this "switch," the two UFOs zoomed away, and while doing so, emitted a tremendous flash. 148.

Coral Lorenzen's source is more descriptive, saying that the objects were flat, like pans, and that the overall impression of the arrangement was like that of a balance with one "pan" orange and the other red. The "bridge" was a luminous green beam of light. The entire apparition swayed or bounced as it moved toward the ground. 149.

October 18th. Capri, Italy. (evening)

"Four drawfs in coveralls."

An Italian named Raffaele Castello believed at first he was seeing a helicopter when an object made a slow descent on Cape Massulo, a part of sea coast near Capri. While walking toward the landed object, it quickly became apparent to Castello the thing was no aircraft, but a mysterious disc-shaped body about 15 feet in diameter.

At that point he saw something even more astonishing. Four drawf-sized figures dressed in coverall-type clothing stepped out of the disc and remained in the area for at least 30 minutes (what transpired during this half hour is not mentioned). Afterward the beings re-entered their ship and flew away, their machine emitting blue sparks and making a low whirring noise. 150.

October 18th. Gells(Puy-de-Dome), France. (5:30 p.m.)

MISSING TIME?

Quite possibly the most important case of the great flap was the experience of a 42-year-old village policeman named Monsieur Bachelard. His "missing time" seems to validate sensational reports made decades later. If so, the implications are enormous.

In circumstances similar to many others of this period, M. Bachelard encountered, he said, a strange object while driving a vehicle. Taking the road to Gelles after leaving the village of Chanat, the policeman drove his light van passed the Chambois turnoff and entered a wooded stretch of road. He then noticed something positioned next to the road which at first he believed was some sort of cistern. A press account states:

"I realised later that it wasn't precisely a cistern, for its two ends were pointed, like a cigar. It was of a chocolate-brown

colour and had rectangular markings which criss-crossed its two ends. It may well have been ten meters long and about $2\frac{1}{4}$ meters high. I heard no sound from the machine, but merely felt this indescribable fear." 151.

At that moment the van's engine started to misfire and steering became difficult. Shortly thereafter he began to have physical trouble, finding himself in a semi-paralyzed condition. Another word used in the account was "hypnotised." Here there is a puzzling gap in M. Bachelard's memory, a period of "missing time."

The very next thing the policeman recalled was that he was entering the village of Coheix in his van, but why he had taken a road off his usual route and what had happened since his encounter with the "cigar," was a total blank.

M. Bachelard immediately approached some Cohiex farmers and tried to explain his situation. The peasants were impressed by the "pale and drawn" appearance of Bachelard and were convinced enough to shoulder their pitchforks and returned with the policeman to the site of the encounter ready to do battle if the need arose. There was no strange object at the spot when the men arrived but an hour had passed, giving the thing plenty of time to escape.

Those who knew M. Bachelard described the fellow as a stable person, not the nervous or timid type, which is logical considering the man's occupation, yet the encounter had a powerful effect on the man. For a long time M. Bachelard was afraid to venture outdoors after dark and he refused to go anywhere near the area of his mysterious experience. 152.

"Monkey spacemen."

A London newspaper made an interesting suggestion on October 18th when it published the opinion that since monkeys were being outfitted with oxygen masks and helmets and sent up as passengers in cosmic ray balloons, perhaps these simian test pilots were somehow responsible for the little saucer men reports., 153. (Decades later an American General suggested that the furor over the July 1947 Roswell incident might have been the result of confusion over dead monkeys killed after their balloon came down in the New Mexican desert. The monkey balloon flights of the late 40s were conducted under the codename BLOSSOM).

October 18th. Fontenay-Forcy, France. (8:40 p.m.)

"Mass sighting."

A reddish blob swooped down on a couple near Fontenay-Forcy, landing behind some shrubbery that screened it from view. The man and woman rushed to the place where the object should be, and, to their great surprise, came face-to-face with a figure, three feet tall, wearing a helmet through which recorded. The mysterious aerial object was reported in the area by four independent witnesses. Another group at Sanson-la-Poterie sighted a strange object flying away from the supposed landing site at great speed. 154.

October 18th. Doube, France. (10:45 p.m.)

"Little folk."

A Frenchwoman named Marie-Louise Bourriot was riding a motorcycle on

Route N437 that runs along the shore of Lake St. Point near the city of Doube when she noticed that the road ahead was lit up by a powerful red glow. There was no immediate concern about the phenomenon since it appeared to be about 200 yards away and might, she thought, have something to do with normal traffic, but as she approached the old abandoned La Cascade a figure about four feet tall, wearing a "dark coat," could be seen on a path. Next to this figure were two shorter figures, very dark, that crossed in front of the car at a distance of about 30 feet. The frightened woman accelerated passed the spot and a short time later glanced back and saw a red oval object shooting upward. 155.

Authorities searched the area the following day and found small foot prints in the field and some suspicious "furrows" in the earth. 156.

U.S. Air Force BLUE BOOK advisor Dr. J. Allen Hynek, in his study of the French UFO flap, noted:

"...there was no mechanism whatever to handle them. No scientist would touch this tricky subject, and thier official Air Force team began sorting reports by tossing out the 'obviously incredible report.' They latched onto those cases in which they could forsee a natural explanation, a most human and understandable reaction." 157.

The situation reminded Dr. Hynek of a problem that faced French science experts a century earlier:

"This French wave of stories is reminiscent of another wave of strange stories of stones that fell from heaven. Persistent stories came in, in waves, from time to time, of stones that fell from the sky. Now, how credulous can one get --stones falling from the sky, indeed!

"But in due course the French Academy of Sciences appointed a committee to study the subject, and after a full examination of the stories, reported back to the Academy that there was nothing to it --the stones in question had not fallen from the sky but had been hit by lightning! This despite their much greater density and obvious difference from surrounding stones. When a group of people don't want to admit something, there's nothing quite as hard headed as a scientific committee, on which each man has his scientific reputation to protect and going out on a limb is certainly not the way to do it.

"The great irony of it --and I choose the word irony with care --came just a few years later when the little town of L' Aigle, France, was literally peppered with iron meteorites. This time the French scientist Biot alone undertook the investigation, and in the face of incontrovertible evidence he and his colleagues finally were convinced. Since the year 1803 a meteorite can land in France with the full permission of the French Academy of Sciences." 158.

Jet chase.

Leonard Stringfield informed his C.R.I.F.O. Newsletter readers that on October 19th: "Two French Air Force jets chased a 'white disc giving out white, red, and violet light,' near Avignon, but it moved away before the pilots could identify it." 159.

A collective generic family?

The following could have been included in any part of this 12 month period since the date is unknown. One afternoon in 1954, most probably during the Fall UFO wave, a UFO was supposed to have been photographed by a Frenchman while it sailed over Rouen, France. The picture is important because UFO ex-

pert Allan Hendry charged that UFOs, as reported by various witnesses, lacked any indication of a "collective generic family," which is to say objects being seen by people don't really resemble one another. This lack did not make sense to Hendry unless all UFOs were due to fantasy, hoaxes, or misperceptions. We could argue the point, but it is just being mentioned as a way to introduce the Rouen photograph which bears such a strikingly compatible profile with the famous 1950 McMinnville, Oregon, picture. (See illustration). Unfortunately the pilot that took the Rouen photograph chose to remain anonymous which reduces the value of the case. 160.

Before we leave this subject, we might ponder some remarks by Mr. Adrian Vance, West Coast Editor of Popular Photography and author of UFOs, The Eye And The Camera:

"The McMinnville photograph had achieved such notoriety, exemplified by a full page picture in Life magazine, that the members of the Condon Committee could not overlook it without showing their hand, but an obscure foreign pilot whose picture had appeared in a few European papers could be ignored. And he was." 161.

And: "The Condon Committee was certainly capable of tracing this man and could guarantee him anonymity, but no such attempt was made!" 162.

More from Stringfield:

"In Florence, Italy, a 13-year-old boy reported an object 'whirling like a top' over the city. And from the Swiss border town of Luino comes the report of a slivery object flying at great speed. Many witnesses said it made noise." 163.

The shift south.

Avignon is in southern France, that, and the fact there was an increase in sightings coming from Italian territory while French reports were beginning to abate, shows the southern shift in operation.

October 19th. Livorno, Italy. (no time known)

A pair of UFOs trailing smoke were suppose to have dived down to a landing near Bruno Senesi, a fellow who claimed he saw some diminutive red beings jump out of the UFO and run towards him. Senesi fled the area as quickly as he could as the creatures gave chase. This story may or may not have a particle of truth but authorities said the man had been admitted to a hospital in a hysterical condition, screaming and shaking. 164.

October 19th. Gorizia, Italy. (7:20 p.m.)

A bit different was the story told by a Filippo Corridoni who said he saw something near the Isonzo River, what looked to be a balloon at ground level, its low altitude apparently due to its half-inflated condition. He also saw close to the balloon a "flying saucer" about 30 feet wide resting on a kind of frame work (tri-pod landing gear?). The "saucer" was white in color and was topped with a portholed dome. Bluish-white light showed through some of the ports. Abruptly this light was switched off and the object zoomed away, spinning on its axis. The balloon left with the circular craft, either being towed or sucked along by air pressure. 165.

October 19th. Fabriano, Italy. (9:30 p.m.)

"Dhano da skgyay o dbano."

The words mentioned above were attributed to two "robot-like" figures that were suppose to have emerged from an 18-foot-wide saucer that gave off violet flashes of energy. The "robots," with strange red eyes, did not hang around



Top left: The Rouen photograph.



Bottom left: The Mc Minnville photograph.

20 OCT

En voyage de nocce ? Les Martiens veulent aussi voir l'Italie

FLORENCE, 19 (Reuter). — Une nouvelle espèce de touristes a visité il y a quelques jours l'Italie ensoleillée, dans des machines qui arrachent l'herbe en se posant et qui sont capables de s'élever verticalement, à en croire les récits faits par des témoins oculaires, habitant des villes du nord de la Péninsule.

On a en effet signalé trois soucoupes volantes et un cigare. Les soucoupes à Florence, à Ravigo et à Luino, le cigare à Modène.

Tous les témoins déclarent que ces appareils ne faisaient pas de bruit et ne laissaient aucune trace de vapeur dans le ciel.

20 OCT

VAL-DE-TRAVERS

Un «cigare volant»
aurait survolé le Vallois...

Un mystérieux engin aériel aurait survolé notre région... Plusieurs personnes ont «vu», samedi soir, à 21 h. 15 environ, un rayon lumineux qui volait à une hauteur de 1000 mètres peut-être. Il s'élevait pas très vite. On aurait dit qu'il était éclairé électriquement.

19 OCT

Il avait pris son voisin pour... un Martien !

LILLE, 17. — M. Maurice Ruant, cultivateur à Siroisy, près de Chauny (Aisne), a bien failli être victime de la panique que cause à certains l'apparition des soucoupes.

Dimanche soir, il était occupé à dépanner sa voiture, dans un pré proche de chez lui, quand deux coups de fusil de chasse furent tirés dans sa direction. Les pièces s'élevèrent vers la carrosserie du véhicule, non loin de sa tête. M. Maurice Ruant porta plainte, et l'enquête aussitôt ouverte permit de retrouver rapidement l'auteur des deux coups de feu, qui était voisin de M. Ruant, M. Faisan.

Ce dernier a déclaré à la police : «J'ai eu, en voyant une silhouette évoluant dans la lumière de deux phares, être en présence d'un Martien en train de réparer une soucoupe volante. Je suis allé chercher mon fusil et j'ai tiré.»

