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MORE SIGHTINGS IN NEW GUINEA AREA

The following listed sightings have been forwarded by our Australian Representative, Peter E. Norris, and indicate continuing activity in the New Guinea area.

Observations of Unidentified Flying Objects

Friday, 23rd October 1959. Between 10 and 11 p.m. by Micah AIGABA, Registered Mission Teacher, Anglican Mission, Pumani, M.B.D. Papua. In the Daga country, at foot of Mt. Gwoira Range.

A very big light came over from the direction of Boianai (about 40 miles to the S.E.) It came straight towards Mount Gwoira (a precipitous mountain about 4500 ft. high, which stands about 5 miles E. of Pumani, dominating the scene). At first it was quite low, but when it reached the vicinity of Mt. Gwoira it ascended until it appeared to be vertically over the summit of the mountain. It then hovered stationary for a long time (an hour? the observer had no watch). Finally it descended until it seemed almost to touch the top of the mountain, but moved away in a northward direction, keeping about the same height, passing over Monari and Medino and then veering eastwards and circling round the coastline of the Cape Vogel Peninsula (apparently, though it was probably much nearer) and finally disappearing in the direction of Boianai again.

The appearance of the light was round (a disc or a globe?). It was dazzlingly bright, especially when moving and changed colour continuously, the basic colours being green, red and yellow. Parts of the object showed different colours simultaneously. "It twinkled." The colours changed about every three minutes. (This seems contradictory, but there it is). It was about equal to half the size of the moon, but was far brighter. The speed, when moving was "faster than an aeroplane" (i.e., a light aircraft, not a jet). It seemed larger and brighter when moving. "Like a fire in the sky." There was no trail or rays nor did it appear to illuminate the ground (it was probably too high).

Other witnesses Anastasia (Micah's wife) John (mission helper) and Bewa-bewa, Village Chief, and others unspci-

fied. There was great excitement (they shouted out).

Friday 30th Oct. (one week later). By Micah AIGABA and others. Anglican Mission, Pumani. Approximately same time. The same object seen again. Exactly the same appearance and colour changes. But this time it did not come so near. It appeared again from the direction of Boianai and seemed to move northwards, following the coast (actually the coast there runs N.E., so it may have gone a bit inland). This time it disappeared to the north and was not seen to return.

Told to the Revd. N. E. G. Cruttwell by Micah and John.

(Sgd.) N. E. G. Cruttwell

Monday, 23rd November 1959. Observed by the Rev. Albert M. Ririka, of the Anglican Mission, Menapi, Papuan Priest. Also by Japhet Kirakai, Mission teacher and Cecil Kaibea, a Native Medical Assistant (Administration).

Time. First seen by Cecil about 7:30 p.m. Observed by Father Albert and Japhet at about 8:30 p.m.

The sky was cloudy to the north and west, but comparatively clear to the east (over the sea and Goodenough Bay). The observers were on the Mission Station at Koyabagira, one of the Outstations of Menapi and about 15 miles S.W. from there. The station is right on the shore with a clear view to the east and southeast across Goodenough Bay to the ranges of Boianai and Dogura. Boianai is approximately 20 miles across the Bay (or a bit less). They saw a brilliant illuminated disc (or sphere?) in the sky in the direction of Boianai. It was above the level of the mountains but not at a high elevation. It was approximately half the size of the full moon, but much brighter. The light was pure white, and did not change. Beneath the

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Investigation of a Mutual Broadcasting System news item concerning a UFO "as big as a two-story house" revealed some unusual information about the unidentified object itself, plus an example of how information is frequently misconstrued. Clippings kindly forwarded by E. O. Dahl and Mrs. Charles Brunes indicate that something indeed strange took place somewhere over Lake Mille Lacs in northern Minnesota late Saturday night, January 16, and early the next morning.

