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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 fascination. Events mirrored the American experience.
FLYING SAUCERS ARE HEADLINE NEWS
Chronique martienne

Des soucoupes volantes ont atterri sur tous les points de France et leurs occupants ont débarqué jusque dans la publicité.

Simca et Shell ont été les premiers bénéficiaires de cette invasion : par la presse, les gosses ont été invités à s'inscrire dans des commandos inter-planétaires et à réclamer, dans les agences Havas, une feuille de route et un sifflet supersonique. L'histoire en images racontée aux enfants rapporte que les martiens se nourrissent de Shell X 100 et démontent volontiers les Arondes pour en emporter les pièces détachées à l'aide de leurs soucoupes volantes. On ne parle, paraît-il, plus que de ce jeu dans les écoles et les parents, oreilles perturbées par les sifflets (presque) silencieux, entendent chanter les louanges de Simca et de Shell.

C'est, en quelque sorte, de la publicité par personne interposée.

Si les passagers des soucoupes sont curieux de mécanique et se nourrissent d'huile et de pétrole, ils se désaltèrent avec l'eau Perrier. C'est du moins ce qu'affirment Langelaan et Cret, qui ont illustré des pseudo-messages en langue martienne. Le personnage mystérieux, le noir au blanc et le texte réversé font que les annonces ne peuvent passer inaperçues.

Le Poi qui Chante ne prend pas cette histoire d'habitants d'une autre planète très au sérieux. Un "communiqué important" paru dans La Voix du Nord annonce la création, par l'annonceur, d'un jury scientifique qui examinerait les témoignages apportés par les lecteurs. Tout apporteur de documents sérieux sera récompensé par la remise d'un kilo des caramels vendus sous la marque... « Galéjades ». (Agence Havas-Lille.)

SAUCER MEN INVADE ADVERTISING
LES SOUCOUPES VOLANTES ?
UNE VIEILLE HISTOIRE !....

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 récits 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 Bannister sur une vision stupéfiante, dans le ciel teinté par le soleil couchant.

Par la suite, le capitaine Bannister la décrivit 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, écri-vit-il, à un soleil ou une lune entouré d'un halo. De plus, elle se comportait tout différemment d'un nuage. Cet énorme 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 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 moustacques de cirro-stratus semblèrent 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, après que la nuit tombait.

Une copie de ce récit, extrait du livre de bord, fut envoyée à la Société Royale de Météorologie. À 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 pareilles phénomènes confondent encore les savants. L'exploration des soucoupes volantes, souvent appelées aussi saucers, a été l'objet de nombreuses publications récentes. Ils s'efforcent de découvrir si ces phénomènes s'expliquent par des phénomènes naturels ou s'agit-il d'un phénomène de masse d'air condensé (les effets de masse d'air condensé des avions ou des ballons-sondes sont des phénomènes analogues) ! Les observations de l'aviation américaine décrivent des faits encore au printemps dernier : « Un grand nombre de soucoupes volantes dont il a été rendu compte ne peuvent être expi-
A Quarouble

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

Le samedi dernier 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 venue se poser sur le parc de chemin de fer. L'émérite président et ses collaborateurs avaient pour mission de déceler la nature exacte des deux monstres à deux paires de pales, que le Quaroubien, habitué dans la ville sous le nom de «Cocotte, et Parisien», avait vu de ses propres yeux !

Arrivé, ces messieurs prirent des notes, la nourriture se réservait, comme une braise de poudre, et quelques centaines de curieux entourèrent les scientifiques.

«Vernon, avait un brave ancêtre, toi de ton temps, et le président du Club qui avait fait une enquête a le, il y a vu s'encore, le plus gentiment de recocher devant ses collègues, ce qu'il avait vu la nuit !

Le voyant. — Eh bien, s'il vaut que tu m'embras de gagner la première ligne de toutes les lunettes de poudre, je vais te dire que j'ai vu une soucoupe qui s'est perdue et que cet événement a eu lieu. 

Le président. — Vous êtes bien sûr, mon ami !

Le voyant. — Avec certitude.

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Sans paroles

MANY CARTOONISTS MADE FUN OF THE SUBJECT
3 FLÉAUX MENACENT L'HUMANITÉ:
SOUCOUPES VOLANTES
BOMBES ATOMIQUES
TREMbleMENTS DE TERRE

Lire au verso

SCARE JOURNALISM
Les soucoupes volantes existent-elles ?

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

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

Leur existence, plus ou moins supposée, a donné lieu à tant de bavardage et d'assauts de publicité pour répandre la croissance du scepticisme.

Pourtant le problème est sérieux et il préoccupe au plus haut point de degrés gens.

Si les « soucoupes » n'étaient qu'une preuve à alimenter de farceuses radios-réportages, on se frotterait pas tant les services officiels se trouver à des recherches aussi sérieuses.

On s'attendait que d'importantes décisions aient été prises, ou au moins, on avait une tête d'autheutiques savants.

Le cas Leclerc des personnages qui ont cherché à percer le mystère, dont nous avons pu évoquer et nous amuser à réfléchir sur la gravité de la situation.

Nous avons dit quelque sélection ou opéra parmi les témoins. Allons plus loin, et pensons dans le rapprochement qui nous est soumis. Cela nous permettra de résumer toute l'importance de l'engin.

On demande d'abord au témoins, « En quel lieu avez-vous vu l'engin ? » Cela permet de déterminer les coordonnées géographiques du lieu en question pour ajouter l'expérience des autres témoins, car le phénomène peut être d'ordre cosmique. C'est la première clé que l'on cherche à repérer.

La « chose rouge » ne serait-elle pas simplement un accident aérien comme il en est produit, chaque jour, dans « cet » côté ?

Or, s'il en est ainsi, ces « affaires » obéissent à des lois bien curieuses et il suffira que le témoignage entre dans le cadre de ces lois pour identifier aurore tot le phénomène et éliminer toute idée de soucoupe.

Les coordonnées géographiques d'un lieu de deux lieux, la longitude et la latitude.

La première est l'angle d'un dése de rapport à un axe passant par les poles, dont les deux plans sont l'un le milieu de la Terre et l'autre celui de Greenwich. Quant à la latitude, on sait pour simplifier la définition qu'elle est un cercle parallèle à celui de l'équateur. La guerre de Caree voit s'arrêter instamment instamment du 36e parallèle, et Mars ne trouve à conquérir que les autres parallèles du 43e parallèle nord.

LES SUCOUPES VOLANTES

FOR THE SERIOUS MINDED THERE WERE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS
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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 foretoken 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 countdown 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 Blanzy, 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.

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.

Jonchés, 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-Plignon, 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. 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.


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 Chambery, 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 Marcilly-sur-Vienne and six of his workmen.

A whistling sound drew the attention of two men at Blanzy 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 Belesta. He said it left a trail of grey smoke as it shot through the sky ....

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 Gouillet woods outside the village of Marcoing 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 Marcoing: "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 'tubes' of some kind hung from the bottom surface." 28.

Three other witnesses in the area, Mme. Nelly Mansart and M. & Mme. Delarouxe, had just left the 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 "mushroom-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 Rianville. 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 it 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-Foret, 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.

October 4th.

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 chasseur de moniteurs hier matin a remarqué au large de l'île aux armes de Cabestany (Pyrénées-Orientales), à déclaré avoir aperçu devant le véhicule une globe brillant à couleur bleuâtre, qui s'éloignait à une vitesse d'environ 100 mètres en produisant un bruit à tout moment très doux.

Ayant arrêté son camion, le sauteur a pu observer l'évolution de l'engin pendant près d'un half d'heure, puis, brusquement, il s'est fait éclairer dans le ciel au sommet de l'escadron de direction de la marine.

La Roselie. — Une soucoupe plane aurait été aperçue à Augé (Deux-Sèvres).

D'autre part, M. Picaut, directeur d'une brasserie à Saint-Porchaire, a déclaré avoir aperçu pendant quelques instants un objet brillant, tournant sur la route de Foyenay-Comte, un aurore discus d'un bleu éclatant.

Brest. — Les habitants de L'Anse et de l'Aberwrac'h (Finistère) ont aperçu hier soir, à haute altitude, un engin de forme circulaire et ressemblant à une soucoupe volante.

Mélan. — Plusieurs habitants de la commune de Rezez ont déclaré avoir aperçu hier soir, à haute altitude, un engin de forme circulaire et ressemblant à une soucoupe volante.

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Lille. — M. Arlet, constructeur de voitures, a aperçu hier soir, à Comines un engin ayant la forme d'une sphère, d'environ 20 mètres de largeur, qui s'est déplacé sans bruit en direction d'est en ouest.

Deux jeunes Dolais ont vu deux fois des soucoupes volantes.