Malgré sa bonne foi, M. Faisan sera poursuivi.

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LA GRANDE PEUR MARTIENNE

Gérard Barthel et Jacques Brucker



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Famed debunking book on the 1954 UFO wave. Critics say Barthel and Brucker had as much trouble obtaining accurate information as "believers." What took place is still a matter of controversy.

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bien une soucoupe !
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gardienne de la lunette du
téléphérique du Brévent.

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NOS REPORTERS ONT PARCOURU
LA FRANCE POUR RECUEILLIR
LES TÉMOIGNAGES
DE CEUX QUI ONT VU



FINISTÈRE Annick Le Bris, fille du
directeur de l'école de
Gouesnach « La soucoupe était comme ça ! »

long when they were confronted by two Italian men. The "robots" boarded their craft for a quick escape after jabbering in their incomprehensible language. 166.

October 20th. Raon L'Etage, France. (2:30 a.m.)

In the dead of the night a Czech living in France, M. Lazlo Cyvari, claimed he had encountered a rature human-like saucer pilot near his home in Raon L'Etage. The stranger, Cyvari said, wore a helmet like that worn by motorcyclist and a gray jacket decorated with insignia. The heavy-set pilot showed a gun and conversed in Russian, wanting to know which country he had landed in. The UFO pilot then left in a machine that looked like two big saucers placed rim to rim. 167.

Russian, British, or ?

Evidently the Czech fellow wanted people to think Stalin's boys were trespassing on NATO territory, however that clashed with the opinion of the noted Italian airman Signor Manor Lualdi who was quoted by the press as saying: "If I had to bet on the origin of the saucers, I would say they are British." 168.

October 20th. St. Valery En Caux, France. (early morning)

A number of Frenchmen watched several UFOs in the sky over St. Valery En Caux for two hours. The objects went through various maneuvers but unfortunately this activity was not recorded. One of the objects was said to have given off a brilliant glare as it came down in a pasture.

Two other objects were seen emitting "light signals," at least that was the impression the observers on the ground had. One of the French witnesses, M. Michele Vitkosusky, thought the objects were "communicating with each other." 169.

October 20th. Cyprus.

"Fat cigar." British aircraft? (See BLUE BOOK document)

October 20th. Lusigny Forest, France. (early evening)

Intense heat was the main feature of the reported experience of a Roger Reveille, who said that during a stroll through the Lusigny Forest a sound like a "flock of pigeons" alerted him to an oval machine some 18 feet in diameter some distance away hovering just above the treetops. Shortly there after the object zoomed straight up out of sight. 170.

October 20th. Turquenstein, France. (6:30 p.m.)

"Road blocked."

Truck driver Jean Schoubrenner noticed that the road ahead was lit up by a bright glow as he drove along Route N393 near the village of Turquenstein. As his truck approached the area of radiant energy, M. Schoubrenner could see that the lumination was coming from a big "inverted cone-shaped object" that was glowing all over. At the top of the object was a yellow-orange tip.

As his vehicle approached within 30 feet of the object, Schoubrenner felt paralyzed and an increase in heat the closer he got. Much to his relief, the object moved away in a northwest direction and with its departure the high temperature in the truck cab dropped to normal and feeling returned to his arms and legs. 171.

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Mr. [REDACTED] of the American Embassy, Damascus, Syria, reported to the reporting officer that he had seen a UFOB while he was vacationing at Kyrenia, Cyprus, on 20 Oct 54. The shape was that of fat cigar. Color of bright metallic silver. No sound, nor trail. Evaluation: Possible aircraft (British).

October 20th. Bonne-Esperance, Belgium. (7:30 p.m.)

Emitting a hum, the object hovered at an altitude of about 20 feet. A beam of light, like a headlight, shone out from the dark mass. A man on a bicycle rode up. Apparently in reaction, the object sped out of sight. Right after that a second UFO, much like the first one, was spotted making a hurried departure. 172.

October 20th. Parravicino D'Erba, Italy. (night)

"Attacked by a little man with a ray gun."

Renzo Pugina put his car in the garage, locked it up, and then walked toward his front door, a bunch of keys in his right hand. Everything seemed normal to Senor Pugina as he strolled across the yard until he spotted a small, strange figure standing next to a tree with a "gun?" pointed at him. The figure was a "little man" about four tall and dressed in a glowing suit of some sort. Suddenly a beam of energy was directed at Senor Pugina and he felt "frozen" to the spot. Exerting himself to the utmost, Senor Pugina fought the paralysis but could only manage to move some fingers, closing his fist around his keys. Grasping the keys very hard, Pugina felt himself breaking free of the power that held him hostage (there may be a scientific clue here if the story is true), and enraged by being "shot," rushed at his assailant but his advance was thwarted when the diminutive figure rose upwards out of reach without much effort. That the little man utilized some mechanical aid to defy gravity was indicated by a barely audible whirring noise as the being lifted off. What happened next is not recorded. **

A police investigation discovered a spot oil at the location that may have had some connection with the incident, but there was no mention of any test results. Senor Pugina complained that after the encounter he ran a temperature and suffered from shock. 173.

October 21st. Puzzuoli, Italy. (no time known)

"DOG VICTIM OF A FLYING SAUCER."

The Swansea, England, Western Mail used the headline above to tell the tale of a canine fatality at a small town in Italy near Naples.

At a place named Puzzuoli, the story says, there was a rubber factory. and some of the workers there were standing outside the building where they had a view of the sky. These men sighted something strange in the air above them so they stopped what they were doing to stare. With the workers was a Pekingese dog.

The Mail reported: "They and the dog saw a silver object stop in mid-air for fifteen seconds, and then rise vertically with a hissing sound. The Pekingese, they said, yelped at the apparition, then dropped dead." 174.

October 21st. Melito, Italy. (no time known)

Authorities were informed by a young Italian man he had encountered an unusual flying craft in a field outside of Melito. A rustling sound, he said, drew his attention to an area where a strange object rested. The object gave off a powerful light consisting of bronze-green rays. Illuminated by the light, the young Italian could see an "occupant" of the craft emerge. The figure was dressed in a "diving suit." A dog in neighborhood began to bark violently which apparently scared the "saucer man" because he quickly retreated back inside his craft and left in a hurry. 175.

October 21st. Pons, France. (no time known)'

An "egg" 15 feet in diameter came in for a landing on a road near Pons according to some witnesses. A pair of "dwarfs" disembarked for a few moments and then climbed back aboard. The takeoff immediately thereafter was straight up and left behind a crimson trail. 176.

The Roestenberg case.

October 21st. Ranton village, Staffordshire, England. (4:45 p.m.)

A tremendous hissing, like water being poured on a hot stove, rent the air over the white washed brick cottage of Jessie Roestenberg the afternoon of October 21st. Her small home was $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles from the town of Stafford, England. There were no immediate neighbors which was unfortunate because of what she was later to tell authorities.

According to her story, her two boys, eight-year-old Anothony and six-year-old Ronald, were outside playing while she was working in the kitchen. The boys suddenly became so excited Mrs. Roestenberg went outside to determine the cause. To her astonishment she saw that a "flying saucer" was hovering low in the sky over the cottage, a disc of an aluminum color that reflected brilliantly in the sun's rays, nonetheless it was so close Mrs. Roestenberg could see considerable detail. The bottom section of the object was stationary, and just above that was a section that was revolving. The upper portion was a stationary dome with two big "windows." The disc was tilted at an angle, she said, enabling her to get a good look through the transparent panels. It also enabled "those inside" to regard her better. She claimed there were two beings, clearly visible, gazing down at her with stern, compassionate, expressions. UFO book author Gavin Gibbons interviewed Mrs. Roestenberg and he wrote:

"She recalls that they looked very like Earthly men, with white skins and long hair down to their shoulders. Their foreheads seemed immensely high, with the features almost entirely in the bottom half of their faces. Their heads were enclosed in what appeared to be some sort of transparent helmet and they were dressed in clothes of turquoise blue that resembled ski suits that Mrs. Roestenberg had seen." 177.

The family dog ran off yelping and the boys fell to the ground in fear, according to Mrs. Roestenberg. She continued to watch, appalled at the sight, as the machine switched on a flashing purple-blue light and rose silently higher into the atmosphere.

The woman said she dashed back into the cottage to make a drawing of what she had just witnessed, but before she could get started she heard the boys making a fuss again so she returned to the yard, arriving in time to see the saucer fly a circle around her farm and then zip away faster than any jet plane she had ever seen. The saucer left behind a thin, dark, ribbon of vapor.

Not long afterward Mr. Roestenberg arrived home from his assistant architect job in Stafford and learned of the amazing event. The local constable was summoned to investigate, and after interrogating the witnesses, came away convinced there may be something to the flying saucer business afterall. It was the constable that passed the story on to the press.

Hoax or reality?

The Roestenberg case does not end here, for in seems the husband "had a queer hunch" he would see something too, and climbed to roof of his home to keep watch a few days after the "saucer visit." If we are to believe him, his "premonition" proved correct when he caught sight of an "enormous sau-

sage-shaped" object (divided into four sections) flying a curved course only a mile away! And that was not all. On December 15, 1954, the husband was supposed to have "lucked out again" and just happened to spot a mysterious ball of fire that remained immobile in the air his home until it fled at the approach of an aircraft.

UFO researcher/writer Gibbons paid a visit to the Roestenbergs and found that the family seemed sincere enough, but any experienced UFO "expert" would have reservations about the husband's "hunches," especially since it turned out Mrs. Roestenberg made a claim about certain "mental powers." 178.

According to UFO researcher Wilfred Daniels, Mrs. Roestenberg had for years felt she was a "psychic," and that for a number of hours prior to the "space ship appearance," she had a "queer feeling" something was about to happen, at least that was her peculiar claim. Years before during a seance a medium directed a comment to Mrs. Roestenberg, pronouncing her a psychic of considerable ability, a compliment she never forgot. While denying she was a full-blown spiritualist, Mrs. Roestenberg said she did experience on one occasion a "spirit manifestation of the spectral sort." Her aunt, she admitted, was a practising "psychic healer." 179.

In Gibbon's mind, and to any UFO buff worth his salt, the possible flaw in the "strange affair at Ranton" was that it had a George Adamski smell, the American who at that time was the darling of England's occult society.

The only possible support Gibbon could find for Mrs. Roestenberg's story was a belated UFO report in a regional newspaper, the Express and Star, concerning witnesses at St. Mary's Catholic school which is located in the general area of Stafford. Witnesses reported a speeding, reddish-brown, circular domed object at the time of the supposed Ranton incident. This object passed overhead at an estimated 5,000 feet "making a noise like a regular airplane."

England's own "Adamski."

Mrs. Roestenberg might have also been inspired by England's own "Adamski," a certain "Cedric Allingham" whose contactee book appeared in the bookstores on October 11th, a work that received widespread press attention, the French weekly Radar even giving the Englishman's "encounter with a man from Mars" a full page treatment. This "Allingham" fellow not only took a picture of the saucer, like Adamski, but also got a snapshot of the pilot, topping the Californian. Unfortunately both pictures were blurred, and if one finds that suspicious, it's an opinion widely shared.

According to "Allingham's" book, Flying Saucer From Mars, a circular craft with a portholed dome landed near Lossiemouth, Scotland, on February 18, 1954. "Allingham," a supposed writer-ornithologist-astronomer, happened to be in the right place at the right time, we are told, and as luck would have it, the man's bird watching kit (camera, sketch pad, and binoculars) came in handy.