The object was shaped somewhat like a Christmas tree, with lights of red, white, blue, orange and green colors. Deputy Sheriff Bud Kisskeys of Crow Wing county stated that after receiving the initial call reporting the strange lights, he proceeded to the lake shore near Garrison. The report was made to him by a patrolman in a car in the vicinity. Kisskeys said, "There was one big cluster of lights that looked like a Christmas tree way out on the lake about 10 miles. You could see other lights, one at a time, along the shoreline. I drove to the spot where I thought one would be but it always seemed as far away no matter how long I drove."

Scores of other witnesses, including patrolman Johnny Hogan of Aitkin, and Frank Gowran of the Blue Goose Resort, Garrison, also observed the lights. Hogan, who was quoted as saying that five state highway patrol squads and sheriff's deputies from three counties plus 200 other curious spectators had seen it, compared the object's apparent size to that of a two-story house which he described as appearing to move up and down slowly between altitudes of 500 and 1000 feet.

While interviewed on a TV news program, from Alexandria, Deputy Sheriff Kisskeys said the lights had occasionally flashed on and off, and that they could not have been lights from fishermen's shacks out on the lake.

On Sunday afternoon, the Director attempted to telephone Gowran who had left his resort, and the individual who answered the phone said he wasn't expected to return until almost midnight. A call was then put in to Hogan who was out on patrol and not expected to return until late evening. Hogan's wife gave the name of a George Haase who purportedly saw the lights. A call and

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Island of Trindade"

by Dr. Olavo T. Fontes
(This article is the first of a three-part series which describes hitherto unpublished facts about the famous "IGY" pictures, and the sightings which preceded them.)

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Editorial . . .

WHY BRAZIL?

This is the question being asked by UAO researchers the world over since Dr. Fontes' reports first began to appear in this periodical. This question has been echoed with increasing frequency and fervor since the September 1959 Bulletin containing the Itaipu Fortress report reached thousands of people throughout the world. That Bulletin brought hundreds of inquiries and applications for membership in APRO and brought the question, "Why Brazil?" into glaring focus. We believe we have an answer.

We must first take a good look at Brazil's general status in South America. A giant in land area, she is one of the most industrialized, the most air-travel conscious and more heavily fortified than other South American countries. The two most frequently visited areas of Brazil are the states of Mato Grosso and Minas Gerais. Mato Grosso is sparsely populated—Minas Gerais is the opposite—teeming with people, and containing heavily fortified military installations. One other characteristic of Minas Gerais is the great mineral and ore deposits including thousands of tons of uranium and plutonium.



Pictured above is Mr. Jun' Ichi Takanashi, our new Representative for Japan. A graduate of the Kwansei Gakuin University, Mr. Takanashi is Chairman of the Modern Space Flight Association, Editor of "Flying Saucer Intelligence," (a Japanese language periodical) and also editor of "Japan UFO Intelligence," the specially published English language periodical of the MSF Association. The report on the reality of the Saturn shaped UFO which was mentioned in the November 1959 issue of the APRO Bulletin is a product of Mr. Takanashi's investigative and correlative ability. The staff is proud to welcome Mr. Takanashi as one of the steering crew of A.P.R.O.

Only two other countries have received as much attention as Brazil, and they are the United States and Venezuela. However, the sensational reports of close-up sightings including contact of a sort with the occupants have been few in the U.S. This, in our opinion does not necessarily indicate that they have not taken place. There is one basic difference between the two countries which may be the solution to this purported problem. Brazil is a comparatively "new" country and its people are basically non-conformist to a high degree compared to Americans. Hence, a new idea or concept is not ridiculed into obscurity by a people who resent the possibility of a change. The Brazilian press is considerably less inhibited and not subject to pressure politics as is the American press.

In the United States, UAO sightings of a sensational or outstanding nature are suppressed, the witnesses ridiculed. There is ample evidence of this. Many times newspaper editors merely "go

along" with the current trend, which is a tongue-in-cheek attitude toward all UAO news or incidents. The Director has been told confidentially of a "general order" which went out to all the offices of one press wire service, to the effect that UAO items would be treated casually and humorously. Some politically ambitious editors can be coerced with merely a word or two. We have recently received a first-hand report of such a situation which came into effect during the November 1957 "flap" when a UAO hovered close to the ground several times in a certain area of the U.S. The incidents have not, to this day, been widely publicized. One incident involved a photograph of the field over which the object had been seen hovering, and the burned spot which resulted.