Dolais (C.F.). — Les deux jeunes Dolais, Jacky Chapoutot et André Lacour, qui apercevaient une soucoupe volante, la semaine dernièere à Dolais, 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. J'aurai la chance de me trouver un jour dans le ciel de Dolais et de décrire l'événement que j'ai pensé avoir enregistré avec un appareil de réaction."

Dans la Nièvre : un disque orange

Nevers (C. P.). — Un ouvrier agricole, Raymond Delhaye, a aperçu entre Saint-Pierre-le-Moissier et Lajemaye une sorte de disque se déplaçant vers le N.-O. Ce corps éclata terrestre une lumière rouge tandis qu'une lumière orange jaillissait à l'arrière. L'appareil se maintenait sur un plan horizontal et fut remarqué durant 5 à 6 secondes.

Sightings in the French press.

4 October 1954
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 Darzaiz 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.)

"Fourneret, 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. Fourneret, who learned his wife had suffered a bad fright and had fled to a neighbor's house. "Fourneret, come quickly," pleaded the messenger who was panting violently after a frantic ride on his bicycle. There was a mad scramble to M. Fourneret's neighbors, the Bouillers, as the mayor and the other men around the table dropped their silverware and ran after Fourneret 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. Fourneret found his
Yvette, terrified but otherwise O.K. Mme. Yvette's story follows:

"It was about 8:00 p.m. Might 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."

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 Fourneret'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.

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 nitrobenzine was noticed. 53.

Poncy, the day after.

Word of Mme. Fourneret'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. Fourneret'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 Chassey, 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-Yobra; 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.
Plusieurs Parisiens ont vu des "soucoupes" évoluer dans le ciel de la capitale.

Paris, 6 octobre (A. P. F.) - Plusieurs Parisiens ont déclaré avoir vu hier après-midi des soucoupes volantes évoluer 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 Allouis, représentant en cartonnage, se rendait à ses affaires en taxi, lorsque le véhicule fut arrêté par un feu rouge. Extirpant dit-il, un affranchir ardent, il regarda par la portière et vit un engin volant qui fuyait en hauteur, laissant dans son sillage un panache de fumée.

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

Le même témoignage est apporté par M. Gilbert Baillon, de l'Écureuil, 9, avenue St-Antoine, et par M. Paul Julien, peintre en bâtiment, qui habite 3, rue de la Pompe. De cette dernière, toutefois, étonne qu'il ait voulu d'une soucoupe mais d'une ali volante qui affecte la forme d'un triangle aux bords arrondis.

Au Bourget on explique qu'à l'atmosphère instable 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.

Le lendemain à 10 kilomètres de Beaumont à 15 h 45, elle se déplaça en direction ouest-est. Les témoins, qui avaient déjà vu s'approcher une étrange luciole blanche, dirent qu'elle était en revenant de la soucoupe de la précédente journée et occupée à pulser de l'eau dans la cour de la boulangerie. Une autre soucoupe était en vue, au sudissant dans la nuit un engin de la forme d'une soucoupe de 2 m. 50 à 3 mètres de diamètre. Elle en vit sortir un individu moderne environ 1 m. 50 qui s'approcha de lui en lui tapant sur l'épaule en articulant des paroles incompréhensibles.

L'ouvrier boulanger réussit à garder son sang-froid et rentra au fournil sur l'heure, seul.

À l'heure, M. Lucas put desvisager le visiteur. Il avait le visage ovale, 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 fût et le temps de descendre, l'incendie nocturne avait disparu, ainsi que le soucoupe dont on ne retrouvera aucune trace.

Un marchand de bierc de Concarneau a, de son côté déclaré avoir vu dans le ciel deux disques lumineux de la forme de table ronde en prolongée d'une sorte de querelle.

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

A Clermont-Ferrand

Deux soucoupes ont été aperçus hier dans le ciel clermont-

A Beautil, en Corse, un engin mystérieux à tete apéritif, fumant des parlements de fumée.

D'autre part, un de nos lecteurs de Clermont, M. Hubert de Saint-Just, nous prit le temps de recueillir

"Dans le numéro 213, du 6 octobre 1954, du "Populaire du Centre", c'est à vous avoir publié en page 3 (4 colonnes), une information selon laquelle je vous ai écrit avoir vu un objet lumineux évoluant dans le ciel au-dessus du bourg Montreuil."

"A ma femme et à moi, nous 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.

"D'après, qui a pu comprendre notre identité et dans quel but, que vous avez pu être fait - j'aurais dû être au:

"Mais je tiens à démentir formellement cette information qui est due - de tout fondament et serait heureux que vous vouliez bien publier ce demeure en précisant que je n'aurai pour rien dans l'information que le prôneur a usé, persuadé que votre bonne foi a été surprise et que cette même bonne foi vous amenera à donner une suite favorable à ma demande."

"Je tiens d'ailleurs pas prendre ma position sur le problème des "soucoupes volantes", je n'en connais que ce qui est publié dans 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. Jettinggen, France. (Sunrise)

Speeding along on Rt N16 near Jettinggen 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(5:20 a.m.)and M. Trembley'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 supposed to have taken place in the vicinity of Monteux, France, on the 7th when a M. Margailon encountered a hay stack shaped object on the ground which he estimated was about 8 feet in diameter. M. Margailon felt so paralyzed for some reason even his breathing was affected and he gasped for air. 68.
October 7th. Mendiondale, France. (no time known)
"Little men and a flying mushroom."

The French newspaper Sud-Ouest published this story:

"M. Manes Guesurtia of Mendiondale (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. Uman1. 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.
**FAITS DIVERS**

"Soucoupes" et cigares volants sillonnt toujours notre région

Du Puy-de-Dôme et de la Haute-Loire nous parviennent de troublants témoignages

Cinq Clermontois ont aperçu une boule lumineuse

Dix Clermontois, MM. Bois et Mailheron ont vu mercredi après-midi une boule lumineuse qui a percuté un arbre dans l'avenue de la Roche.

Une étrange apparition dans le ciel de Château-Chinon

Vérité. — Dans le département de la Nièvre, des dizaines de personnes ont aperçu une soucoupe volante dans le ciel de Château-Chinon. C'est une réalité.

Des cuillers qui tombent dans le vase alors que dans le vase... (suite à suivre)

Une soucoupe a été vue au-dessus de Billom

Dimanche soir à 18 h 45 une soucoupe volante a étéнопée au-dessus de Billom.

Des objets brillants dans le ciel du Puy

Au cours de la nuit du samedi au dimanche, des objets brillants ont été aperçus dans le ciel du Puy.

UEP 25 et 26 s'apprêtent au voyage...
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.'" 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. 74.

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.
NEW UFO'S DESCRIBED AS 'SOUP TUREENS'


(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 stupification, the farmer was unable to answer. The two strangers stroked his dog and beamed their engine. They lighted up "some kind of electrical lighting," and the apparatus flew away rapidly and weightlessly, 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. Alotted 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 he 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."
Paris, AFP, Radioteletype in English to the Americas, Oct. 7, 1954, 1400 GMT

(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."

André Marey, 48, of Hérouvillette, 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.
UN COMMERCANT DE LOUHANS
AURAIT OBSERVÉ UNE SOUCOUPE
VOLANTE PÔSÉE DANS UN CHAMP

Louvans (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 soucoupes mais aux engins du même genre.

Travaillant en habitude plutôt de nuit que de jour, M. Nicolas aperçut donc un scooter sur la route de Louhans à Bourg-en-Bresse, dans la nuit de samedi à dimanche. Arrivé à l'extérieur du pont de la Barque il fit demi-tour et c'est alors que machinalement, son regard se posa dans le ciel demi-noir : il aperçut distinctement une masse noirete descendre à la verticale et se poser à terre. M. Nicolas nous a d'ailleurs donné la version suivante : « Comme je le fais d'habitude lorsque j'assiste à 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 dans un pré entre la ligne de chemin de fer Dijon-Bourg et la route à une cinquantaine de mètres, ce qui m'a stoppé immédiatement. J'ai voulu enlever l'engin qui, aussitôt à terre, laissa apparaître deux ouvertures de forme ovale, une lumière jaunâtre de petite taille. Rien ne bougeait. Je suis resté à regarder pendant 10 minutes au moins (l'engin qui m'avait mis près d'un hauteur de mètre, dont le bois était très lourd, tandis que le tas de feu, fait une forme courbe. Je n'ai pas été approcher, mais j'ai vu d'ailleurs chercher M. Rodot et le trouvait dans mon atelier quand il m'a mon moteur en route et que j'ai fait tourner à un millièmes de millièmes de mètre, l'engin s'est élevée très rapide à la verticale. Je revins sur les lieux avec M. Rodot, mais nous ne vimes plus rien. »

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

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VILLERS-LE-LAC

Est-ce une soucoupe ? — Lundi soir, plusieurs personnes du « Bouc du Pont » et du « Coin Boudet » ont vu leur attention arrêtée, vers 20 h., par une lueur blanchâtre apparaissant à 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 haie, entre la gare et un pont. Ayant appelé immédiatement sa mère, celle-ci put observer également des sortes d'étoiles brillantes se dirigeant vers le côté est et qui paraissent projetées en cascades par l'œil mystérieux.