When the craft came to a rest, a "normal-looking man" wearing a one-piece coverall stepped out of a hatch and approached the astonished witness. As the saucer pilot drew near, "Allingham" noticed some small tubes protruding from the alien's nose which the Englishman assumed were breathing aids so the visitor could adapt to the atmosphere.

"Allingham" said he tried to converse with the spaceman but was unable to breach the language barrier. Producing his sketch pad which he carried on his outings so he could make renderings of the birds he observed, "Allingham" drew a rough diagram of the sun and the nine planets. The visitor understood and pointed out Mars as his home world.

There was no more communication. The "Martian" returned to his ship and entered it. The saucer rose, tilted a little, and then zoomed away at high speed.

There was supposed to have been someone in the area that observed all this, a "James Duncan," so runs the account, which was suppose to support the reality of the encounter. 180.

Girvan has doubts.

One English UFO buff most interested in the landing story was London publisher Waveney Girvan, who wanted to believe events occurred as discribed but had some doubts:"The main weakness in the Allingham story is that the witness, James Duncan, cannot be traced, and the author admits that in the excitement of the occasion he omitted to ask for his address." 181.

Girvan, who had taken a big chance and published Adamski's Flying Saucers Have Landed, was puzzled by the fact that "Allingham" never approached him which would have been the quickest way(he thought) to turn the manuscript into a published book. Girvan:"...instead he sent it to a publisher(Frederick Muller) who, previously, had shown no interest at all in the subject." 182. (Girvan neglects to express surprise at the quick acceptance of the work by Muller)

Who is "Allingham?"

Of course there were a lot a people who wanted to talk to "Allingham," but when enquiries were made for the purpose of setting up an interview, the book's publisher insisted the author "was sick" and unable to meet with those who sought to question him about the "meeting with a saucer pilot in Scotland." Not long after the book was published, without ever making a public appearance, "Allingham" was reported to have "died."

It took 30 years to discover the apparent truth. A UFO researcher by the name of Chris Allan pursued some leads and determined that the real author of Flying Saucer From Mars was not a "Mr. Allingham," but the viciously anti-UFO astronomer Patrick Moore.

This made sense to another researcher, Jenny Randles, because it explained Moore's strange obsession with the "Allingham" contact for decades as an example of how the UFO subject was "absolute rot," a puzzling tactic since the supposed encounter only enjoyed a brief period of notoriety before being relagated to the trash heap of UFO history. Randles did some checking of her own and learned from others that Allan was correct in fingering Moore, even personal friends of the astronomer concurring in the charge, yet Moore always denied the allegation, hurling insults at Allan and threatening to sue both him and Randles if the hoax accusation saw print. Well, its been years since the accusation saw print, but as yet Moore has not dared to air his differences with his accusers in open court. 183.

A conspiracy?

If investigators Allen and Randles are right about the story being a fabrication, then there is the distrubing possibility others helped Moore put it over because Girvan's writings gives us reason to believe such a idea.

Girvan wrote at the time:

"The only testimony that I can now put forward is that those who

have met Mr. Allingham have been convinced of his veracity and sincerity. Included among these people are a representative of the Daily Mail and his publisher who, prior to the meeting, was not numbered among the believers in the flying saucer." 184.

Perhaps UFO researchers can be forgiven if they have thoughts about "dis-information schemes" by the "powers -that-be" if Moore is guilty. It boggles the mind otherwise to think a respected scientist and popular science author like Moore would flirt with professional suicide without a very good reason.

In the Fall of 1954 with "occupant" cases proliferating, the Allingham book helped to discourage investigative journalists and scientists from taking a good look at the UFO reports being made, reports that seemed to be getting better every day while official explanations became ever more unbelievable.

"Paper flying saucers." Not all UFOs were "spaceships."

A Bouvry-les-Bethune miner, M. Victor d'Oliveira, manufactured and sent aloft over 1,000 ten foot high balloons made of strong grey paper, the hot air supplied by payloads of burning paraffin-soaked rags. The miner's creations were impressive in flight, appearing yellow and orange in color and no doubt were responsible for many saucer sightings. The "paper saucers" were a well kept secret until one balloon nearly set a haystack ablaze which attracted the attention of the police. 185. (See newsclipping)

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TINTIN-ACTUALITES

N° 313

Suspension de "TINTIN" du 12 au 19 1954

"SOUCOUPES VOLANTES"... EN PAPIER

C'EST la grande plaisanterie du jour. De tous les avions arrivés des nouvelles fraîches des « Martiens » et de leurs « soucoupes volantes », qui seraient montées, vous-vez bien, par des « plantes douces de raison », les Uranides ! C'est du moins ce qu'affirme le Dr Oberth, l'inventeur des V-2.

Quand d'aventure un engin véritablement mystérieux et inquiétant se posera sur notre terre et se promènera dans notre atmosphère, personne n'y croira plus ! Un exemple entre bien d'autres :

Un mineur retraité de Bouvry-les-Béthune (Nord), M. Victor d'Oliveira, 66 ans, fabriquait lui-même des soucoupes

volantes. Et les engins qu'il lançait (accréditant) dans le ciel du Nord, intriguèrent fort les habitants des localités voisines. Il s'agissait de petites montgolfières en papier fort à l'intérieur desquelles une étoupe enflammée chauffait l'air et leur permettait ainsi de s'élever. L'engin s'élevait alors et voguait au gré des vents, entouré de ruissellements jaunes et orange du plus mystérieux effet. Hélas ! l'une de ces « soucoupes », en atterrissant, faillit communiquer le feu à une meule de paille. Les gendarmes eurent vite fait de découvrir le coupable et M. d'Oliveira a dû interrompre sa fabrication. On voit ici l'une de ses soucoupes-montgolfières en cours de gonflage.



Another "hot air" story..

The Communists in Romania announced about this time:

"The saucers are not unknown weapons, but simply large pieces of cardboard, wrapped in silver paper, attached to balloons and lighted with 15 lamps powered by a battery.

"With this primitive instrument which it has brought to Europe, the United States wants to impress those people who believe American propaganda, and wants to stir up against Moscow a flying saucer psychosis." 186.

October 21st. Near Pouzou, France. (no time known)

Painful prickling.

A glowing red mass positioned itself over a road near Pouzou, in the department of Charente. In the distance an auto approached. At the wheel was a resident of the town of Cherbonnières on his way to Pouzou. A passenger in the vehicle was the driver's young son, a three-year-old. The driver noticed the red mass up ahead, and as his auto got nearer and nearer, a prickling like an electrical shock swept over his body and kept increasing in intensity. The young child evidently felt the same pain because the toddler began to act up. Soon after the auto's headlights went out and the engine stopped turning over. Once the auto lost power, it rolled to a stop. The red mass down the road turned an orange color and emitted a blinding brilliance. Suddenly the strange object vanished and at the same time the auto's headlights and engine returned to normal operation. 187.

October 21st. Reutingen, Germany. (6:45 p.m.)

The French journal L' Astronomie informed its readers a German by the name of Januszewski observed a pair of pale oval bodies moving at tremendous speed over the city of Reutingen. 188.

October 21st. Criteuil-La-Madeleine, France. (8:00 p.m.)

As M. Filloneau drove near Criteuil-La-Madeleine he got the fright of his life. A "ball of fire" dove at his auto, passing so close a rush of wind shook the vehicle. The close pass had other effects too. The man told the press: "The battery was dead and the headlights were burned out." 189. The police conducted an enquiry but found nothing that could explain the damage.

October 22nd.

If one checks U.S. Air Force BLUE BOOK files for this date he will find a note saying "40 newspaper clippings concerning fireign UFO reports" were placed on file yet only a single item telling of an Italian hoax can be located in the official records with the other 39 newspaper stories missing. (See BLUE BOOK document)

October 22nd. Maryville, Ohio. (3:15 p.m.)

Leonard Stringfield phoned a Mr. Warrick of the Marysville Jerome school to confirm a newsstory about a web-like substance that was supposed to have fallen out of sky when a UFO was in the area.

Mr. Warrick was very cooperative when Stringfield called and confirmed everything that had appeared in the press accounts, adding that the flying cigar first appeared over the Jerome school at 3:15 p.m. The thing, Mr. Warrick said, had no tail or wings but did seem to have "windows," a fact that was difficult to establish since the light being emitted from the object was blinding. The milky-white material fell in strands and balls. 190.

October 23rd. San Giovanni Vesuviano, Italy. (1:00 a.m.)

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October 1954
ITALY

FOREIGN SIGHTINGS

6 Dec 1954

Report No. ATIC 200893 (IR-440-54) dated 22 October 54 contains
all newspaper accounts of Italians who sighted UFO's during October 1954.

Varied descriptions of size, composition, color and performance
characteristics were reported, some of which are listed as follows:

"Flying Saucer" - Evaluated as sounding balloon
Whitish luminous cigar
Fire-red pumpkin
Luminous discs
Luminous device
Flying cigar
Luminous cigar
Silver blue disc
Torpedo shaped
Flying cylinder
Luminous circle

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An object about six feet across and giving off a clear light was resting next to the road near San Giovanni, Italy. Out of curiosity two motorists stopped to investigate. As they approached the object, the thing turned red and took to the air, quickly leaving the area. 191.

October 23rd. Tripoli, Italy. (3:00 a.m.)

The "perfect landing."

The next case was called the "perfect landing" by UFO researcher Jacques Vallee for a rather complex reason that should only expounded upon after a full survey of the Fall wave is told. Until then, we will just deal with relating the basic story:

"An Italian farmer saw a flying craft descend to ground level about 50 meters away with a sound like that of a compressor. It was an egg-shaped machine with six wheels and complex machinery. The top half was transparent and flooded with bright white light. Aboard were six men in yellowish overalls, having human faces. When he touched part of the craft the witness felt a strong electrical shock. One of the occupants motioned him to stay away. For the next 20 minutes the witness was able to observe the six men apparently busy with instruments. The craft then rose silently to 50 meters then took off at 'dizzying' speed. Reliable investigations were made and the imprint of six wheels were clearly visible.." 192.

The New Yorker's "Paris Letter."

A big story about the French saucer flap could be found in an unlikely place, the pages of The New Yorker, in the magazine's "Paris Letter" feature. The writer of the essay marvelled at the reported variety and extent of the phenomenon. To name a few he mentioned: dancing crescents over Lille witnessed by hundreds; a village mayor, gendarme, and respected hotelkeeper all seeing a "flying cigar over Deauville; three independent witnesses reporting strange orange-colored flying cylinders that turned white when they suddenly zoomed straight up over the town of Nienre; a pilot and member of the Societe of Ingenierurs penning a letter to the editor describing an object like a thick circular wing spinning through the air around his country home for 20 minutes. And then of course there were those people who said they "personally met men from Mars."

In many of these cases, as the writer of the article explained, the witnesses to these "visions" were what the French call "digne de foi," or persons worthy of belief.

As examples the writer mentions: a wealthy Normandy farmer and his wife, reputable mechanics and electricians, the police inspector for the city of Nice, a famous French bicycle racer, a school teacher on Oleron island, the Conseiller General des Alpes-Maritimes, and one peasant who had to be literally dragged from his bed to see his saucer. 193.