The complete account of the IGY-Trindade Island sightings and photos by Dr. Fontes which starts in this issue illustrates why UAO information has come out of Brazil. The Brazilian people want and demand and get their freedom. The press is a potent weapon against insidious or outright censorship. Practically every sighting or incident reported by Dr. Fontes has been carried in the Brazilian press.

Some researchers have expressed doubts as to the authenticity of these reports because they were not widely publicized in the U.S. The fact of the matter is that the information, though released in Brazil, did not enter the U.S. except in isolated incidents, and even then with only a smattering of the true facts. This is the reason that APRO, an international rather than national organization, has hand-picked representatives to carry out the job of investigation of sightings and incidents in countries other than the U.S. These representatives are full-fledged staff members, and are considered to be top-notch investigators.

For a further answer to the query concerning why UAO reports are most numerous in Brazil, it is quite possible that the contingent of APRO reporters there has some bearing. Dr. Fontes, who has fearlessly exposed official censorship in his own country, employs the methodology and regard for facts which he employs as a top-flight medical scientist. His contacts are many and influential, and he has given exhaustively of his time and resources to get the facts.

Combine all of these factors and we have the answer to the question, "Why Brazil?" It is the contention of Dr. Fontes that Brazil is quite probably playing unwilling host to UAO bases in her isolated, unpopulated areas. The same may be the case in New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand and Venezuela.

MEMBERS —

Please forward changes of address—
and try to renew on time!

RECENT SIGHTINGS

Redmond, Oregon, 24 September—Authorities checked on reports of an object sighted by many over this central Oregon town. Patrolman Robert Dickerson first saw the object which he said came to within 200 feet of the ground and moved from side to side. He called Redmond Airport and notified Laverne Wertz at the control tower who also sighted the object, and according to a UPI report in the San Francisco News-Call Bulletin, Wertz described it as round and flat; both he and the patrolman said it glowed in colors of pale green, yellow and red and at times shot long blue bursts of flame. They claimed that it hovered over the area for at least an hour. Wertz also told the press that the Seattle FAA authorities told him the object was observed on a radar screen for about two hours at altitudes of 6000 to 25,000 feet, and that jet interceptors dispatched from Portland air base failed to catch the object which vanished in clouds at about 14,000 feet. Wertz also quoted FAA authorities as informing him that the report was sent to Hamilton AFB, California for investigation.

GLOWING OBJECT CHASES CAR IN NORTH CAROLINA

On Tuesday, November 3, several reports were made to law enforcement agencies regarding a mysterious glowing ball of light in the eastern sky about 6 a.m. Weather Bureau officials at the Raleigh-Durham Airport explained these as possibly a weather balloon which they had released at 6 a.m. and which "might glow in the sun" at about that time. A State Highway Patrol dispatcher at Salisbury said the object appeared very large, glowing and still visible in the east, moving south at about 8 a.m.

Not so easily disposed of, however, was the report of Robert L. James, a Taylorsville used car dealer, who reported a "ball of light" which chased his car along a deserted highway at about 4 a.m.—two hours before the weather balloon was launched. James, driving near Statesville, had observed the object as it came within several yards of his vehicle several times. He said it hovered over the car "just above tree-top level" and moved alternately at slow and very fast speeds. He stopped his car six times and each time the object stopped also. During this same time there were reports of the bluish-white fireball being observed over a 50-mile radius in the same area.