A l'aube, on pouvait voir un coup de klaxon sur la route, pour avertir...
Les "martiens" en balade

(suite)

Rennes (de notre C.P.). — Selon les témoignages de cinq personnes, dont la noblesse n'a pu être mise en doute, une soucoupe volante a traversé le ciel de Château-Chalon dans la nuit de vendredi à samedi, vers 3 heures. L'homme qui l'a vu était immobile à très haute altitude. À un moment donné, la soucoupe perdu sa portée, et le passant, qui vivait dans le village de Moutier-d'Azemard, a pu la suivre pendant quelques instants avant de la perdre de vue.

Au bout de quelques minutes, la soucoupe lumineuse réapparut, avant de se diriger vers le sud, puis vers le sud-ouest. Elle a ensuite disparu de la vue.

La soucoupe continue ses ravages

Ménes (de notre correspondant particulier). — Dans la nuit de samedi à dimanche, une soucoupe a traversé la vallée de la Loue, à proximité de la maison de Mr... Il s'agit d'une soucoupe lumineuse qui a été signalée dans la région depuis plusieurs jours. Les témoins sont embarrassés.

Le lendemain, un habitant de la région a signalé la présence de deux autres soucoupes dans la même région.

La soucoupe continue ses ravages

Pierre calciné, herbe brûlée, soucoupe volante à Doncourt-Village

J.-N. BURG (De notre correspondant). — Une soucoupe a traversé le ciel de Doncourt-Village (Meurthe-et-Moselle), un affluent normal d'une zone habi-

tée d'une ferme, à l'extrémité du pays. Les occupants se mirent à la fenêtre et virent un objet brillant, tandis que les habi-

tants de la ferme se mirent à courir vers l'objet, qui tomba brutalement à la verticale de la ferme. Il s'agit d'une soucoupe volante, dont la forme a été enregistrée par les témoins.

La soucoupe a ensuite disparu de la vue, mais les occupants ont pu observer des éclairs jaunes et rougeoyant, ainsi que des bruits sourds.

Des traces d'atterrissage ont été relevées en France

La Rochelle. — Un habitant de ce village a signalé un objet aérien qui a atterri dans un hangar. Il s'agit d'un objet gris, qui a la forme d'une soucoupe volante.

Les occupants de l'objet ont été secourus sans dommage. L'objet a ensuite disparu de la vue.
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 (50 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 Murdock 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. 

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." 

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.


Apparently the trouble between Leonard Stringfield and Col. O'Mara of ATC 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." 

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."

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 Beauvian 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. Lalevee'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 machanic 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

Costeau*  

Un farceur construisait des soucoupes volantes

Lille, 5 octobre. — Un masure retraité, de la rue de Merville, allait dans sa commune comme un farceur, n'a pas manqué l'occasion qui lui offrait le mystère des soucoupes volantes, pour s'amuser aux dépens des habitants de la localité voisine et d'extérioriser la haine qu'il ressentait pour voir l'engin s'élever et disparaître au gré des vents, éprouver de rares jeunières 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 fait communiquer le feu, que les gardiens furent amenés à souffrir le ridicule. Ce dernier rencontre certainement de nombreux modèles de soucoupes volantes, prototypes que leur vizir a dû commander à la suite de ces dernières journées de violence.  

Suite en dernière page

CEUX QUI EN ONT VU...

Le Havre. — M. André Lebreton, chauffeur de taxi, qui stationnait hier soir vers 20 heures, sur le port, a aperçu un disque incan-descrant qui, à l'ouest de Deauville, a vu une entorse de 500 mètres, laissant derrière lui une traînée phosphorescente et une légère fumée. Ce phénomène, qui a été observé pendant 5 minutes, à notre époque, pour quelques instants de temps près du bord de la mer, entre deux bateaux, a attiré l'attention de toute l'armée du ciel. Le phaenome, qui s'est produit dans la soirée de ce jour, a été observé par de nombreux témoins qui ont pu le confirmer.

...et sont venus par hasard en se promenant dans le port. Il a été aperçu vers 21 h. 15, sur la route de Montmorency, à Ville-en-Beauvoir (Charente-Maritime). Il s'est élevé à une altitude de 1 000 mètres, laissant derrière lui une traînée phosphorescente et une légère fumée. Ce phénomène, qui a été observé pendant 5 minutes, à notre époque, pour quelques instants de temps près du bord de la mer, entre deux bateaux, a attiré l'attention de toute l'armée du ciel. Le phaenome, qui s'est produit dans la soirée de ce jour, a été observé par de nombreux témoins qui ont pu le confirmer.

AUXUN. — Plusieurs personnes ont aperçu une petite boule de lumière rouge au-dessus de la ville, jeudi dernier, à 20 heures. Ce phénomène a été observé par plusieurs témoins qui ont pu le confirmer.

VERS 21 HEURES, UNE TACHE LUMINEUSE A PARALLÈLEMENT  

Léna. — D'manche soir, vers 20 h 30, à Léna (Hautes-Alpes), un phénomène qui a été aperçu dans le ciel est ressorti par deux personnes. Il dégageait une lueur rougeâtre et était rapide.

À la même heure, un enfant qui...
**SOUCOUPE (SUITE)**

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

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


Il était environ 19 h. 30 et le réveil à bicyclette m’emménage. Nous avons d’abord à M. Marcel Guéry, lorsqu’au moment de franchir le passage à niveau qui coupe la route d’Arcueil-sur-Aube, j’ai brusquement aperçu, posé sur la voie ferrée, trois engins qui dégagès une lumière blanche. Surpris, sur le moment, j’ai poursuivi mon chemin et je suis avant que j’assimilais qu’il s’agissait de soucoupes volantes, mais je ne m’ai pas posé en arrière.

M. Jacques Guéry, qui passa à même endroit quelques minutes après son père, a confirmé les dires de celuici, apportant même des précisions : 

- Un des engins, nous a-t-il dit,

était rendu comme une soucoupe, alors que les deux autres étaient allongés comme des cigares.

La nouvelle a fait sensation dans l’Aube, car c’est la première fois que semblables engins foulaient le sol du département. Et, dans le on commença à s’inquiéter.

Rayons pénétrants, cœurs volants à travers la France

- Un rayon pénétrant de couleur verte a circulé au sol, près du Manz, sur la nationale Le Mans–Paris, des ouvriers de la Défense, interpellés auprès d’aucune soucoupe n’était possédée.

- Des toiles grosses comme la lune ont été aperçues par deux personnes. Cela s’est passé à Balloy (Sarthe).

- Un objet volant a été vu à Levesnay (Sarthe) par M. Maurice Burge et plusieurs témoins.

- Un technicien de la méto de la station d’Argenteuil (Sarthe) a vu dans le ciel deux lueurs rouges foncé se déplaçant sans bruit. Il a fait un rapport.

- Un disque rouge a été vu aux Aubiers (Deux-Sèvres) par M. Renard, Couture et Girard ainsi que par M. Camille Blain, conseiller municipal de Bures en-drive.

- A Challety (Loiret), un employé de l’entreprise Barnaud a aperçu un engin lumineux de forme ovale évoluant dans le ciel.

- Un objet bizarre est évolué dans le ciel à très haute allure à Dordives (Loiret).

- Une soucoupe rouge VIP a été vue, lundi soir, vers 11 h, au-dessus de Vezovo (Seine), par M. Balangier, préfet de l’industrie.

L’objet qui se déplaçait à faible allure dans la direction estivale, s’est élevée brusquement à la verticale et a rapidement disparu.


- Un petit tas de cendres a été découvert à Eymoys (Charente), à l’endroit où le jeune Claude Bourgeoise, 17 ans, avait vu tomber dans un champ un disque orange.

Beaucoup de jeunes à la
NOUVELLES APPARITIONS DE SOUCOUPES VOLANTES dans notre région

Un globe lumineux dans le ciel de Brive

Brive (Cantal) — Il y a eu dans la nuit dernière un grand phénomène dans le ciel de Brive. Un objet lumineux a été observé et suivi par plusieurs témoins. Il s'agissait d'une soucoupe volante, un vaisseau spatial, qui a émergé de la terre et a disparu dans le ciel. Ce phénomène a été photographié et enregistré par un observateur aérien. Les autorités locales sont à la recherche d'explications à ce fait inédit.