October 23rd. Buenos Aires, Argentina. (no time known)

By late October the southern shift of the UFO phenomena became more marked than ever when a significant number of reports began to roll in from South America. The first case of note was on the 23rd when a luminous object changed colors alternately, stopped in mid air, started again making many course changes while flying around in the sky above Buenos

Aires, Argentina. It was quite a show and of course did not fail to generate crowds of witnesses. 194.

October 23rd. St-Hilaire-des-Loges, France. (night)

One French family acted differently than some. At the Boeuf farm outside St-Hilaire-des-Loges, the woman of the household happened to spot a luminous disc hovering over the property. She summoned the rest of the family to come and see the remarkable sight. Everyone rushed out doors and stared at the thing in the sky, but when the object suddenly moved toward them, the family became panicky and rushed back inside the house, barring the doors and windows. For the rest of the night no one slept. 195.

October 24th. Porto Alegre, Brazil. (no time known)

On Brazil's Atlantic coast about 500 miles south of Sao Paulo, lies the city of Porto Alegre. Nearby is the Brazilian Air Force base of Gravatai. The second major UFO case of the Fall 1954 South American wave occurred in this area. Like the sky show over Buenos Aires the day before, this incident was protracted. For three hours a pair of egg-shaped objects maneuvered over the area in a sun-lit cloudless sky, moving at great speed, and once in a while making abrupt course changes.

Many civilians watched the impressive display, as well as a number of Brazilian Air Force officers and enlisted men. One of the military men was Major Magalhaes Motta who followed the object's antics with binoculars. A report was submitted to the Brazilian High Command. 196.

A contrast.

In France the newspaper France-Dimanche devoted almost its entire October 24th comic page to a humorous treatment of the "saucoupes." (The cartoons are shown on pp.63-64)

In contrast in the United States a serious essay appeared in The American Weekly by the famed rocket scientist Hermann Oberth who concluded the Earth was host to a race of space visitors he chose to call "Uranides." 197. (See article) This article was a much discussed piece of speculation and helped UFO advocates like Donald Keyhoe.

October 24th. Les Egots, France. (5:30 p.m.)

A child told authorities she saw a "being" step out of a landed saucer. She said that the "man," or whatever, was: "...dressed in reddish clothes that looked like iron. He walked with his legs stiff and had long hair and a hairy face. His eyes were large like those of the cows." 198.

October 24th. Biozat, France. (8:00 p.m.)

A Frenchman riding a motor scooter on the road to Vichy had passed Clermont when the engine of his machine inexplicably quit running. At the same moment an egg-shaped object was noticed next to the road in the process of making a soundless takeoff. As the UFO soared away, it left behind a trail of bright vapor. 199.

October 25th. Time magazine.

Time's October 25th issue told of the "Martian invasion of France" in its science feature. The magazine has never liked UFOs and enjoyed placing the

NOTED SCIENTIST SAYS

FLYING SAUCERS COME FROM A DISTANT WORLD

PROF. HERMANN OBERTH

Author of "The Rocket into Interplanetary Space"

It is my thesis that flying saucers are real and that they are space ships from another solar system.

I think that they possibly are manned by intelligent observers who are members of a race that may have been investigating our earth for centuries.

I think that they possibly have been sent out to conduct systematic, long-range investigations, first of men, animals and vegetation, and more recently of atomic centers, armaments and centers of armament production.

They obviously have not come as invaders, but I believe their present mission may be one of scientific investigation.

After all the official inquiries into the mystery of flying saucers, the fact remains that many of the observed effects still are formally described by the United States Air Force as "Unidentified Flying Objects." Many theories, therefore, are being suggested as an explanation of why the saucers cannot be real.

Some of those who have seen saucers are said to have been self-hypnotized. Others are said to have been the victims of optical illusion, light aberrations or mass hallucination.

I have seen no proof from any satisfactory source to substantiate these suggestions.

Russian papers even have claimed that the United States Air Force purposely started "the big saucer bluff" to obtain more funds for space research and armament.

No proof of this, either, has ever been offered. The radar screen often has confirmed the fact that observed phenomena were not light aberrations. Any experienced pilot ought to be able to distinguish the difference between optical illusions and real flying objects.

Attempts to explain the phenomena as fireballs or meteors do not meet scientific standards.

Speculations that the saucers are secret American or Russian missiles have been supported by no facts. Any man-made object flying faster than sound would cause a tremendous noise when breaking the supersonic speed barrier, while most eyewitnesses report that the saucers they have observed, unlike jets, fly silently.

Far too many observations of saucers have been made between 1946 and 1954 for their presence to be dismissed merely by the statement that the observers have been the subjects of mass hallucination.

I have examined all of the arguments supporting the existence of flying saucers and denying it, and it is my conclusion that the "Unidentified Flying Objects" do exist, are very real and are visitors from outer space.

While believing that the saucers are a reality, I do not conclude, as some investigators have, that they come to us from one of the other planets in our own solar system. It is my theory that they are directed by living beings from another solar system, or more than one other solar system, and I call this race of visitors "Urundies." I have taken the liberty of making up the word from the Greek word for heaven, "ouranos."

We know too much about conditions on our neighboring planets in our own solar system for us to argue successfully that the saucers can come from one of them. The only one that seems to be fostering life, even in the form of plant growth, is Mars, and its surface is not habitable by any creature that we can imagine as having a brain more highly developed than our own, or a culture immensely broader than ours.

With the planets of our own sun system ruled out, I suggest that the home base of the saucers may be a planet, or planets, revolving around another sun, or stars. Probably this other sun—or star—is one of those nearest to our own sun, which of course is a star.

Despite the immense distance between our own solar system (including the earth) and the nearest other solar systems, a journey from one system to another is theoretically possible, once an unlimited source of power is developed.

I do not, however, believe reports that some saucers are manned by beings resembling men, although we can not prove this is untrue. I do not believe the visitors resemble any living beings known to us. Even if they came from a carbonate acid atmosphere and, in our eyes, might be the strangest creatures ever imagined, they still could, theoretically, think logically and develop a highly superior civilization.

Reports that saucer men have been seen who

And he thinks
their intelligent
passengers
have been
observing us
for centuries



Prof. Hermann Oberth is an internationally known authority on guided missiles and the conquest of space. His technical works, according to Andrew G. Haley, President of the American Rocket Society, were of vital importance in the development of the German famous V-2 rocket. He is recognized also as a daring theorist and his present speculations on interstellar travel are in some respects in agreement with the calculations of Arthur C. Clarke, a leader of the British Interplanetary Society.

are "beautiful, human-like beings" have no factual support. I think, and probably that is fortunate for us. Creatures who could move around in our atmosphere without a kind of diver's outfit might be able to settle here. It is more comfortable for us to speculate that saucer men come from an atmosphere far different from our own and are so outlandish in appearance that they do not resemble us at all.

If they do come from a quite different atmosphere, they might find it as difficult to exist on earth as we would find it difficult to exist at the bottom of the sea.

The Urundies, I think, have been examining the earth for centuries. People call their craft flying saucers and say that the phenomenon is new. It's far from that, for as long ago as December 9, 1731, there was evidence that we on earth were being visited.

SCIENCE

TIME, OCTOBER 22, 1954

Martians over France

One morning last October, Jean Narcy, a road mender of Haute-Marne, France, was riding to work on his bicycle. In a wheat field he saw a little whiskered man just under 4 ft. tall, who wore a fur coat, an orange corset and a plush cap.

"Bonjour," said M. Narcy.

The little man muttered something like "I'll be seeing you." Then he jumped into a small (10 ft. in diameter) flying saucer, took off with a buzzing sound and disappeared into the clouds.

With Narcy's "hairy Martian" as a starting point, the French press ran wild, and a deluge of Martians has been raining down ever since. They have come in flying cigars, crowns, comets, winged mushrooms, even a flying chamber pot. Unlike Americans who have seen flying saucers, the French "sighters" paid little attention to the vehicles. They were more interested in the people from space.

The Martians were anything but standardized. One who stopped M. Roger Barraud near the town of Lavours had brilliant eyes, an enormous mustache, wore rubbers and spoke Latin. Another asked M. Pierre Lucas, a Breton baker, for a light. He was bearded and had a single eye in the middle of his forehead. M. Lucas could not remember what language he spoke.

Paralyzing Pygmies. As the Martian invasion of France proceeded, the invaders became more bizarre. A group of pygmies in plastic helmets gambled down a railroad track near Quareville and transfixed M. Marius Dewilde with "a paralyzing beam of light." Some Martians were blue, others were yellow or pink. A traveling salesman of the Côte-du-Nord saw a wonderful sight: a deep rose diving cigar from which stepped a zebra-striped Martian. As he alighted, he changed color, chameleon-like, from yellow to green.

The Martians marched en masse into French affairs. Cartoonists welcomed them delightedly (see cuts). As they multiplied, they even gained respectability. *Le Figaro* reported, "Counselor General of Alpes Maritimes greets flying saucers' first appearance on the Côte d'Azur." *France Soir* announced that "a daily flying-saucer service seems to have been established between Marais Postevin and La Rochelle." A man from space even made the social columns of *Paris Presse*: "Stuffed Martian spends weekend at Vienna." Angry deputies asked questions in Parliament. Air Force authorities (even as in the U.S.) were badgered for explanations.

Before the many-colored Martians rained down on France, famed Swiss Psychiatrist C. G. Jung was asked what he thought about the saucer epidemic.

"Something is being seen," said Jung. "What is seen may be, in the case of a single observer, a subjective vision (hallucination). In the case of several or many observers, it may be a collective vision. Such a psychic phenomenon . . . could be a spontaneous reaction of the subconscious to the present conscious situation: the fear of an apparently insoluble political situation in the world . . . At such times eyes turn heavenwards . . . and miraculous forebodings or a threatening or consoling nature appear from on high."

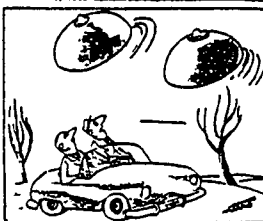
No More Dreams. Dr. Jung blames the U.S. Air Force for mishandling the saucer epidemic and for permitting irresponsible journalists to pump it for bits of sensational-sounding information. "He does not believe that the saucers are space ships. Those that are not hallucinations, he thinks, are probably misinterpretations of physical objects or effects. But he was willing to speculate about the effect on the human race of an invasion by beings from another world."

"Should the origin of the phenomenon turn out to be an extraterrestrial one," said Dr. Jung, "it would prove an intelligent interplanetary link. The impact of such a fact on humanity is unforeseeable. But, without doubt, we would be placed in the very questionable position of today's primitive societies that clash with the superior cultures of the white race. All initiative would be wrested from us. As an old witch doctor once said to me, with tears in his eyes: We would 'have no more dreams.'"

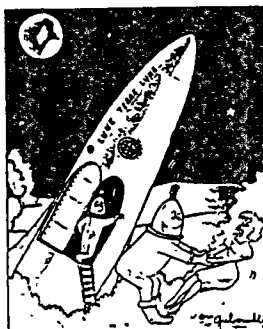
"Our sciences and technology would go to the junk pile. What such a catastrophe would mean morally we can gauge by the painful decline of the primitive cultures that takes place before our eyes. The capacity to manufacture (interplanetary space ships) points to a technology towering sky high over ours."

"Just as the Pax Britannica made an end to tribal warfare in Africa, so our world could roll up its Iron Curtain and use it for scrap . . . This might not be so bad. But we would have been 'discovered' and colonized."