POLICE SPOT SAUCER IN CALIFORNIA

Fontana, Calif., 1 December 1959—Police Sgt. Robert L. Cochran and Reserve Officer W. B. Brandon were pa-

trolling east Fontana at 9:31 p.m. when they spotted a large, round object which glowed red and white. Spotted from the intersection of Barbee and Palmetto Avenues, the object was at 7 o'clock on the horizon, gave off so much light that it lit up the area. The two men drew a sketch which showed a lampshade-shaped object projecting light downward. A few minutes after it was sighted by the officers, the object took off at high speed, leaving distinct vapor trails from a jet-like apparatus, and shortly disappeared. Sun-Telegram (San Bernardino) reporters received another similar report minutes before Cochran and Brandon reported their experience, from a resident of Del Rosa.

During the first week of December (no exact date) 7 employees at the Kyger Creek Power Plant at Cheshire, Ohio, reported seeing an unidentified object in the area. We are attempting to obtain more information, for this power plant furnishes power for the Atomic Energy Plant at Portsmouth, and this is at least the second time a maneuvering or hovering UFO has been spotted in the vicinity—the first time, November 1957.

WOMEN SEE MISSILE-SHAPED UFO

An object described as resembling a "silver pencil with fins" was observed over Willoughby, Ohio on Thursday, 10 December by Mrs. Ronald T. Bundy and two other housewives. Mrs. Bundy said there was a loud sound like a clap of thunder, but nothing like the usual sonic booms heard in the area. The moon was out and the time was 5 p.m. Three jets in the air appeared at about the same time that the object did, but they were above it and northbound. The object, headed east, shot straight up and disappeared, leaving a trail of orange-like flame.

BOWL-SHAPED OBJECT IN CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

At 11:50 p.m., 22 Dec. Kenneth Lindsley Jr., 28 of Oakdale, Calif., was walking in the vicinity of Claribel Road and McHenry Avenue when he spotted a "bowl-shaped" object coming down out of the clouds toward him. He estimated its altitude as about 2,000 feet when he first saw it. Its color was bright orange. At first he thought it might have been a reflection of the moon but remembered later that the moon didn't rise until about 1:30 a.m. The object dropped to about 20 feet above the road and was throwing a reflection on the road so bright that Lindsley could see both sides of the road and the trees very clearly. He said it stayed down near the road for about two minutes, then went back up into the air. Lindsley, unnerved, headed back to Modesto to stay with a

friend, instead of continuing to hitchhike home to Oakdale as formerly planned. "I had walked about 1½ miles and was at the location of the new 'McHenry Bowl' when I spotted the object again. This time it did not come down nearly as close and did not stay so long. The second appearance was at 12:45 a.m." He told of his experience to reporters, hoping that corroborating witnesses could be located. His story appeared in the 24 December Stockton, California Record, and Mrs. Estelle Hendershott of Waterford came forward to report that she had seen the object while driving to her home at about 12:15 a.m., after getting off work at the John Inglis Frozen Food plant in Modesto. Other women on the night shift saw the object, also, and Mrs. Charles Erickson, of Modesto reported seeing the object from her home.

The Modesto Bee carried the story, which yielded this further information: Lindsley told a Bee reporter that "It extended over the entire road and on it I could see shadows which appeared to be moving but I could not distinguish what they were. It took about a minute and a half to get down, stopping just above the telephone poles. It stayed there two minutes, then went back down the road and up into the air."

NEBRASKA AND NEVADA RESIDENTS SEE BRIGHT SPEEDY LIGHT

On the 3rd day of January, 1960, at 10 p.m., Clark Fengel of Omaha, Nebraska and his wife observed a brilliant object which streaked across the sky leaving a fiery trail behind it, from west to east. He estimated its height as 10,000 feet; its trajectory was flat, he said.

On the same evening, a blue light which raced silently across the Las Vegas, Nevada sky, puzzled McCarran Field tower controllers. "It was the fastest thing I ever saw," said tower employee Jack McMillen who spotted the light at about 11:05 p.m. A departing private plane also saw the object. Earlier that evening, four different pilots in two commercial airlines planes flying between Bryce Canyon and Mormon Mesa reported observing a similar light. Their reports of the object to Salt Lake City were intercepted by the McCarran tower. McMillen said he saw the light for about two or perhaps three seconds, going north to south at about a 15-20 degree elevation. He also said he had thought it might have been a meteor but changed his mind as it left no trail, and had a horizontal trajectory. He said he contacted a private plane which had just taken off and asked the pilot for confirmation. The pilot confirmed McMillen's sighting. An Air Force T-33 inbound to Nellis also confirmed its pilot had also seen a strange light.