En général, les soucoupes volantes sont des phénomènes peu compris et souvent entourés de mystère. On en trouve dans le monde entier et les témoignages varient beaucoup. Certaines sont attribuées à des avions ou des télescopes. D'autres sont plus complexes et nécessitent des recherches approfondies.

Un 'cigare volant' dans la Corrèze

Tulle (Corrèze) — Le 23 août, un grand phénomène atmosphérique est survenu au-dessus de Tulle. Un objet lumineux a été observé et suivi par plusieurs témoins. Il s'agissait d'une soucoupe volante, un vaisseau spatial, qui a émergé de la terre et a disparu dans le ciel. Ce phénomène a été photographié et enregistré par un observateur aérien. Les autorités locales sont à la recherche d'explications à ce fait inédit.

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Amusement dangereux

Un vieux mineur du Nord s'amuse à construire des soucoupes volantes

Lille — Un mineur retiré, de 78 ans, a été arrêté par les policiers de Lille pour posséder un vaisseau spatial. Il a construit un petit navire de 5 mètres de longueur et 2,5 de largeur. Il a utilisé des matériaux divers, comme de la toile, du papier et du carton, pour construire sa soucoupe volante. Il est soupçonné d'avoir des intentions dangereuses avec son vaisseau spatial.

Les autorités ont ordonné la saisie du vaisseau spatial et l'arrestation du mineur. Il est actuellement détenu dans une prison de Lille, attendant le verdict de la justice. Les autorités cherchent des explications à ce fait inédit et inquiétant.
Une « soucoupe volante » atterrit à Toulouse et trois témoins voient débarquer un être étrange

A Monluçon, un cheminot interpelle un "Martien"

Thuir 14 octobre (A.P.J.) — En quittant le poste de service situé à une centaine de mètres du centre de la gare, un cheminot a remarqué un phénomène inconnu sur sa droite. Après avoir fait quelques pas, il s’est aperçu que derrière un immeuble se déplaçait un objet étrange, une espèce de soucoupe volante. Il s’est précipité vers le poste de guet et a fait signe au garde de donner l’alerte. Le travail de la gare a été interrompu pendant une heure. Il a été demandé au cheminot de donner des informations sur le phénomène. Il a estimé qu’il s’agissait d’un objet de forme ovale, de couleur verte, et de taille moyenne. Il a également mentionné que le soucoupe volante a débarqué un être étrange, un "Martien".

Près du Cher à Monluçon

Le cheminot en charge des opérations a été héritier de l’événement. Il a été interrogé par les journalistes qui ont assisté à l’incident. Il a confirmé les informations données par le cheminot. Il a également ajouté que le "Martien" a été vu par plusieurs personnes. Il a été intercepté par la police et déplacé à une autre gare pour des examens médicaux.

Une "soucoupe" en Corrèze

A Jean-Pierre Barthézange, un témoin a observé une scène inédite à La Rochelle. Il a été témoin d’un phénomène étrange. Il a vu un objet volant dans le ciel. Il a demandé aux passants de l’aider à filmer l’objet. Il a été arrêté par la police et incarcéré.

Le Martien m’a frappé sur l’épaule

Ouvrier boulanger à Lescarroux (Hortillières), M. Lucas (25 ans) a été surpris, à 4 heures du matin, par un être étrange qui lui a frappé sur l’épaule après être sorti d’une gare et de la soucoupe volante au ciel. M. Lucas a été trouvé dans un état de choc. Il a été emmené à l’hôpital.

15 Oct

Saint-Blaise

Un cigare traverse le ciel

(c) Jeudi soir, vers 16 heures 30, un de nos éditeurs habitant Saint-Blaise, a aperçu un objet étrange à sa fenêtre. Il a remarqué que l’objet était de forme ovale, de couleur verte, et qu’il se déplaçait lentement dans le ciel. Il a appelé la police et a été arrêté.

Vignoble

Un cigare traverse le ciel
SOUCOUPE ... VOLE!

Un cercle de gammas, dans un quartier d'Uscel, jouait à "Pigeon volé". Vous connaissiez tous ce jeu d'autrefois ? Eh bien, voila un objet volé ou pas. Celui qui se trompe se voit infliger un gage... Lorsque le chef du petit groupe lance "Soecoupe...", les gamins répondent en chœur : "Voie !"

Vous avez déjà vu une soucoupe volante? Moi, non. Il est vrai que si l'écartombe de témoignages qui viennent de gens qui remarquent ces engins mystérieux dans le ciel se poursuit, il arrivera un temps où l'oeil qui n'aura rien vu sera montré du doigt par son voisinage.

Depuis quelques temps, la presse mondiale relaie les faits qui donnent lieu à ces aventures extra-planétaires survenant dans le Tétra... On entend parler des soucoupes, puis ce fut le cigare, la bande, la canette, et pour compléter la liste, l'autoibus... Voilà !

Or, l'on sait que des Usceloises ont eu la "primoire", mais aucun son de voir expliquer une de ces machineries infernales. Depuis cette apparition dans le ciel liminaire, les discussions ont commencé... Deux clins se forment : "Ceux qui y croient et ceux qui ressent perplexes. Nous avons pu constater que les habitants d'Usceloïa étaient heureux de connaître les réactions de Usceloïards devant ces phénomènes. C'est vrai que nous avons interroge pour le hasard quelques personnes de notre cité des Ventadours. Certains les croient, d'autres non... À notre question rituelle : "Croyez-vous aux Martiens ?" Voici ce que nous avons répondu :

"Moi, nous dit quelqu'un, je m'appelle Nénel !

Tres sérieux, un digne propagandiste du cyclosurisme nous a déclaré : "J'avoue que je me laisse tenter à y croire... Nous sommes désespérément de loin, par des étres 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'avvenir nous le dira !"

C'est au tour ensuite du populaire Zeno de nous déclarer :

"Cette affaire la m'intéresse à un tel point que la nuit dernière, encore, j'ai fait un rêve éponantiable : j'étais chez les dirigeants de Saint-Pardoux lorsqu'un "medore" de très gros dimensons tomba à quelques mètres de moi. Je reconnais une "e motion" telle que je me retrouvais à l'air. Je me réveillais et j'aperçois le cigare qui était immobile au milieu d'une clairière ! Tout a coup, une porte s'ouvrit, et des formes étranges s'engagèrent, des êtres gigantesques, longues par des lentilles mobiles et s'éclipsant par cascades. Le flou parcouru d'un long frémissement, et resta cloué sur place terrorisé. Les formes s'approchèrent dans sa direction. Je tentai de m'échapper, mais l'un des Martiens brandit une arme secrète, en forme d'ammonite, qui projeta un rayon mortel qui me terrassa..."

La suite de la nuit de notre ami qui nous dit s'être brusquement réveillé et s'être retrouvé sur la descente de la ligne avec une arretive de toilette sur la tête..."

Notre enquête nous a conduit auprès d'une quatrième personne qui nous a répondu : "Oui, ça, c'est que du "Baratin" (lente : des histoires). Croyez-vous que si ces gens-là existaient, ils..." Ce dernier, en contact avec les Tarnoises que nous sommes, il n'a pas lieu de s'alarmer, et je crois qu'il ne prétendait pas que ces "phénomènes" seraient de provenance d'un pays civilisé.

Un audacieux, celui-là nous a dit : "Pour me faire part, je vous assure que je les Martiens m'invitaient à monter à bord de leur "soucoupe" je les suivais !"

Un autre de dire : "Ma belle-mère en dort plus. Tous les soirs, elle barbotte 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 fait plus aucun doute et qu'elle crée une certaine incertitude. Nous nous demandons si savants et techniciens que se pencheront sur ce délicat problème réussiront à élucider ce mystère qui précède tant d'esprits.

"LE MARBUIN"
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

Un globe lumineux dans le ciel de Brive

Brive (C.P.) - M. Henri Maury, un témoin de la scène a déclaré que deux hommes parfaitement normaux revêtu de combinaisons blanches, en tenant des objets qui ressemblaient à des engins pour l'aviation, ont pris le départ d'un champ à environ 1 km de la ville de Brive. Le cultivateur a immédiatement signalé l'événement à la police et à la gendarmerie.

Suite en page suivante...
SOUCOUPE ET CIGARES DANS LE CIEL CORREZIEN

Des observations troublantes, certes, mais rien qui puisse contribuer à percer le mystère.

Dans l'obscurité éternelle que lui offrait le séjour du ciel, le phénomène dégénère dans la nuit méridionale de Corrèze. Mais, dans l'incertitude qui l'entoure, tout est possible. A moins que cette lumière n'ait été le reflet d'un phénomène qui oblige à l'ignorance, le phénomène dégénère dans le noir de la nuit. Mais, dans l'incertitude qui l'entoure, tout est possible.