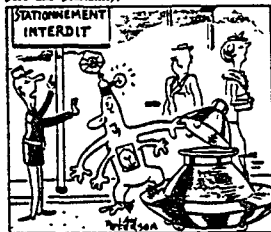
The most complete edition of the flying-saucer debate was written by Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, who was in charge of the Air Force's careful saucer investigation from 1951 to 1953. It was printed in the May issue of *Time Magazine*, which had much to do with augmenting the saucer bubble. Captain Ruppelt's conclusion: "Nothing more there are theoretically possible, but there has been no evidence to support this possibility."



"Those must come from Venus!"



"Come on—we'll show you our moon."



"What's the matter? Can't you read?"



"And I suppose that's a Martian?"

Time magazine's report on the French UFO excitement, with extensive quotes from Swiss Psychiatrist C. G. Jung.

blame for the excitement on fantastic Gallic imaginations and a French press gone wild. The editors loved the French cartoons and the more bizarre tales of paralyzing pygmies running amuck. M. Jean Narcy's whiskered drawf in an orange corset got top billing. 200. (See article)

Brazilian Air Force Base Command.

In another part of the world the saucer question was being treated more seriously. The Brazilian military was highly concerned about reports received from the Porto Alegre area the day before. The Gravataí Air Base Command admitted to the press the objects in question were viewed by both military personnel and civilians, plus employees of the Vargas Airline.

The Air Ministry in Rio de Janeiro, a base spokesman said, had authorized an investigation. Unlike the U.S. military, the Brazilians did not hesitate to comment. The Base Commander issued this statement within 24 hours of the sighting:

"It is impossible to calculate the altitude or velocity of which the objects moved, but the speed was greater than that of any which the base has knowledge. Their general shape was circular, they were silver-colored and shimmering. The objects were not celestial because their movements appeared to be mechanical and intermittent." 201.

October 25th. Yugoslavia.

There was a furor in Yugoslavia when scores of bluish glowing objects streaked over the countryside.

The national Meteorological Bureau based in Belgrade tracked a trio of what it said was metallic-like objects with glowing blue tails. The objects passed over in a V-formation. The altitude of the flight was guessed to be about 9,000 feet and the velocity at 2,000 mph. 202. Yugoslavian astronomers rejected a meteor explanation and the Belgrade government authorities admitted that the situation was "being taken very seriously." 203.

October 25th. Arraye-et-Han, France. (6:30 p.m.)

It was six feet long by three feet high according to M. Mahou, a municipal councillor. The object startled the man when it suddenly shot skyward from the surface of the road and raced into the heavens, leaving behind a glowing streak. The Frenchman said the thing resembled a "phosphorescent chicken brooder." 204.

October 25th. Les Metairies, France. (8:30 p.m.)

A Mme. Louis and her sons, Marc and Yvon, were working their farm late in the day on October 25th. They were using a tractor. Because of the increasing darkness the farm machine's headlights were on.

According to these farm folk an orange-colored body the size of an auto suddenly streaked overhead. At the same time the tractor stopped running and its headlights went out. Afterwards, while trying to restart the tractor, the boys found that the battery was fully discharged. 205.

October 26th. Angoulême, France. (6:00 a.m.)

Another strange object was seen next to a road 18 kilometers from the city of Angoulême by a French couple, a M. Vincent Casamajou and his wife. This object was larger than the one reported by M. Mabou near Arraye-Et-Han. The thing was estimated to be the size of a truck and had the appearance of what the witness said was a "large cauldron." The UFO vaulted skyward soundlessly, leaving a white trail behind. 206.

"Friends of Mars Club." (See newsclipping)

Kenya astronomer speaks out. (See newsclipping)

October 26th. La Madiere, France. (Evening)

A farmer said a figure of normal height dressed in a "diving suit-type" outfit zapped him with two beams of energy knocking him to the ground. If the supposed being had arrived in a saucer, it was not parked where the victim, M. Aime Boussard, could see it. 207.

Late October. Walschied, France.

Hysteria.

Reporting on the French UFO wave, Nexus editor James Moseley enjoyed publishing the following for his American readers:

"...the Lorraine village of Walschied was terrified by a report that men from Mars had landed in a villager's garden. Womanfolk dashed into the church, hoping for divine sanctuary, while the men grabbed scythes, clubs, and guns, and proceeded to march against the garden. There stood the invaders, half human size, heads glowing, and motionless. It turned out that they were big chrysanthemums, the resident had covered with brilliant cloth against the frost." 208.

October 26th. Heiteren, France. (9:30 p.m.)

Coming out of the western sky, a strange object swooped down to a landing about a mile from where a Mme. Spinner was standing. No more details are known. 209.

October 27th. A Lutheran bishop comments.

Expressing his personal conviction that the recent European UFO reports represent visitors from space, the Lutheran bishop of Oldenburg, Germany, Gerhard Jacobi, wrote for the church weekly Unsere Kirche that:

"Although their size and shape may differ from ours, Christ is their Lord in any case, whether they are aware of it or not...the faithful have always known and confessed that Christ is the Lord of all beings that live on any billions of planets." 210.

October 27th. Ciolica Alta, Italy. (2:00 p.m.)

"Strong emotions."

When a young Italian man heard a loud hissing sound, he investigated its origin and discovered a strange object resting in a field giving off a blinding light. The sight was so frightening to the fellow, a Senor Fabrizio Bruin, he was overcome by "strong emotions." The object suddenly shot upwards, zooming vertically while spewing out a faint trail. Glistening white threads were then seen falling. Angel Hair? 211.

October 27th. Prato, Italy. (daytime)

In downtown Prato there was a hotel that fronted on the Piazza San Marco. Two Italian men, a Senor Lucchetti and a Senor Lastrucci, were on the hotel terrace the afternoon of the 27th where they had a good view of the sky. The two men looked up and saw a pair of speeding "luminous spindles," one behind the other, spewing white vapor. The trailing spindle was seen to pull

Outer Space Folk Eying Earth

By Ronald Batchelor
Oct. 26 Reuters 1954

NAIROBI, Kenya.—A leading Kenya astronomer is convinced that visitors from outer space are observing and mapping the earth, and have recently been directing their "flying saucer" flights over East Africa.

G. Duncan Fletcher, vice president of the Kenya Astronomical Association, came to this conclusion after studying the deluge of flying saucer reports from observers in Uganda, Kenya and Tanganyika.

Fletcher himself recently observed something in the sky over Nairobi from his observatory here.

"It was about 7 40 p. m. that I had four friends in my observatory," he relates. "Very low and toward the east, there was a large light in the sky which had no relationship to anything astronomical, to very lights or to the aircraft which had just landed at the airport."

The altitude of the "object" was about 2000 feet. It was stationary when first spotted and "emitted a bright orange light." This light brightened to a yellowish color and the object rose, dropped and then rose again, finally disappearing through the clouds.

Fletcher says there is no question about the genuineness of reports about flying saucers, which "have been given by very experienced observers" in all parts of the world.

"Not all the people who have seen these unidentified flying objects have been suffering from hallucinations," he declares.

The most encouraging thing about reports of unidentified flying objects, Fletcher avers, is that "they seem to be friendly towards the people of this planet."

"From all the information which is available they are steadily mapping every part of our earth."

"There does not seem to be any doubt that they are miles ahead of us in their methods of propulsion, and reports have been made by observers who have seen these unidentified flying objects over atomic plants, dockyards, airfields, naval bases and some of the larger cities of the world."

"Their approach to us is, I suggest, similar to what our own approach would be if the boot were on the other foot. Suppose we were to visit Venus. I do not think that, until we had made every possible investigation, we would land. The obvious thing is that we should map, photograph if possible and carry out a thorough investigation before we wantonly risked life by hasty landings."

It is not unreasonable, therefore, that whatever controls the unidentified flying objects is doing exactly that."

Fletcher is certain that the objects come from outer space and says that "their behavior cannot be mistaken for a meteorite which, on coming into contact with our atmosphere, is pulled at an ever-increasing velocity by gravity towards the earth. This velocity becomes so great that the object burns up because of the intense heat generated by friction with our atmosphere."

"A meteorite does not rise or hover in the air. Its path is a parabolic curve similar to that of a shell fired from a gun. Therefore, the things which we have seen are undoubtedly unidentified flying objects."

Fletcher doesn't pretend to know how the objects operate, what they contain or where they come from. But he gives this advice: "Vigilance and a friendly approach to their overtures would appear to be the best course to follow."

Making friends in high places

Oct. 26, 1954



ROME, Tuesday.—With flying saucer news spreading all over Italy, 50 young Romans have formed a club called The Friends of Mars.

They have appointed a committee to receive with proper honors the inhabitants of Mars should they land in Italy.

The club has also invited the Government to state that it is ready to make an alliance with Mars as soon as possible.

"If Italy could be the first country to conclude such an alliance," said a spokesman,

"This would increase our international prestige and open new fields to economic development." — Sun Special. The Sun,



abreast of the leading one, and once both "cigars" were parallel, they executed a 45 degree course change that put both objects on a southeast heading in the direction of the city of Florence about 10 miles away. 212.

10,000 witnesses! Florence, Italy. (2:20-2:29 p.m.)

Within minutes of the UFO's departure from Prato, a soccer match at the city of Florence was interrupted as two spheres flew over the stadium. The action stopped on the playing field as the players and the 10,000 spectators watched the objects pass out of sight. If the witnesses reported the UFOs accurately at both Prato and Florence, they could not be the same objects, but it seems the skies of Florence was full of strange things that afternoon. Elsewhere besides the sports field numerous witnesses reported pairs of strange objects passing over the city on at least three different occasions during a nine minute period(2:20-2:29 p.m.).

Like the incident at Prato, strands of "Angel hair-like" material rained down on the city. Excitement was widespread. Police stations and newspaper offices were deluged with phonecalls. 213.

"Boron-silicon glass."

A sample of some Florence "Angel hair" filaments was given a spectroscopic examination by the University of Florence, a testing that revealed elements of silicon, calcium, boron, and magnesium, which the experts at the school said were the basic components of a material known to them as "boron-silicon glass." 214.

Professors Danilo Cozzi and Giovanni Canneri conducted the study of the mysterious strands. Dr. Canneri commented on his verdict:

"It is a material of fibrous composition possessing notable resistance to traction and torsion. When subjected to heat it turned to a darker shade and volatilized, leaving a fusible transparent residue." 215.

October 27th. Linzeux, France. (night)

A UFO skimmed over the roof of a car in the area of the French town of Linzeux. The passengers inside experienced an electrical shock and the vehicle's engine died. As in other cases similar to this, the headlights went out. 216.

The Holy Land. Late October(exact day not known) (no time known)

Leonard Stringfield's newsletter reported:

"The Jewish Exponent reports saucers spotted twice over Israel, late October, causing considerable excitement. Inhabitants of Mahne Yehuda saw their 300 feet above the market area. It was described as a 'round house with smoke pouring from its windows flashing toward the Mediterranean...the second, cigar-shaped, was seen over Jerusalem moving with great speed toward the sea.' 217.

October 27th. Peru. (no time known)

An engineer observed a UFO from a location in Peru's Chicama Valley on the 27th. The object was an elliptical shape giving off pulsating flashes of light as it crossed the sky, moving fast and then slow. At one point the object "fell diagonally," losing some of its luminosity. The thing stopped its fall at an altitude of about 300 meters where it hovered and regained its original brilliance. 218.

October 27th. Les Jonquerets de Livet, France. (7:30 p.m.)