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TWO UAO REPORTS AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS

On the 6th of January several young couples panicked and left secluded regions of Cobb Park in Fort Worth, Texas, and officers were dispatched to the park after an excited caller reported a "flying saucer had just landed in Cobb Park and is chasing all the cars out." The Fort Worth Star-Telegram which reported this incident, reported also that Detective V. U. King spotted a bright light from the southeast part of the city and felt sure it was a blazing meteorite. The Weather Bureau described a current meteorite shower and a local amateur astronomer said his piece about meteors also. No one stopped to think, apparently, that the light which purportedly "landed" surely would not have been still visible in the sky much later, if it were a meteorite.

On the following night, a Fort Worth man reported seeing an unconventional aerial object just south of the General Motors plant at Arlington, Texas. The man, who reported the sighting to police, was described as near hysteria. He said the object had landed on a road and then "took off after a car." The police who took this information apparently failed to get the man's name and have found no further witnesses to corroborate the story.

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bright object (which he described as "like a plate") was a dark "boat-shaped" object, like a black cloud. They watched the round object slowly descend until it slowly disappeared "into" (or behind?) the black "cloud" being gradually eclipsed until it went out. The bright object did not reappear. But the black object was still visible in the same position an hour later. Fr. Albert estimated the time from his sighting of the bright object until its passing into the dark object to be about ten minutes. But Cecil the NNA said it had been there since 7:30.

There are a number of curious points about this sighting.

First: The bright object could not have been the moon, which does not rise until about midnight or later, and in any case is now only a small crescent.

Second: Although at first the "disc" was giving out a brilliant light so that the black "cloud" stood out against the glow in the sky, when the "disc" passed behind the "cloud" the glow disappeared, suggesting either that it had extinguished

its light, or that it had passed into the black object, which must then have been a solid object, not a cloud.

Third: The black object never moved during the whole sighting, nor did it change its boatlike shape (pointed at both ends) or its size. It was in the same position an hour later. Surely, had it been a cloud, it would have moved or changed its shape in a fraction of this time. I have never known a cloud to remain stationary and the same shape for more than five minutes, let alone an hour. This suggests that the object was a solid craft of some sort, probably a Mother Ship. Japhet (the teacher) is sure that it was a craft, as his school children claim several times to have seen "things like boats in the sky" passing over Koyabariga at night. I remember hearing this in July, when the sightings were at their height.

These witnesses are absolutely reliable, Fr. Albert particularly so. He is well educated, steady, unimaginative and completely truthful person.

(Signed) Witness M. Ririka
Japhet Kirakai

Recorder: Norman E. G. Cruttwell

Note: Boianai is 20 m (app.) from Koyabariga. The thing appeared over Boianai, but must really have been much nearer to Koyabariga.

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short conversation with him, however, indicated that he had not seen the lights at all, but he offered the opinion that they were only lights from fishermen's shacks out on the ice. Mrs. Lorenzen, who is familiar with these small buildings, having lived at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, rejected this explanation; it did not fit the facts. Neither did the possibility that it may have been an experimental balloon, aurora borealis, or reflections. The most revealing bit of information came from APRO member Mrs. Charles Brunen who quoted Kisskey's statement on television to the effect that he had previously laughed at reports of UFOs but he knew he would not try to explain them away too easily any more.

And so the story died—letters of inquiry to the local editor, to whom Mrs. Lorenzen spoke via long distance, have not been answered to date, nor have those sent to Kisskeys and Hogan. Should more information on this startling incident come to hand it will be printed in the next issue of the Bulletin. It is interesting to note that clippings which contained this sighting also contained a mention of "mysteriously bright lights seen Friday (January 15) from scattered points

in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota were thought to be meteors." Apparently reports had been made to someone somewhere relative to those "mysterious" lights, but they had not seen print until the Crosby object gained attention.