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Un sphénoïde aux yeux écarlates

TOULOUSE. 15. — Un sphénoïde de petite taille, aux yeux écarlates, a été observé par rapport à une étoile, deux yeux écarlates, talons en la description qui suit. La sphénoïde est une espèce de reptile terrestre, de forme sphérique et de couleur rougeâtre.

LA ZÈBE DU NORD

Graines de soucoupes

NIMES, 15. — Plusieurs chasseurs de la commune de Saint-Ambroix (Gard), ont récemment observé des oiseaux dont les plumes semblent être des grains d'hydrocarboné. Lorsqu'ils tentent d'approcher, les oiseaux se précipitent sur une étoile phosphorescente qui s'envole autour.

A l'emplACEMENT où se trouvaient les oiseaux de la soucoupe volante, les observateurs découvrirent une petite zone de grains d'aspect pâle, qui s'étaient examinés par des graines blanches. Ceux-ci se trouvaient dans l'impossibilité de les reconnaître dans une espèce connue.
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4 personnages “grands comme des enfants de 11 ans” se promènent sur la R.N.631 (Tarn) avant de regagner leur engin.

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

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

M. Mitto a fait la déclaration suivante :

— Venant de Toulouse, je rentrai chez mes parents, à Bistarte (Tarn), en compagnie de mes deux cousins. Je roulais à assez vitesse.

À l'approche de la Colle, 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'écouler à la verticale un grand disque bombé, d'un diamètre de 3 mètres environ. L'engin, de couleur rouge orangé, semblait être aspiré et disparu dans le ciel comme un feu de Bengale…

Fausse alerte aux Martiens porte des Lilas…

« Un appareil étrange, doté d'un phare puissant, roulait sur le parvis des Lilas. » Nous avons téléphoné simultanément hier, à 20 h. 48, plusieurs secteurs de France-soir.

Bientôt deux corps se levèrent, le premier avec une portée de prétendu projecteur qui balayait le terrain vague des Buttes-Rouges, ou des réseaux avaient été signalés.

Comme tous les plongeurs avaient également signalé à notre confrère, l'apparence d'un engin mystérieux qui se déplaçait très rapidement.

Cet endroirt (dans la tempête et l'espace) de ces deux témoignages n'est-elle pas troublante ?
Premier engin «non identifié»

L'an 1955 dira peut-être ce que sont les soucoupes volantes. 
Aujourd'hui, dans le plus grand nombre des possibilités, elles ne sont encore que des hypothèses.
Telles qu'elles sont cependant, dans leur mystérieuse et redoutable imprécision, elles couvrent le territoire français d'un nuage multiforme, fogace, mais omniprésent.

La vision de Kenneth Arnold

Cette arme qui hante notre foi, elle s'est d'abord montrée en 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.

Une vive lueur acharne son regard, et il compte, alignés en file indienne, neuf disques brûlants qui, comme reliés les uns aux autres, se déplacent à une grande vitesse : M. Arnold pense qu'ils volent à 2 000 kilomètres à l'heure. Cette vision étrange dure eux trois minutes, puis s'évapore.

Kenneth Arnold va se poser à Yakima, et raconter son aventure.
La soucoupe volante est dorénavant revenue aux hommes. Elle a désormais s'étendre, proliférer, avahir le continent américain.
Un son de M. Kenneth Arnold, à une publication, vaut d'être exposé à des journées es métropolitanogies. On y attache pas trop d'importance, aise que chaque nouvelle information, incontrôlée et incontrôlable, entraîne un niagara de râcles, où les disques volants jouent un rôle de plus en plus menaçant.
Quinze jours se passent dans cette capitale qui ne s'apaise pas et voit apparaître, 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'astronome de Murfjord, on procède, dans le secret, aux essais d'un nouveau 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, et l'on peut dire, est dans l'air. Un pilote de ligne, volant vers Seattle, rencontre quatre disques brillants et boudu-outer. 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 apparaît à l'aéroclub de chasse de Mustang, le 24 juin 1947, dans le Kentucky.
Le 7 juin, enneigeant, le tour de contrôle est averti d'un objet circulaire ayant 90 à 100 mètres de diamètre, et signalé à moins de 100 kilomètres.
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Le rayon de la mort

Il avance collectif : l'objet, poursuivi par Mantell est occupé, dirigé par un mystérieux équipage, L'équipage voit le « Mustang » le prendre en chasse. Il se croit manœuvré et fait alors usage d'une arme aussi mystérieuse que le reste : il dirige sur l'aéronautique et dont il est en lui l'impresario qui l'approche.

Cette hypothèse, dans laquelle on ne distingue pas entre la science et la science, accèderait l'idée que les soucoupes volantes existent réellement, et que l'auteur attribue aux engins une origine extra-terrestre. Sur cette lancée, qui agit les imaginations, Vénus et Mars entrent dans le circuit des scientifiques. 

Le philosophe déclare qu'avant tous les appareils, non identifiés, sont une pièce de vaudeville qu'une ressemblance assez létale.

Kenneth Arnold, par lui, envoi-tirant des soucoupes volantes, n'ayant pas moins paré à un monde la révélation d'un phénomène encore inexpliqué.

Prochain article : 34 cas inexpliqués
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)

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. Jonzieux, 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 3 a.m. by WLW announcer Keith Wildson.
He reported the incident to Leonard H. Stringfield, 7018 Britton Avenue, Mission 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. Sundstrom, 7018 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.

In Munich, Germany, 42-year-old movie projectionist Franz Reif told the press agency DPA that he saw a "flying saucer" land in a field and peculiarly shaped creatures get out.

Reif said he noticed a bright blue light and thought at first it came from a crashed airplane. On closer examination, he declared, he discovered a "cigar-shaped" craft hovering about six feet above the ground and giving off a brilliant blue radiance which nearly blinded him.

Then, the "movie-protector" added, he suddenly sighted four creatures about three and one-half feet in height. He said they had "thick-set bodies, oversized heads and delicate legs" and wore rubber-like clothing.

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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 Camerons claimed they saw mysterious disks in the sky.

In Munich, Germany, 42-year-old movie projectionist Franz Hoge told the news agency EPA that he saw a "flying saucer" land in a field and peculiarly-shaped creatures get out.

Hoge said he observed the craft from Frankfurt, Germany; Namur, Belgium; Buenos Aires, Alexandria, Beirut and Taonou in the French Camerons.

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

Agence France Preste 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.

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 Vienne Geoffroy, habitant au hameau des Julliots, commune des Hauts-Yonne, a été témoin pour avoir aperçu "des déplacements d’où il ressort que quelque chose est arrivé d’inhabituel".

Elle affirme qu’une personne qui se trouvait à proximité a également aperçu des oiseaux volant de manière inhabituelle. Elle n’a pas été capable de décrire ces oiseaux de manière précise.

De forme allongée, mesurant six ou sept mètres, le saucier (au profil était de couleur brun et présentait un renflement à la partie centrale supérieure. À côté, un homme de taille moyenne restait immobile, tenant une paire de lunettes.

Heureusement, une autre personne, Mlle Gioia Fil, qui gardait ses chèvres à l’autre côté du bois, fut aperçue de cette présence incohérente par les aboiements de ses chiens. Elle vit, dans un terrain à plusieurs mètres, un homme accroupi, paraissant de taille humaine, qui semblait être en équilibre sur ses jambes.

Suite page 3, avec le titre : "SOUCOUPE"
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. Hug, 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 50 environ, ont le torse fortement développé et une queue de tète en revanche, leurs membres inférieurs sont petits et maigres.

M. Hug 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 ruche. Quatre hommes, en combinaison de caoutchouc, travaillaient sous l'engin, aucun d'eux ne semblait mot. M. Hug 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 l'engin qui, quelques minutes après avoir décélée, prit la forme d'une soucoupe projetant une lumière abondante.

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 Clavard-André, du dépôt de Limoges, assurant la conduite du train 137, qui part d'Issel vers 18 h. Sur son trajet, entre les gares de la Celle-Corrèze et Plaine-Rousse, 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'environ 100 mètres de diamètre.

Dans sa surprise et son émotion, il ralentit son convoi par une violette coup de frein, ce qui lui permit de mieux observer ce phénomène. Il éteignit ses phares et fut complètement abordé par la puissance de ce faisceau lumineux de couleur rose et courbé. Il s'aperçut que la rondeur du faisceau, sa puissance, sa légèreté lui permettait de mieux observer ce phénomène. Il éteignit ses phares.

En revanche, lorsqu'il arriva à la halte de la Celle, il sut que le bruit était une lumière, et lorsqu'il avait été en ce cas un être humain, un objet enflammé et en déshabille au jalon, une trainée de lumière blanche qui montait vers le ciel.