What makes the next case stand out is its apparent duration. Working in his pear orchard farmer Gilbert Hee saw a strange cigar-shaped object in a nearby pasture. At either end of the object were lights but nothing that was intimidating, nonetheless M. Lee hesitated to investigate although some of his cows had congregated at the spot out of bovine curiosity. The lights on the thing were suddenly extinguished for some reason so M. Hee returned to his farmhouse.

The pasture where the object rested, it seems, was next to a road where some two hours later a young motorcyclist, M. Cheradame, lost control of his machine and took a bad tumble. Details are lacking but evidently the 18-year-old saw the UFO and blamed it for the loss of power in his cycle, in any event, he gave the alarm and some local people went to the pasture to check things out. An elongated object was spotted resting in a grassy area and nearby 3½ foot tall figures in "bright armour" were seen moving about in a "stiff" manner. Perhaps due to the approach of the witnesses, the figures disappeared and the UFO soundlessly became airborne. 219.

October 27th. Moussey, France. (8:30 p.m.)

A mysterious object landed on a Moussey schoolground where one of the pupils and the school principle saw the UFO. Strange marks of a triangular shape were left behind. No other details were given. 220.

October 27th. Oye-Plage, France. (11:15 p.m.)

The mayor's secretary had quite a story to tell after driving on Route 40. For a quarter of an hour her car was followed by a glowing cigar-shaped UFO. Only an estimated 60 feet above her vehicle, the "cigar" stayed with her car in spite of the many bends in the road. Eventually the object tired of the game and sped away at a right angle. 221.

October 27th. Grosseto, Italy. (11:30 p.m.)

A half hour before midnight Senora Ermellina Lanzillo peered out the window hoping to see her cat. Instead, her gaze beheld an "entity" in her garden, a being with a large head and "ape-like" eyes. Although the figure had narrow shoulders, its body seemed to be plump. She could not move when she first saw the creature but she assumes her immobility was due to terror because she gained the strength to move after a few moments and was able to yell for her niece. No more detail is available. 222.

October 28th. Milan, Italy. (10:00 p.m.)

"Spacemen welcomed with a shower of garbage." Or were they?

According to an Italian group, "The National Unified Center for UFO Studies (Centro Unico Nazionale or CUN)," which was established in 1965; the famous Milan, Italy, case of October 28, 1954 (that gained international notoriety after being written up in Frank Edwards' best seller Flying Saucers-Serious Business) was a hoax. The CUN people said the fantastic story was just a mass joke conducted at Tradate, a town near Milan. 223. The story itself, as well as the confession of boys that perpetrated the hoax, can be found in news accounts if one checks carefully enough. (See newsclippings) Not part of the hoax and of interest to the student of UFOs, was a mention in the news-clipping about the "Milan landing" that referred to intense UFO activity over the city of Livorno and along the Adriatic coast, activity apparently not well documented by even Italian UFO buffs.

Italian Skeptics Now Eat Words on Saucers

The Evansville Press, a Scripps-Howard Newspaper, prints the following account of flying saucers in Italy. It was written by a former Evansville resident, now Mrs. James Hogg III. She lives in Florence, where she is secretary to Bernard Berenson, art critic and writer. Her husband teaches in an art academy there.

By MRS. JAMES HOGG 3rd.

The saucers are flying thick and fast around here and many a skeptic is eating his words. We're so annoyed, they've been over Florence three days in a row and we've managed to miss seeing them each time.

Formations of them were seen over Livorno. The next day was even more interesting—boats all along the Adriatic wired in descriptions in the space of a half hour, so that the course and speed could be fairly well plotted.

Thursday night in a little town in the vicinity of Milan, around 10 o'clock, a man returning from the movies on his bike was passing the local sports field and noticed a light of exceptional intensity, a luminous body and nearby "two small shadows" that emitted strange "guttural sounds. He raced back into the town to call the police and described what he had seen.

A whole group of people went back and later described figures with white pants, grey jackets, helmets seemingly of transparent plastic. "The intense light of the disc enabled them to perceive a face of dark color with a notable prominence, that recalled a little elephant!" (breathing apparatus?)

The description was of a disc divided in two parts illuminated by a green light "that rested on the ground on three points." The superior part was a hemispheric cabin illuminated by a silver light so strong as to annoy the eyes, and on top of the cabin an antenna. When finally they were able to force the gates and approach the figures, they retreated toward the disc—"all present followed with beating hearts, none, unfortunately, was armed but they found a box of fruit and threw that."

Then "Il Signor Giacomo

Stefanoni tried to sic his big Boxer dog against the Martians, but the beast, intimidated, instead bit his master in the jacket. While Stefanoni sought to liberate himself from his dog, the two strangers succeeded in reaching the disc and a few instants later, with a sound similar to a shrill boat whistle, it lifted itself vertically from the ground."

Men From Mars Story Is Hoax, Youths Admit

ROME, Oct. 30 (AP) Fifteen youths who threw the north Italian town of Tradate into a tizzy with a story about seeing men from Mars in a translucent flying saucer told police last night it was just a joke.

Authorities didn't find it funny. They said the pranksters would be disciplined on a charge of spreading false reports—a misdemeanor carrying penalties of up to three months in jail and fines up to 24,000 lire (\$40).

The youths reported earlier this week they had spied the Martians getting out of their cellophane-like craft, talking in a strange tongue that sounded like turkey gobbling. The tale spread quickly over north Italy, some newspapers devoting as much as a full page to the yarn.

October 28th. Rome, Italy. (daytime)

The date of the second big UFO show is a bit unclear but it seems to have been on the 28th.

UFOs soared silently over Italy's capital and AP reporter Maurizio Andreolo wrote: "It looked like a moon dashing across the sky at fantastic speed. It flew silently." 224.

The most famous eyewitness to the UFO passage was U.S. Ambassador Clare Booth Luce who was quoted as saying: "I saw something, but I don't know what it was." 225.

An AP dispatch in the New York Journal-American printed a story that mentioned a trio of sky objects like "luminous coins" moving across the heavens in V-formation, and that: "A few declared they saw fine cotton or wool particles falling from the sky and hanging on telephone lines." 226.

The Rome newspaper Giobale d' Italia commented on the strange filaments, stating that the: "...threads may be some new form of radar confuser, similar to the tinfoil dropped by bombers in the war." 227.

Stateside.

October 28th. Donald Keyhoe. Washington Airport again.

Back in the States UFO crusader Donald Keyhoe read the European UFO dispatches with the greatest of interest, as one can imagine, although like most UFO researchers he had a hard time accepting "little men" stories ever since the far-out Frank Scully book.

Keyhoe's writings on the UFO story were constructed in a sequential manner to give the impression of a day-to-day struggle for the truth, but during this period there wasn't much to do with all the action across the Atlantic, although on the 28th there was some more mysterious radar returns recorded by Washington National Airport, as well as visual sightings of odd lights in the sky. Jet interceptors were scrambled. The events reminded Keyhoe of the dramatic days of the summer of 1952. The CAA called the radar alert a false alarm, and the strange lights reported by Washington residents probably the landing lights on airliners.

Keyhoe, growing ever more disillusioned with officials, blamed what he called the "silence group" for the hasty explanation and saw the CAA statement as really having an Air Force origin. 228.

"Martian declaration of war?"

Estimates of "landings" in the saucer epidemic run as high as 100 in France and that may be not be anywhere near the true number. Amid all this fuss it was often the oddest story that got the most attention. Checking over a stack of news clippings, Nexus editor James Moseley singled out this one:

"In Haute-Garonne a gendarme reported watching a saucer land in a field and seeing a troop of Martians 'the size of ten-year-old boys' deploy through the trees. The saucer was gone when the villagers got to the scene, and so were the Martians, but some papers were discovered lying on the ground. Savants of the University of Toulouse were asked to study them to see if this might be a Martian declaration of war. After some anxious hours, the documents turned out to be written in a dialect of Indo-Chinese. They had been dropped by some Indo-Chinese students on a picnic two days earlier." 229.

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Les-Jonguerets-de-Livet

near Bernay, Eure

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carte (Magasin n° 317)

Un cigare volant se pose dans un herbage du Pays d'Ouche et deux Martiens s'y promènent

Depuis que les soucoupes volantes sillonnent le ciel de France, aucun renseignement précis à leur sujet n'avait pu être recueilli dans la région de Bernay. M. Glibet-Haye, demeurant aux Jonguerets-de-Livet, a eu la chance, tout de contempler un cigare, muni sous, dans un herbage qu'il exploite à 150 mètres environ de son domicile, le long de la route qui va des Jonguerets à Broglie.

Il était 19 h. 30 environ. Près de son garage, M. Haye ramassait des pailles. Soudain, il aperçut, dans l'herbage, une lueur verte et une lueur rouge ; la lueur verte sembla lancer des rayons comparables à de petits fils ; la lueur rouge, bien qu'intermittente, se rayonnait bas. Un corps noir et alongé recouvrait les deux feux. L'objet semblait mesurer 2 mètres de long et avoir une hauteur de 1 mètre au-dessus du sol. Chaque feu était rond, d'un diamètre de 20 cm. environ. L'objet avançait lentement et s'arrêta à proximité de la clôture en barbelé qui sépare l'herbage de la cour plantée devant la maison. Tout s'éteignit à ce moment.

M. Haye rentra chez lui un peu effrayé. L'enquête le tenait en compte, mais il n'avait pas de lampe pour éclairer et se souvenait peu de se promener dans la nuit, à proximité de l'engin mystérieux.

Vers 21 heures, son beau-fils, René Charais, 23 ans, arriva à moto, en compagnie d'un camarade, Jean Chéradame, 18 ans. On leur conta l'aventure ; puis Chéradame se prépara à repartir, enfourchant sa moto et s'éloigna. Il n'avait pas fait 100 mètres sur la route quand son moteur se bloqua brusquement ; le jeune homme, culbutant la moto, ayant subi deux avaries, il la ramena vers la maison Haye pour réparer. On alluma alors la lampe électrique extérieure pour l'éclairer. Les deux jeunes gens aperçurent à ce moment deux formes noires de 1 m. 25 environ et revêtues d'un corps brillant à la lumière. Elles avaient, d'une manière lente et saccadée,

René s'empressa d'aller chercher son fusil, mais ses balais étaient éteints la lampe et il ne vit plus rien. Jean Chéradame reprit sa moto ; il était 23 heures environ. Les deux jeunes gens repartirent, puis s'élèveront rapidement. Lorsque Chéradame passa sur la route, il remarqua que les bruits, dans l'herbage, étaient groupés et tournaient en rond ; il entendait une étrange musique par un objet. C'est le soir que nous a fait M. Haye, qui s'en va de bonne nuit.

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Interdiction d'atterrir aux soucoupes volantes

AVIGNON, 28 (A.F.P.) — Le maire de Châteauneuf-du-Pape vient de prendre un arrêté interdisant l'atterrissage et le survol des soucoupes volantes sur le territoire de la commune.

Aux termes de cet arrêté, qui a été approuvé par le préfet du Vaucluse, ce qui le rend exécutoire, le survol, l'atterrissage et le décollage d'aéronefs dits « soucoupes volantes » ou « cigares volants », de quelque nationalité que ce soit, sont interdits sur le territoire de la commune. Tout engin qui atterrirait sur le territoire de la commune sera mis immédiatement au fourreau. Le garde champêtre est chargé de l'exécution du présent arrêté.