APRO OBSERVES 8th ANNIVERSARY

On 1 January APRO began its 9th year of UFO investigation. Established in January, 1952, the organization has many accomplishments to its credit. Acting as a stabilizing influence in a field of research which is, to say the least, fraught with pitfalls including crackpots, confidence men and general confusion, we have survived financial setbacks, we've contributed heavily to the mass of evidence supporting the reality of "flying saucers," and to many books. We recognized the portent of the "little men" of France and South America long before the general research field was ready to admit their existence.

In April, 1956, the Director resigned her position with Civil Service and APRO became a full-time organization, with a full-time Director and several part-time qualified officers and advisors. Since then we have appointed several top-flight representatives abroad and established a smoothly functioning international research organization. We have brought to UFO enthusiasts the world over such exclusive accounts as the Venezuelan "hairy dwarf" onslaught of 1954, the Swedish "Little Men" of 1959, the first physical evidence examined and publicized (the "New Haven Incident," 1953), the "Ponta Poran Incidents" and many others. We have followed a policy of presenting up-to-date factual reports as well as well-investigated and documented reports of incidents at such times as they were completed.

APRO has brought UFO investigators around the globe together in a common effort; nationalism has no place in scientific research and we sincerely believe the mystery will be solved by many individuals from many countries; it involves all of the world.

The future of APRO is bright, despite a constant shortage of time and funds. With the publication of the IGY feature in this issue, we will begin what we feel to be the end of our task. Dr. Fontes' evidence related to the IGY pictures is further corroboration of the reality of the Saturn-shaped UAO, a true UAO prototype, and the perfidy of authoritarian censorship. We hope that all members will redouble their efforts to support this final phase, for our budget does not include the 10-page-plus Bulletin which will be required to present the full picture.

F.A.A. CLAIMS ICE FALL KNOWLEDGE

Mystery ice falls are in the news again. At Toccoa, Georgia, a 40-pound bit fell into a farmer's field—narrowly missing the farmer and burying itself a foot deep into the ground. At Whittier, Calif., a 25-pound chunk smashed a hole the size of a football in the roof of a house and loosened the plaster below. Another piece (of unspecified size) punched through an Englishman's roof, brought down the ceiling—splintering a chair. . . . Now come the explanations.

A release dated 9 Jan, 1960 from Washington, gives us to understand that certain unnamed government scientists have completed their studies of the Georgia ice and now know where it came from but they aren't telling.

Interested agencies are said to be Federal Aviation Agency, the Weather Bureau, and the Geological Survey. In explaining the secrecy one official (not named) said the government must be careful because whatever it says could affect lawsuits that could develop from similar ice falls.

It is sincerely hoped, in the interest of adult common sense that we get more out of this than another dose of the "ice chunks dropping from airplanes" placebo. No man-made plane could ice up to the thickness indicated by these reports and remain airborne. When icing conditions prevail, ice tends to form most readily in those low-pressure areas above the wing from which the aircraft derives its lift.

Without consulting any legal experts we would also like to venture the opinion that anyone whose person or property is damaged through the negligence of another person or agency has a legal right to recover damages from said person or agency and that anyone preventing said recovery of damages through the willful withholding of pertinent evidence is guilty of being an accessory after the fact or at least of obstructing justice.

STRANGE ASPECTS OF TEXAS BRANIFF CRASH

On the front page of the November 1959 issue of the Bulletin, comment pertaining to the crash of a Braniff Airways turbo-prop airliner elicited further information from David Wuliger, APRO member in Houston. Clippings containing press statements made by R. B. Carleton, vice-president in charge of operations for Braniff, included the following information: Carleton, who had been leading a crew of airline technicians investigating the crash scene, said an engine explosion may have caused the crash. He also said that glass window ports in a recov-

ered portion of the 113,000 pound airplane showed signs of tremendous exterior heat, but that the blast which disintegrated the big ship did not come from within the plane. A veteran Air Force pilot testified before a three-man Civil Aeronautics Board that he had seen a massive, mushroom-shaped red stationary glow in the area on the night of the crash. The officer, Maj. R. O. Braswell of Ellington AFB, Houston, was on his way from Shreveport, La., to Lufkin in a C-47 when he spotted the atomic-cloud-shaped burning mass, three to five degrees above him—an enormous thing, he said.