Après renseignements pris, plusieurs habitants de la région l'aurait également aperçu.

Boules de feu en Corrèze

Nous avons mentionné qu'une boule de feu avait été vue des habitants de la rue d'Espartignac dans la direction d'Espartignac. Aujourd'hui nous devons signaler qu'une autre boule de feu semblait d'ailleurs à celle qu'on observe un peu partout, à être vue dimanche soir 10 octobre par nombre d'Usurchois dans la direction de St-Ybard. Le phénomène a été constaté de hauteurs de la Pomme ainsi que de terrasses de la rue de la Justice (rôle ouest) entre 19 et 20 h environ.

La boule de feu semblait un disque de haut en bas, pour disparaître ensuite après un mouvement latéral. La boule était enveloppée d'un halo rougeoyant. Cette « apparence » est longuement commentée dans nos murs.

Soucoupe ou pas soucoupe, les Usurchois n'ont pas été les victimes d'une hallucination collective dans plusieurs quartiers à la fois !
Deux jolies « Martiennes » accordent un autographe à un instituteur français !

Les soucoupes volantes n'ont décidément pas fliè de nous manquer des surprises. Jusqu'ici les pilotes de ces engins aériens étaient des hommes venus d'inconnues terres ou d'astronomes étrangers qui bien qu'effrayés ne nous dévoilèrent 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'immenses représentations d'un monde qui ne cessent de faire pleuvoir sur nous des objets pour le moins disgracieux. Ce qui est encore plus troublant, l'autre jour, en présence de deux jolies « Martiennes » portant bottillons, vêtements et gants de cuir, ainsi que des chaussures brillantes, à la vue de ces femmes à l'attitude martienne et martienne, M. Martin s'avance et leur tend gentiment son carnet et un stylo afin de recevoir leur autographe. Sans référence aucune, elles y tracent alors des hiéroglyphes en les commentant avec vivacité dans un langage inconnu. Puis les « Martiennes », meurtrières un mètre 70 environ, s'effacent leur référence à l'instituteur et s'envolèrent à bord d'une soucoupe ...

M. Martin a pu enfin, avec précision, se souvenir inédit ...


Les soucoupes et les cigares volants envahissent notre ciel

Cette dernière a été signalée sur la route de Dax, dans la direction de Bayonne. Nous avions bien été surpris par les soucoupes, mais nous nous y étions habitués. Nous avons alors pensé que les cigares n'étaient pas une invention. En effet, de nombreux témoins ont constaté des objets du ciel, ainsi que des oiseaux dans la nuit.

Mais ce qui nous a étonnés, ce sont les soucoupes volantes qui, même sans pilotes, parcourent l'espace à grande vitesse.

Nous sommes convaincus que ces phénomènes sont d'ordre extraterrestre.
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 Normandy 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 news service 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

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

Le ciel de France parait maintenant être obscurci par le vol d'innombrables engins mystérieux. Ces aéronefs anonymes sont parfois des disques, parfois des cônes, 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 parèrent de vitesse de l'ordre de 6 000, 8 000, quand ce n'est pas 12 000 ou 14 000 kilomètres à l'heure.


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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 eyewitnesses were "believers" while people in general preferred to blame the sightings on a psychosis, which was why professor Heuyer's "saucéritis schizophrenia" 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 Franczesko 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. Caracasonne, 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 Caracasonne, 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.

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."
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 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 Neto 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. Oily 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.
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 Naveau, 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 FFA 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.
the searchlight was lit again, the ball was still there.

Curious onlookers crowded around the searchlight; they also saw the "ball on 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 Sabilon 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 Hets 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.
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 Clamency.

Car Stopped by the Passage of a Reddish Ball

Saint-Étienne, 12 October

Two people from Gueugnon, namely Héssere 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.
A. M. Boz, a professor of mathematics, from Lisieux, discovered, over the
German-de-Livet woods, a silvery disc of seven or eight meters diameter
rose quietly into the sky while turning around its own axis. After it
climbed 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 Thévenin 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.
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 Naveau, commandant la 6e région, a reçu ce matin le rapport du commandant Cottel, spécialiste des forces terrestres aériennes, sur la dernière, dimanche dernier, dans la vallée de la rivière, d'un mystérieux engin qui, pendant trois heures, a quelquefois laissé voir dans le faisceau d'un puissant projecteur de l'armée.

Ce rapport, au bénéfice du commandant, est également porté aux oreilles par les autorités de l'aéronautique. Le commandant Cottel dirigeait, le 13 octobre, le service d'escorte de la marine, en route commerciale de Metz.

La petite machine que les servantes du projecteur avaient aperçue dans le ciel de la vallée, lors de son apparition, était un aéronautique de la compagnie de la Compagnie de France, et lui-même, s'explique ainsi son vêtement:

Tous les détails sont extraits du rapport du commandant Cottel.

Le radar n'avait rien accroché.

Arrosant, comme on ne voulait pas croire à ces curieux phénomènes, on s'est décidé à étudier les grilles de contrôle de la vallée, de la deuxième et de la troisième section, et on a pu voir, dans le faisceau d'un puissant projecteur de l'armée, un aéronautique de la compagnie de France, qui, depuis deux heures, a été vu par tous.

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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.

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 windscreens, 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 sur d'autres planètes ?

1. L'actuelle apparence des "Martiens" en Europe actuelle semble correspondre, selon toutes les apparences, à la manifestation d'une curiosité "psychique des masses". Il n'est scientifiquement nullement exclu que les habitants d'autres planètes aient été communicants à un moment donné avec les Terriens.

Il ne s'agirait donc ni de Vénus, ni de Mars ni de Vénus. Ce sont tous qui animent actuellement les imaginations astronomiques. Ils sont principalement de deux sortes, ceux de la vie, selon notre conception du mot, y soit possible.

À 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 vitrifié et ceux-ci ne pouvaient survivre qu'au fond des mers, 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'âme a pu se former dans les grandes altitudes, protégeant les êtres vivants, émergents en surface de la violence mortelle des rayons ultra-violets.

Y a-t-il en débris de notre système solaire des planètes dont les conditions atmosphériques peuvent être comme...

PARLÉS À CELLES DE LA NOSTRE ?

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 atmosphère, peut être un phénomène rare dans l'univers. Mais il faut prendre le mot "rare" dans le sens astronomique du mot, car un eunivers ne se retrouve pas. DANS NOTRE SEULLE GALAXIE, on estime à 100,000 le nombre de planètes semblables à la Terre. Or, l'heure actuelle, les plus puissants de nos télescopes permis de déceler 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 que si ces conditions optimales de la vie existent, il n'y a pas de raison pour que la vie n'apparaîse pas.

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

Ces êtres se dévoient 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 n'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 parlerait-il imaginaire 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 Casisella 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 Brosses-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. Fearfull, 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.

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 discerned, 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-56 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 Kerb-side 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

Right:
"Lubbock Lights"
Lubbock, Texas.
Fall 1951.

Right:
Hobbs, New Mexico.
October 14, 1954.

1. El Paso, Texas.
2. Hobbs, New Mexico
3. Lubbock, Texas.
"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 through 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.
MESSIEURS LES MARTIENS
conduisez prudemment!
Le trafic céleste est devenu si dense qu'on pourrait craindre d'effreux embouteillages

Le ciel est parsemé de soucoupes volantes, de cigares et de chapeaux. Depuis quelque temps, nos lecteurs nous envoient, par courrier, de nombreux êtres célestes, en temps et en heure, sur les chapeaux de soucoupes mentent en plein le tranquillité des constellations, et font prévoir à brève échéance, des accidents spectaculaires, ou tout au moins d'incertitudes embouteillages.

On l'a, en chronique régulière, que le ciel de Saint-Dizier a été traversé hier soir par un cigare. Mais voici les dernières dépêches qui nous sont courantes. L'année à épisode des soucoupes et des vuesises soucoupes, en Suisse et dans le monde.

A GENEVE
Ce n'était qu'un météore !

GENEVE, 14. — Jeudi, vers 10 heures du matin, de nombreux personnes ont observé un point brillant semblable à une lueur de métal scintillant au sol, qui a dépassé côté droit dans la direction de l'autre extrémité du lac.

SOUCOUPES, DISQUES, CIGARES ET AUTRES CLOCHES

Bien des personnes ont vu, voire dans les églises, une soucoupe volante, et, d'habitude, a coup nombre de coups de téléphone. On s'est émerveillé, en réalité, d'une manière effrayante.

EN FRANCE
Le Martien paraissait français.
Un gentleman de 13 ans, un petit Gabriel Leary, vient de recevoir la délivrance en français — sans brève — de plumes d'un cigare volant.