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"FLYING SAUCERS" BAN

The Mayor of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, a village near Avignon, yesterday banned by decree all "flying saucers" and "flying cigars" from his municipality, and ordered the rural constable to impound any that might land.

Now It's Flying Pumpkin

Reuters
MOMY, France, Oct. 21.—Villagers armed with shotguns and pitchforks closed in on a "flying saucer" in a field and found a hollowed-out pumpkin with a burning candle inside. 1954

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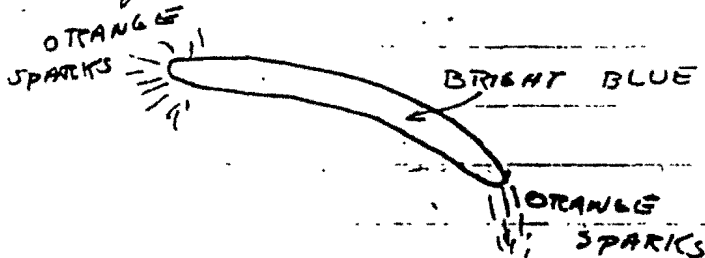
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E. J. Ruppelt.

On the sidelines watched E.J. Ruppelt, former head of project BLUE BOOK during its most tumultuous period. Friends in Europe were sending him data on the flap in France and other countries and Ruppelt couldn't help notice that the UFO controversy overseas mirrored to a large extent the American experience. Although no longer having any official status, Ruppelt kept informed. UFOs, he once wrote, could be addictive, like strong drink. 230.

October 28th. Yaounde, Cameroons. (daytime?)

A sighting in mid-Africa took place when a dog growled at the sky. People nearby looked up and saw a UFO at a low altitude. The principle witness was the head of a local hospital who described the object as: "...an enormous, stationary disk, powerfully illuminated, mushroom-shaped and carrying beneath it a cylinder of a length equal to its own diameter, which was dangling from it." 231.

October 29th. Mesples, France. (7:45 a.m.)

M. Gentil was in her farmhouse the morning of October 29th when he heard a frantic knocking at her front door. She opened the door and found a weeping teenage girl who was seeking safety because she was being "chased by a saucer." Outside in the sky a whirling, red and purple colored disc could be seen. The thing soon dropped to a lower altitude and disappeared. The local police took an interest in the incident. 232.

"Greatest turning point."

A young Swiss professor of Psychology and Philosophy, a Dr. Alfred Nahon, established "The World Interplanetary Association" on October 28, 1954 at the city of Lausanne. He edited a weekly Swiss Radio broadcast which proclaimed: "The greatest turning point in humanity: the 'flying saucers.'" Dr. Nahon had written French President Mendes-France: "...calling his attention to the importance of some landings which had then taken place in France." 233. The Nahon letter to the President was published in part by the influential French weekly L' Express. There is no record of a reply by the French Chief Executive.

October 29th. Philippine Islands. (1800Z)

"Weird meteor" over the Pacific. (See BLUE BOOK document)

October 29th. Island of Terceira, Azores.

"Weird stovepipe" over the Azores. (See BLUE BOOK document)

October 30th. Muro Lugano, Italy. (9:30 a.m.)

Some Italian hunters came across two UFOs while seeking game. One of the UFOs descended close to the treetops as they watched. The thing could be seen as a "rhomboidic shape" with a cylinder suspended beneath it (See the October 28th Cameroons case). The UFO was so low the cylinder hit a tree a number of times. An odd sound was heard during the sighting but what caused it could not be determined. Eventually the "rhomboidic" object gained height and zoomed away, leaving a bluish streak in the atmosphere. 234.

October 30th. Rome, Italy. (daytime)

UFO researcher professor Alberto Pergo lived through these hectic "UFO days" and can attest to the fact that there was much more UFO activity than one can find documented. He knew of at least 200 Italian sightings for the

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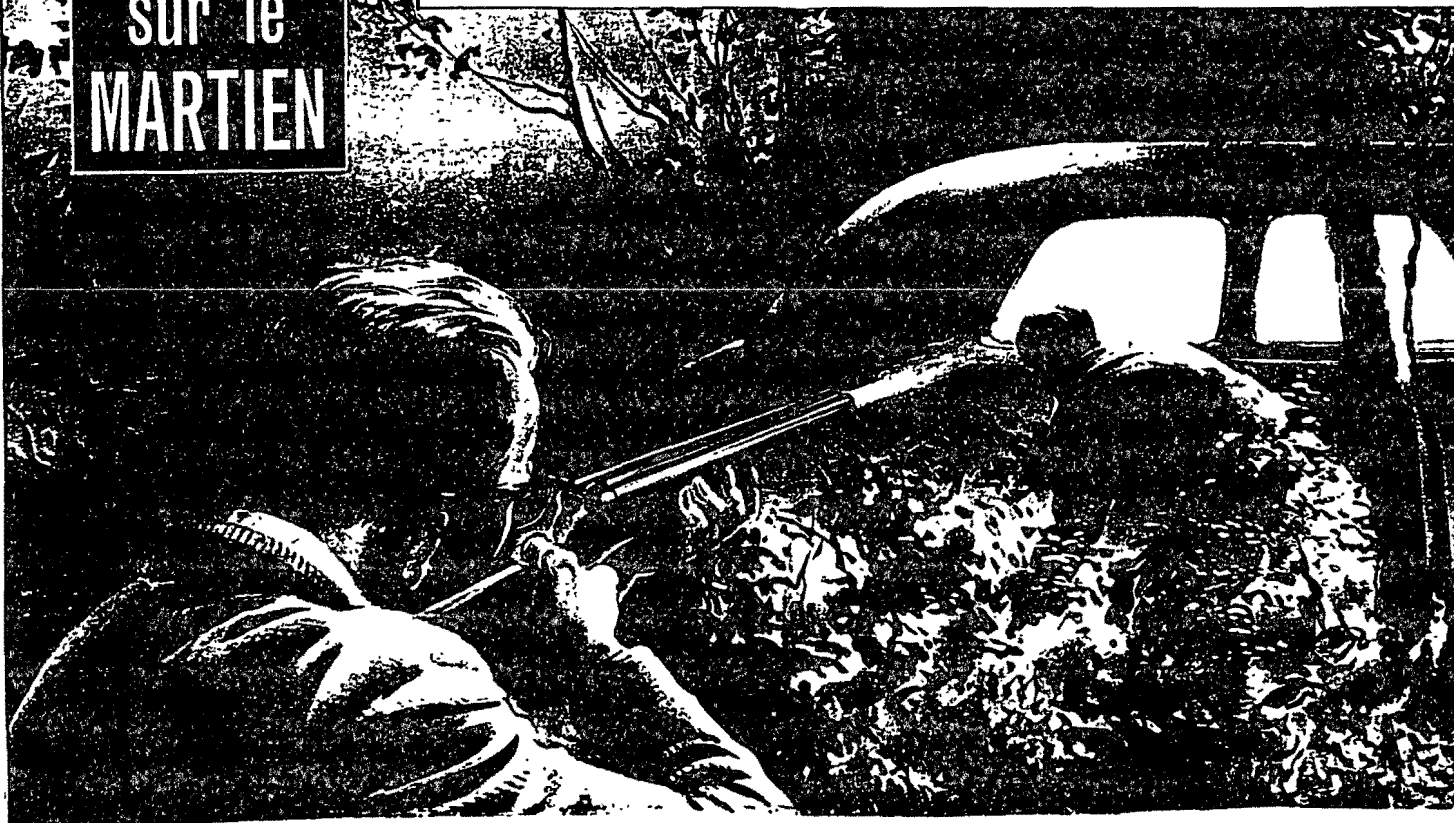
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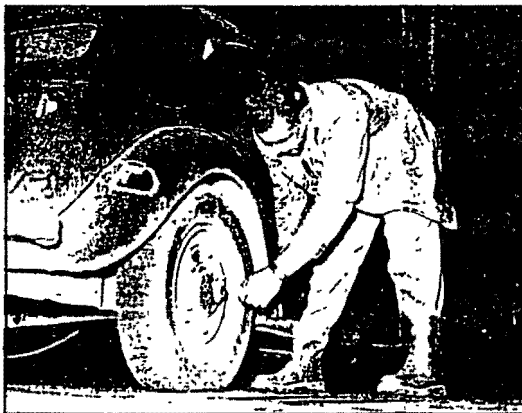


« **T**u verras qu'un d'ces jours, les Martiens s'promèneront à Chauny ! », avait-on dit en riant à M. Faisant. Et ce brave cultivateur de l'Aisne avait hoché la tête d'un air entendu. « J'ai d'quoi les recevoir ! » avait-il répliqué simplement. M. Faisant avait réintégré son logis. Il s'était assis auprès de la fenêtre, les yeux fixés sur l'ombrage qui noyait peu à peu les prés et les bois. Soudain, il tressaillit...

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M. Faisant: « On en avait tant parlé ! »



« J'étais penché sur ma roue arrière, dit M. Ruault, quand j'entendis siffler »



« Aussitôt après un coup de feu !... Ma carrosserie est criblée de plombs »

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Les soucoupes volantes n'existent pas

AFFIRMENT LES ASTRONOMES D'ÉTAT

Ce sont peut-être les ondes émises par la télévision
le radar et la télévision
qui provoquent des effets lumineux dans le ciel.

LA HAYE, 29 (A.F.P.). — Les soucoupes volantes et autres objets étranges doivent être classés dans la catégorie des « fausses » ; telle est la conclusion à laquelle viennent d'aboutir les astronomes de l'observatoire d'Utrecht.

Après avoir dépouillé et étudié environ 1000 lettres qu'ils ont reçues depuis 1947, et dans lesquelles il est question d'objets ou de lumières bizarres dans le ciel, les astronomes d'Utrecht ont déclaré que la plupart des personnes qui ont cru voir une soucoupe volante ont été induites en erreur, soit par des halos météorologiques, soit par des échos filaires ou d'autres phénomènes naturels. Les astronomes affirment en conclusion que ces mirages ont dans un laps de temps relativement court, pendant lequel de tels phénomènes peuvent être facilement bien observés.

Quant à la possibilité que les soucoupes soient une invention humaine — soit artificielle, soit russe — elle est rejetée par les astronomes d'Utrecht qui estiment que des engins aussi évolués ne seraient pas envoyés par leurs inventeurs ailleurs que dans les territoires où ils plâtraient de l'aviation. Au surplus, font observer les astronomes, une telle invention serait inutile, toutes recherches soigneusement en cours pour améliorer les avions existants.

La dernière hypothèse de l'existence d'objets étranges dans le ciel est rejetée. On peut, en effet, se demander pourquoi les « soucoupes » ne sont pas observées de nuit et de jour, pourquoi elles ne sont pas observées de tous les côtés, pourquoi elles ne sont pas observées de tous les lieux, pourquoi elles ne sont pas observées de tous les temps, et ainsi de suite. Les astronomes concluent que ces « soucoupes » sont des créations atmosphériques fortuitement lumineuses.

month of October 1954 and at least 19 supposed "saucer landings" in the country. The Italian newspapers, he recalled, cooled off as the month progressed, making UFO witnesses reluctant to report their experience, thus hindering a complete accounting of activity in the region.

As an example Dr. Pergo relates a personal incident. On October 30th at 1:00 p.m. while standing in front of the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore in downtown Rome, Dr. Pergo noticed people in the area looking at the sky. He glanced skyward and spotted small white objects racing about, zooming here and there. The professor counted at least 100 people watching the UFOs but in the newspapers the following day there was no reference to any unexplained objects over the city. 235.