The Houston Press reported on December 10 that 280 Fort Hood soldiers fanned out through the woods and fields near Buffalo on December 9 in further efforts to turn up additional pieces of the airliner, which crashed on 29 September 1959. CAB investigator John Cyrocki denied reports that a deadly air-to-air Sidewinder missile had somehow broken free and homed in on the airliner, causing the crash.

On October 21st, the Houston Press reported details of the hearing which took place in the Buffalo, Texas gymnasium. Several of the statements by witnesses are most important. CAB investigator Joseph Zamuda said that at 11 p.m., just 9 minutes before the crash, the flight engineer had logged the fact that they were cruising at 15,000 feet, air speed 275 knots, all engine instruments normal.

Eye-witness W. S. Webb testified that he had just gone to bed on the night of September 29 when, while gazing out the window, he "saw a light in the sky. I thought it was lightning at first, but it didn't disappear. A few seconds later a ball of fire that looked like a star shot through the sky. Then I heard a noise like something was falling through the sky. It was a whooshing, shrill sound. I guess the fire ball was two-thirds of the way from the ground when it exploded."

A 39-year-old retired engineer, Jackie J. Cox, testified: "I was going home to Buffalo when I noticed a low lying cloud in the sky and heard the noise of a plane which sounded louder than normal. You could feel the vibrations on the ground. I heard the plane for about 10 seconds and then saw a bright orange light in the sky. It spread to cover the entire sky, as if phosphorous or magnesium were burning." Mr. Cox said after he had driven about a half a mile he noticed another flash, which appeared twice. After the second flash there was a noise like thunder.

Billie Guyton of Centerville testified that he noticed a small glow spread to cover the sky, that he saw a falling object come from the glow, first going forward and then straight down. After the object fell, he heard a thunder-like

noise.

It appears that something else was in the sky that night near Buffalo—something in a cloud. At the same time, in the same location, an airliner carried 34 people to their deaths.

Perhaps this is why 280 military personnel searched the area for the second time weeks after the initial investigation and search were completed.

U. S. NAVY MAN PHOTOGRAPHS UAO

Miami, Fla., 29 Nov. 1959—Joseph John Rehill, 39, U. S. Navy pharmaceutical-aviation technician, was focusing his camera at an empty parking lot. Catching a glimpse of a "sudden flash," he snapped the shutter. When the transparency was developed, it showed five white spots in the sky—one of them followed by a faint streak.

Interrogated by N. F. Gariety of S.P.A.C.E. (267 Alhambra, Coral Gables, Fla.) Rehill was not too cooperative. He admitted that he had had a session with Air Force Intelligence officers. They had examined his Argus C-3 camera as well as the complete set of transparencies from that particular roll of film and had found no evidence of fakery, he said. And yet this man with 19 years of naval aviation service says he did not scan the sky after taking the picture to see if the UFOs were still there.

MORE MAPS

The office has received only a small percentage of the road maps it badly needs—we suggest that those members who sent none in response to our November request, mail one road map of their respective states as soon as possible.

HOPF LAUNCHES MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our photographic consultant, John T. Hopf, has launched into an extensive campaign to bring more members into APRO from the Rhode Island area, and it is paying off. He has appeared on radio programs dealing with the UFO mystery, which resulted in a well-written, sober account of APRO's activities and goals in the Newport, Rhode Island newspaper.

Ruppelt Revision on Sale

Edward Ruppelt, author of "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects," has a revised edition for sale (Double-day) which indicates a turn-about from his stand in his original book.

A review will be forthcoming in a future issue of the Bulletin.