La rencontre de ce Martien polychromatique et du jeune Leary vient tout au plus être atterrie, vers 15 h. 30, près de Châteauxénest (Loire-inférieure). A quelque six cent mètres du domicile de ses parents.

L'objet est resté dix minutes à observer un angle ayant la forme d'un cigare, d'où s'évient ont hommes couché de bois qui filent leur déplacement en français:

« Sérieux, mais pas étrange. »
Il a soufflé la cendre sur l'ouvrage fascinant que, de l'horizon, il tentait de balancer, de façon violente. La journée ensemble dans l'appareil, qui entraînait deux tours dans les vues et disparaît abruptement. Tel est l'événement de la déclaration faite par ce Petit Ponceur de l'Age atomique.

Un général ordonne une enquête.

Le général commandant la zone militaire a ordonné une enquête sur la présence d'un certain Leary, dont nombre les immobiles proviennent plus autrement que des Martiens. D'après les premiers constatements, il semble que ces avions volants pourraient être équipés d'expériences à haute altitude, d'un vague aperçu, provoqué par les ailes Capes...
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)

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**Saucers Back Again --This Time Bangkok**

BANGKOK, Oct. 15 (INS).—M. 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.

PERPIGNAN, 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 De-

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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 Vallée 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.

October 16th. Baillolet, 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 Baillolet, 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.

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-Press 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 Waremme, 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.

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.

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.

Arnie 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.
Un "cul de bouteille" lumineux et silencieux au-dessus d'Orly et dans le ciel de Paris

Le phénomène était tellement lumineux et silencieux en ciel de Paris, qu'il a été observé par plusieurs personnes au cours des derniers jours. Le phénomène, qui ressemble à un oiseau météorique, a été aperçu au-dessus d'Orly, dans le sud-ouest de Paris, et dans le ciel de Paris, en octobre 1960.

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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 francs 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-Foret, 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 frighten 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 endorsement 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 were 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 comes forth with irrefutable proof of the interplanetary nature of the UA0. 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

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 1st Issue (Winter, 1954) that the California publisher of Frauds magazine had put up $5,000. The CST writer expressed a willingness to chip in a $100 out of his own pocket. (See clipping from the Bulletin)
— ABa, chef... ça se complique. J'ai dans mon bureau un type qui assure avoir vu un nargileh volant !

— Les Martiens qui débarquent ?
— Mais non, les Durand qui s'eng... !

— Ça doit être humide chez vous, j'ai souvent entendu parler des giboulées de Mars.

— Ces histoires de soucoupes... ça se tasse !...
- Vraiment, docteur, vous croyez que je peux épépeter en vrai !

- Si c'est fameux ?... Tu veux y goûter ?... C'est un mégot de cigare volant !

- C'est curieux, il n'en pas l'air dans son assiette !

- Tiens ! Chez vous aussi vous en sortez ?

Sous-épées violents.
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 vailadate 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 2½ 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 Cohieux 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 Cohieux 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 return 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 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 frighten woman accelerated passed the spot and a short time later glanced back and saw a red oval object shooting upward.

Authorities searched the area the following day and found small foot prints in the field and some suspicious "furrows" in the earth.

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 their official Air Force team began sorting reports by tossing out the 'obviously incredible report.' They latched onto those cases in which they could foresee 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 Tuino 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.
En voyage de noces ?
Les Martiens veulent aussi voir l'Italie.

FLORENCE, 19 (Reuters). — Une nouvelle espèce de touristes a visité il y a quelques jours l'Italie ensorcelée, dans des machines qui arrachent l'herbe en se posant et qui sont capables de s'envoler verticalement, à en croire les récits faits par des témoins oculaires, habitants des villes du nord de la Péninsule.

On a en effet signalé trois soucoupes volantes et un cigare. Les soucoupes à Florence, à Novige et à Lione, 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.

Il avait pris son voisin pour... un Martien.

LILLE, 17. — M. Maurice Basset, cultivateur à Simony, près de Chau-

ny (Aisne), a bien été voir de la panique, que cause à certains l'apparition des soucoupes.

Dimanche soir, il était occupé à dé-

panner sa voiture, dans un pré pro-

che de chez lui, quand deux coups de fusil de chasse furent tirés dans sa direction. Les phénomènes se déroulèrent sur la carrosserie du véhicule, non loin de sa tête. M. Basset porte plainte, et l'enquête sera entreprise rapidement.

L'auteur des deux coups de fusil, qui était voisin de M. Basset, M. Fe-

stan... 

Ce dernier a déclaré à la police :

"J'ai cru, en voyant une silhouette-

te évocant dans la lumière de deux phares, être en présence d'un Martien en train de réparer une soucoupe volante. Je suis allé chercher un fusil et j'ai tiré.

Malgré sa bonne foi, M. Festan sera poursuivi.

Top left: The Rouen photograph.

Bottom left: The Mc Minnville photograph.
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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UN MILLION
à toute personne qui lui apportera la première PHOTO d'une véritable SOUCOUPE VOLANTE
Cette photographie et son négatif devront être accompagnés de toutes pièces justificatives et seront soumis à l'examen d'un jury de techniciens et de savants qui en vérifieront l'authenticité. Pages 2-3-4 et 5

NOS REPORTERS ONT PARCOURU LA FRANCE POUR RECUEILLIR LES TÉMOIGNAGES DE CEUX QUI ONT VU

– Pour moi, c'est bel et bien une soucoupe ! déclare Mme PEDROTTI, gardienne de la lunette du téléphérique du Brévent.

FINISTÈRE

Amick Le Bris, l'œil du directeur de l'école de Goussanach « 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.

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 motor­
cyclist and a gray jacket decorated with insignia. The heavy-set pilot show­
ed a gun and conversed in Russian, wanting to know which country he had land­
ed 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 tres­
passing on NATO territory, however that clashed with the opinion of the
noted Italian airman Signor Manor Lualdi who was quoted by the press as say­
ing: "If I had to bet on the origin of the saucers, I would say they are Bri­
tish." 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 unfor­
tunately 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 Vitkousky, 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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**IR-132-54, ATIC 206361 (U)**

Subj: UFOB; Report dtd 7 December 54 from Damascus, Syria, CIAIR

Mr. [Name], a member 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 a 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 UFC, 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 34 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 'n 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 practicing "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-ornithogist-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-looked 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 supposed 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 described 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 relegated to the trash heap of UFO history. Randles did some checking of her own and learned from others that Allan was correct in fingerling 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 disturbing 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 "disinformation 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 Bouvy-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 newscutting)
"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 Cherbonnieres 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. Reutlingen, 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 Reutlingen. 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 newscippings concerning foreign 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. Sàn Giovanni Vesuviano, Italy. (1:00 a.m.)
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 by Whitish luminous cigar
Fire-red pumpkin
Luminous disc
Luminous device
Flying cigar
Luminous cigar
Silver blue disc
Torpedo shaped
Flying cylinder
Luminous circle

ATIC # 202 710 (A-14) (IR-440-54)
Rec'd fr NA, Italy contains 112 articles on UFO's

ITALIAN NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS ON UFO ACTIVITY OVER ITALY
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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 Nienne; 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
FLYING SAUCERS COME FROM A DISTANT WORLD

Prof. Hermann Oberth

It is my thesis that flying saucers are real and 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 man, animals and vegetation, and more recently of atomic energy, armaments and centers of armament production.

They obviously have not come as invaders, but I believe that their present mission may be one of scientific investigation, or, possibly, of observation. 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.

Recent papers even have claimed that the United States Air Force purposely started "the big scare campaign" 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 super sonic speed barrier, while most eye-witnesses report that the saucers have been observed, unlike jet, by silent flight.

For 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 concede, as some investigators have, that they come to us from one of the other planets in our solar system. It is my theory that they are dispatched by beings from another solar system, or more than one other solar system, and I call this race of visitors "Uranoids." I have taken the liberty of making up the word from the Greek word for heaven, "aurora."

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 favoring life, even in the form of plant growth, is Mars, and its surface is not habitable by any creatures 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 suns. Probably this other sun-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 man, 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 carbonized and atmosphere and, in our eyes, might be the strangest creatures ever imagined, they still could, theoretically, think logically and develop a highly neighbor civilization.

Reports that saucers have been seen who 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 unfamiliar 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 Uranoids, I think, have been examining our earth for centuries. People call their craft flying saucers and say that the phenomena is new. It's far from that, for as long ago as December 9, 1952, there was evidence that we on earth were being visited.
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Martians over France

One morning last October, Just Nary, a road worker at Haute-Marne, France, was riding his bicycle. In a wheat field he saw a little blackened man just under a 6 ft. tail, who wore a fur coat, an orange corset and a plump cap.

"Rowdy," said M. Nary.

The little man muttered something like "I'll be seeing you." Then he jumped into a small (16 ft. in diameter) flying saucer, took off with a buzzing sound and disappeared into the clouds.