October 31st.

Corrompu, France. (no time known)

Three Frenchmen encountered an oval object about 4½ meters in diameter resting on the ground. Soon after its discovery, the object launched itself skyward and flew away, returning moments later, only to finally leave the area for good on a southwest course. The headlights of a tractor were affected during the incident.

A light on the object was so intense it was compared to a welder's torch. A funny sound like a swarm of bees was heard. 236.

A "Martian" is shot.

James Moseley wrote:

"In the Cher Valley district, M. Pierre Langlois, a genial farmer, was trudging home through a downpour of rain when he encountered a man from Mars in a strangely luminous costume floating over and around a flying saucer, apparently mounting a death-ray gun. M. Langlois could see the glint of a metallic claw protruding from the Martian's sleeve. Not being easily intimidated, Langlois got a shotgun from his home and gave the Martian both barrels at 40 yards. There was a yelp of pain, and a passing motorist a few minutes later picked up M. Andre Lacoste, in a white raincoat, with buckshot pellets in his arms and ribs. M. Lacoste turned out to be a traveling salesman from Bordeaux, who had been fixing the carburetor of his Renault with a monkey-wrench." 237.

"The Fifth Horseman."

The "landing" cases did little to help the pro-UFO advocates, with so many of the reported incidents so outlandish they were hard to believe, a feeling reinforced when in a few instances culprits stepped forward and admitted the fabrication. It raised a question about the human mind. If so many people from all walks of life could lie about a "landing," what would keep them from committing the lesser sin of exaggerating a "light in the sky" sighting into a flying saucer? In short, was the UFO mystery so much humbug after all?

Any UFO buff that maintained a minimum level of objectivity was tormented by at least some skepticism. Even Air Force BLUE BOOK advisor Dr. J. Allen Hynek was confused, and he was supposed to be in a position to know something. Dr. Hynek's Girl Friday, Jennie Zeldman, could understand and sympathize with her boss since she was familiar with BLUE BOOK paperwork. She also had her doubts about UFOs but she was sharp enough to realize something was missing from the equation, that she did not know the whole

story. She became aware that Dr. Hynek's job was hardly more than analyzing second-rate UFO reports, that the high-strangeness cases were apparently screened out of the weekly delivery of military TWXs by Air Force courier, data that was rarely classified higher than "Restricted."

One day in the early 1950s Miss Zeldman was asked by Dr. Hynek to stop in on Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, world renown meteoriticist on the faculty of the University of New Mexico.

Miss Zeldman felt uncomfortable in the presence of Dr. LaPaz, a long-time Pentagon consultant who had led military/scientific UFO investigation teams and therefore a possible "high level insider." After talking a while to Dr. LaPaz, Miss Zeldman realized the eminent professor and the government knew a lot more about UFOs than she could learn by her BLUE BOOK work. She realized this although LaPaz was careful about what he said and how he said it. Sensing her inadequacy, Miss Zeldman felt her side of the conversation was just "naive jabberings." When she made known her and Dr. Hynek's "general skepticism" about UFOs, Miss Zeldman got the shock of her life. LaPaz stared at her and made a chilling pronouncement he did not elaborate on: "UFOS ARE THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE." 238.

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Allo!... Allo!... bu Maro

De mystérieux engins lumineux ont été aperçus dans le ciel belge à

**Bovenistier, Waremme, Ligny, Rance,
Fontaine-l'Evêque et Habay-la-Neuve**

(de notre envoyé spécial Jean MELANGE)

On en traite sur le mode burlesque. Les chansonniers s'en donnent à cœur joie, les caricaturistes ont du pain sur la planche. Ici, un *Mafist* et sa courcove se profilent à l'ombre de la tour Eiffel et le passager, d'un doigt sur la babou de son vêtement militaire demande à l'agent de la paix où se trouve le Champ-de-Mars.

24. on se montre un pauvre type d'un doigt vengeur et méprisant: «Le croleur... Il a mangé... va le pourcoure! Plus loin, va le saquer, irrite les passagers d'un cigare volant & griller une cigarette... Ou encore, un dessin sur quatre colonnes porte la légende: «Monsieur le Vénérable, goûtez donc cette soupe aux pois...». Et ceux qui rêvent d'anticipation définitive envisagent le prochain mariage d'un uranide avec la jolie terrichine dans le jardin de laquelle il sera tombe!...

LES « UNIDENTIFIED
FLYING OBJECTS »

Sceptiques, farceurs et exaltés vivent une nouvelle époque de Loch-Ness Et pourquoi pas puisque cela ne fait de mal à personne ?

En attendant le problème des «Ufo's» (Unidentified Flying Objects) continue à passionner les savants américains. Les Canadiens ont installé une base de deux cent trente observateurs dotés d'un matériel ultra-perfectionné. Les Allemands ont fondé un institut scientifique de Dusseldorf, les radars de Verone et de Southampton espient des avions fantaisme en chef Wilbur Smith grand boss de la télévision électronique au Canada affirme que ce sont des corps retirés de l'espace intergalactique. Les Français enlèvent les données concernant le mystère «dilaté l'» et un phonogramme censé fort justicement :

- Ce n'est pas parce que des centaines de faux Napoléons ont été fabriqués dans des usines que le vrai n'a jamais existé... »

Les visiteurs curieux ont par exemple considéré que 20 pour cent des personnes qui se rendent à la messe sont des alcooliques. Or, parmi les observateurs on relève des notoriétés tels que le professeur J. H. Lowell, Massachusetts, et le Dr. Charles A. Aronson et ont tous deux admis ne pas le classer. Les experts Johnson et Collins

L'AVENTURE
CAPITAINE PIERMAN

l'aventure du premier va
d'être ramené brièvement : le
20 juillet 1952, les rangers de l'air

de de l'air à Washington décollé
de la piste, s'envolant. Les
sont sept à huit fusées, à
sperquées par de nombreux ca-
nons. Un corbeau s'élève. Ca-
roly Pitman force d'ouvrir ses
marches. Il les ouvre, mais
les sept jets disparaissent et
une vague foudroyante s'effon-
dissent des radars. Pitman re-
vient à sa base. Les sept cou-
peurs reviennent. On envoie
deux appareils à
réaction en
effet et au con-
tact, la forme
disparaît et
s'effondre.



Quelques semaines plus tard, un B 29 est entouré de trois avions, qui font sauter sur lui à une vitesse enregistrée de 8700 km. à l'heure et rissent ses ailes de deux doigts de l'appareil sans le toucher. Tout l'équipage est formel. Les témoignages sont consignés: il s'agit d'obols lumineux, avec une flamme tournoyante à l'arrière.

On pourrait allonger la liste des déclarations faites pour la plupart par des techniciens et des experts ayant une longue expérience derrière eux.

EN FRANCE

**Le « père Lepaul »
est grand-père
pour la 100^e fois...**

En 1874, celui que l'on appelle aujourd'hui le père Lepaul se mariait avec une jeune compagne venue dans la caravane d'émigrés par le bateau du drapeau blanc français de la Bloue. Les deux jeunes gens, tous deux de Mennou, s'étaient mariés à l'époque de

L'an d'après meurtre Julien Ju-

PETITE CHRONIQUE DES SOUCOUPES VOLANTES

Allo! Allo! Ici Maré

APRES LA FRANCE, LA BELGIQUE

Tout ceci pour dire qu'on ne peut donc traiter à la légère les affirmations de ceux qui prétendent avoir eu une vision d'ensemble.

Jusqu'à présent, on n'avait pas encore observé de soucoupes en Belgique (ou plutôt, ne parlons pas de soucoupes mais d'objets mystérieux du genre «liffes»).

La même soirée, à la même heure, en plusieurs endroits du pays, onze personnes affirment avoir aperçu des engins lumineux dans le ciel de Hesbaye comme dans celui de la région chimacienne.

Laissons la parole au premier de ces témoins, M. Jean Deslauré instituteur à Waremba, au collège St-Louis, et habitant au 30, avenue Reine Astrid.

« Ça me va ! » dit-il. Je roulais en
met sur le rouls. Muz-Waramma,
lorsqu'arrivé au carrefour de
de Palma, fapercus et ma gautha
une traînée rouge dans le ciel.
Elle se déplaçait à l'est à une dis-
tance de plusieurs kilomètres et
à une grande vitesse à 35° envi-
ron sur l'horizon. On s'attendait à
s'entendre bruit. L'engin fila tout
droit à l'horizontale. Je coupai
mon moteur, regardai dans la
direction, mais l'engin avait dis-
paru, probablement derrière les
sables.

« La leur ressemblait à celle des V2, elle était longue et mince. À l'allure chaude, et sa vitresse était extraordinaire. Je double au moins d'un appareil à réaction», précise M. Dostache...

A ce moment, le témoin se souvint d'avoir aperçu une automobile bleue devant lui, mais la voiture dont le conducteur avait freiné et stoppé, était reparti quelques instants plus tard sans que le motocycliste ait eu le temps d'accomplir ces autres tâches.

Le 22 août, les deux hommes arrivèrent à la gare de la ville de Lorient. Ils furent accueillis par un officier de la gendarmerie et conduits dans un bâtiment de la ville. Les deux hommes étaient en tenue de combat et portaient des armes. Ils furent interrogés par l'officier et leur identité fut vérifiée. Ils furent ensuite conduits à la caserne de la gendarmerie et placés en cellule. Les deux hommes furent interrogés à nouveau et leur identité fut vérifiée. Ils furent ensuite conduits à la caserne de la gendarmerie et placés en cellule. Les deux hommes furent interrogés à nouveau et leur identité fut vérifiée. Ils furent ensuite conduits à la caserne de la gendarmerie et placés en cellule.

UNE LUEUR ORANGE
LONGUE DE DIX MÈTRE

Plusieurs autres témoins, dont les quatre occupants de la voiture de M. Lucien Desjardis, rue Joseph Wauters à Grand-Aix, ont observé également un objet non identifié dans la direction de Borelancster. Ils se trouvaient à ce moment sur la route à Ligny. La lune a traversé l'horizon du nord au sud.

Deux enfants qui se trouvaient à hauteur du Stade Warremmien ont vu, eux aussi, une traînée lumineuse à l'heure où M. Desfiches faisait la constatation que nous avons rapportée plus haut.

Fait plus étrange encore et qui constitue une véritable énigme, c'est que, dans le quartier de Métebaye, un habitant de Rancogne, M. Hervé sentait et les objets médusés à 21 h. 30 soit approximativement à la même heure que par les tampons de Warémont. Lui aussi aperçut un objet le long duquel se déplaçaient des animaux, mais il ne s'agit pas de la même espèce. En effet, dans la région avoisine, en quelques secondes, l'objet avait disparu. Il ne restait que des traces d'écailles et de sang. Les dégâts étaient donc dus à une autre espèce de méduse. Les vagues, d'ailleurs, à la même heure, M. et Mme André ont vu à nouveau un objet se déplacer. Les dégâts furent donc dus à une troisième espèce de méduse. Les dégâts furent donc dus à une troisième espèce de méduse.

Que faut-il en penser ? Il suppose que certains de ces enfants paient pour leur éducation, mais, en tout cas, les autres sont admis gratuitement, ce qui est tout à fait normal. Les autres sont admis gratuitement, ce qui est tout à fait normal. Les autres sont admis gratuitement, ce qui est tout à fait normal.

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