With Nary's "blurry 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 caps, crowns, caps, wrapped mushrooms, even a flying chamber pot. Unlike Americans who have seen flying saucers, the French "sightings" paid little attention to the vehicles. They were more interested in the people from space.

The Martians were anything but standard. One who stopped Mrs. Roger Barralet near the town of Laval had brilliant red hair, an enormous mustache. He wore yellow and spoke Latin. Another asked M. Pierre Lucas, a vintner, for a light. He was bearded and had a single eye in the middle of his forehead. M. Lucas could not respond, but later he spoke.

"Paralyzing Pygmy, As the Martian invasion of France proceeded, the invaders became more normal. A crop of pygmies in plastic helmets gamboled down a railroad track near Querqueville in the Marne. Some Martians were blue, others were yellow or gray. A traveling salesman of the Clam-du-Vernazza saw a wonderful sight: a group of flying caps from a distant planet, a blue-skinned Martian. As he gazed, he changed color, chameleon-like, from yellow to green.

The Martians marched on as mannequins, Carrotona welcomed them delightedly (see cats). 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 Martiens Poitou and La Rochelle." A man from space even made the social columns of Paris Presse: "Mustached Martian spends weekend at Vienna." Anxious depots asked questions in Parliament, Air Forces authorities (even as in the U.S.) were baffled for explanations.

Before the many-headed Martians landed on France, famed Swiss Psychiatrist C. G. Jung was asked what he thought about the alien invasion.

"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 impossible political situation in the world... At such times eyes turn heavenwards... and miraculous forebodings as a threatening or concealing nature appear from on high."

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 dwarf 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 Gravatai 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. Angouleme, France. (6:00 a.m.)

Another strange object was seen next to a road 18 kilometers from the city of Angouleme 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, 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.

O. 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 Tanzania.

Fletcher himself recently observed something in the sky over Nairobi from his observatory there.

"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 3000 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 says, 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."

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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 for economic development."

* Special for The Star.
 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 lost 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 3 or 4 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 newsclipings) Not part of the hoax and of interest to the student of UFOs was a mention in the newsclining 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 Ill. 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 “gutteral 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.”

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 was 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 Signor Clecomo...

Men From Mars Story Is Hoax, Youths Admit

ROME, Oct. 30—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 in the war." 227.

Stateside.


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.
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 témoignage pressé à leur sujet n'avait pu être recueilli dans la région de Bernay. M. Gilbert Hays, demeurant aux Jonquerets à Bernay, a eu la chance, lundi, de contempler un cigare rouge, qui, tout petit, dans un herbage qu'il exploite à 150 mètres environ de son sombre, le long de la route qui va des Jonquerets à Bernay.

Il était 19 h. 30 environ. Près de son garage, M. Hays remarqua des parties, Soudain, il aperçut, dans l'herbage, une lueur verte et une lueur rouge : la lueur verte semblait largement des rayons comparables à de petits fils ; la lueur rouge, bien qu'infaillible, ne recevait pas. Un corps noir et lourd se communique les deux deux. L'objet semblait mesurer à l'éclair de de 2 et avait une hauteur de 1 mètre au-dessus du sol. Chaque fois qu'il était rendu, d'un diamètre de 2 m étrère de 10 cm environ. L'objet s'embranchait un moment et s'arrêta à plusieurs de la nature en bâtarde qui sépare l'herbage de la cour plantée devant la maison. Tout s'extinguit à ce moment.

M. Hays rentre chez lui un peu effrayé. L'envie le tentaît tournait un moment sa tête. La réalité peut être contenue, mais il ne pouvait pas de l'ombre et le son tout petit. Il se promena dans la nuit, à proximité de longue mystérieuse.

Vers 22 heures, ses deux fils, René, âgé de 25 ans, rentré à 20 h., en compagnie d'un camarade, Jean Chérard, 25 ans. On leur connaissait l'aventure : puis Chérard s'est préparé à le râte plus tard la nuit et la maison. Il n'avait pas fait 100 mètres sur la route qu'au moment le bruit brutal résonna de la maison Chérard pour reporter un l'abord de l'objet électrique extérieur pour parler. Les deux hommes s'épreuvaient à ce moment deux formes osées de l'œil. 15 mètres et retournant d'un corps brillant à une lueur. L'eût avait, au lieu de s'arrêter une manche lente et succédait.

René s'approcha d'elle chercher sa fusil, mais des bâtons étaient de la maison et il ne s'agit plus. Jean Chérard que reparti se mêla il était 23 heures environ. Les deux lumières reprirent, puis s'éteignirent rapidement. Lorsque Chérard passa sur la route, il remarqua que les bâtons, dans l'herbage, étaient drapés et courbés en une lune. Ils sont enserrés par un éclair. C'est là le secret que nous a fait M. Hays, qui semble de bonne foi.

Interdiction d'atterrir aux soucoupes volantes

AIGONON, 13 (A.P.P.) — Le maire de Châtillon-sur-Loing vient de prendre un arrêtat sertissant l'atterrissage et le survol des soucoupes volantes sur le territoire de la commune.

Avis basé sur cet arrêtat, qui a été approuvé par le préfet de la Haute-Marne, on le rend actuellement, le survol, l'atterrissage et le décollage d'aéronefs dit « soucoupes volantes » ou « cigares volants », de quelque nationalité que ce soit, est interdit sur le territoire de la commune. Tout engage qui attirera sur le territoire de la commune sera mis immédiatement en fourrière. Le garde champêtre est chargé de l'exécution du présent arrêtat.

28 October 1954

"FLYING SAUCERS" BAN

The Mayor of Châtillon-sur-Loing, a village near Aigonn, yesterday practiced by decree all "flying saucers" and "flying cigars" from his municipality, and ordered the rural constable to suspend any that might land.

Now It's Flying Pumpkin

Remy, 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.

Vincent, Normandie
IR-6-54 (C), ATC 206365 (AB)

July: UFO - Philippine Islands - 20\textsuperscript{th} AF - Dated 27 Nov 57

Document concerns UFO sighted at 1800Z, 29 Oct 57

by members of crew of C-47D a/c. Obj described as long & narrow, bright blue, and curved with leading edge lower than trailing edge. One observer described bright orange sparks emitting from both ends.

The object's speed was estimated as much faster than a meteor.
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11. Brief Summary and Analysis:
Obj described as stove pipe with a bulge in the center and short wings. Approx 3 meters long/1 meter in height. Wings approx 1 meter in length. Gray, wing tips not rounded but conclave. Noise similar to gargling. First observed yellow spots on ground as object approached.
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' Expres. 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
FEU !
sur le
MARTIEN

3 CANDIDATS AU MILLION
« Tu 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'ombro qui n'oyait peu à peu les près et les bois. Soudain, il tressaillit... SUITE PAGE 2

M. Faisant: « On en avait tant parlé ! Je m'étais penché sur ma roue arrière, dit M. Rusault, quand j'entendis siffler. » « Aussitôt après un coup de feu !... Ma carrosserie est criblée de plombs !»
Les soucoupes volantes n'existent pas

AFFIRMENT DES ASTRONOMES DIVERS

Cé sont peut-être les anges invisibles de...

Le photographe des étoiles 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 tor­
ch. 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 pel­
lets 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 torment­
ed by at least some skepticism. Even Air Force BLUE BOOK advisor Dr. J.
Allen Hynek was confused, and he was suppose 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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De mystérieux engins lumineux ont été aperçus dans le ciel belge à
Bovenistier, Waremme, Ligney, Rance, Fontaine-l'Evêque et Hobay-la-Neuve

(D'après un envoyé spécial Jean MELANGE)

En effet, on enregistre un phénomène de ce type. En Belgique, en France, dans tout le monde, on assiste à des phénomènes inédits. Les naufragés sont incroyables : des choses qu'ils ne connaissent pas, des objets qu'ils n'ont jamais vus. Ils sont émus, ils sont étonnés, ils sont effrayés. Ils ont peur de ce qui leur arrive, ils ne savent pas quoi faire. Ils sont dans une situation extrême.

Une première équipe a été mise en place à Waremme, en Belgique. Elle est composée de scientifiques, de techniciens et de militaires. Ils travaillent sur les phénomènes enregistrés. Ils essaient de comprendre ce qui se passe. Ils essaient de répondre à la question : qu'est-ce que ces objets, qu'est-ce qui se passe ?

En France, l'Armée de l'Air, les forces de l'air, les forces spéciales, tout le monde travaille sur cette question. Ils cherchent des indices, des indices qui pourraient être utiles. Ils veulent trouver des solutions, des solutions qui pourraient être utiles. Ils veulent comprendre ce qui se passe, ce qui se passe dans le monde.

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