

**EXCLUSIVE!** Aime Michel predicts widespread saucer sightings in October! Readers can soon check the predictions of famous French saucerbook author, who, in the following exclusive article for THE SAUCERIAN BULLETIN, prognosticates a "Big Flap" for October.

A FLOOD OF UFO'S BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN THIS FALL?

By Aime Michel, author of THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS, published by Criterion Books, NYC.

(Translated for THE BULLETIN by Peter Israel)

**THE SEED:** Every scientific researcher knows that a minute, a hidden detail can open up the way to vast new discoveries. Progress in science has often come through the unearthing of such an inconspicuous detail, buried in a mass of data. The scientist then makes his hypotheses and waits -- waits for events to destroy or confirm it.

I knew the overwhelming thrill of being in possession of the "minute detail" in reading Chapter XI of Major Edward J. Ruppelt's remarkable book, REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (available from SAUCERIAN headquarters at \$4.50--Ed.). Entitled "The Big Flap", this chapter relates the extraordinary epidemic of "sauceritis" which broke out in America in June, 1952. For several weeks, writes Ruppelt, "All records for the number of UFO reports were not only broken, they were disintegrated." And Ruppelt cites these utterly convincing figures: for the four years previous, 615 reports of UFO's; during "The Big Flap" 717. Such a situation, he adds, was totally unprecedented and has never reoccurred since. He also writes, and it is this which I will dispute:

"There were two factors we could never resolve, the frequency of the sightings and their geographical distribution."

**THE "MINUTE DETAIL":** The revealing "minute detail" on which I base this article consists of the following:

All records which were established in America in June, 1952, were in their turn shattered between August 1 and November 15, 1954.

But not in American skies -- in Western Europe. Ruppelt's erroneous statement was based on U.S. Air Force statistics for American skies alone. Now during the fall of 1954, nothing extraordinary did occur in American skies. Something extraordinary did happen, but elsewhere. The U. S. Air Force statistics, though exact, were limited. And since Ruppelt remained head of Project Blue Book only through 1953, the "Big Flap" in Europe did not take place until after his return to civilian life.

**THE "BIG EUROPEAN FLAP":** Before reporting the amazing events which took place in Europe two years ago, I wish to warn the reader explicitly. The goal of this article is not to contribute to the study of what the Flying Saucers really are, but to delineate a reply to the question: **WHEN** and **WHERE** will Flying Saucer sightings take place? For my personal opinion on the real nature of the UFO's, I refer the reader to my book, THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS (Available from SAUCERIAN headquarters at \$3.95--Ed.), published by Criterion Books.

Toward the end of spring, 1954, no one in Europe believed in Flying Saucers. For almost two years, only rare testimonials of sightings had been published, and these were lost amid the bad news from Korea and Indochina. Frenchmen's minds were on other things.

In June, I told a reporter from the weekly, PARIS-MATCH, that, if one studied the observations of the Canadian engineer, Wilbert Smith, director of the Shirley's Bay Observatory, and also a very rough statistic with which I myself was toying, one could expect the return of the Saucers after mid-summer.

Shortly thereafter, PARIS-MATCH headlined:

"**AIME MICHEL: FLYING SAUCER RAIN FOR AUGUST**"

In spite of this sensational simplification, the PARIS-MATCH article fell flat. No one mentioned it. Even the case of the Stratocruiser, followed for seventeen miles above the Atlantic by a fleet of Saucers, an incident which occurred a few days later and which was reported in all the papers, aroused little attention. Once again the French held their record as the most skeptical people in the world. As for myself, I only half believed in the Wilbert Smith statistics and scarcely at all in my own.....

And then came the first shock. On July 24 the citizens of Talence, a village near Bordeaux, reported two lenticular machines, with a metallic aspect, crossing the sky at a dizzying speed. The newspapers, however, gave the news five lines, buried in the back pages and under skeptical headlines.

Then, on August 13, an extraordinary machine flew over Dole, in the Jura. On the 18th, a report from Montlucon. On the 22nd, an official communique was published in Switzerland about a sighting of the 7th. Finally, on the night of the 22nd-23rd, the sky over Vernon, not far from Paris, was the scene of a virtual merry-go-round which lasted 45 minutes. There is a ballistics study center at Vernon. The town is literally bulging with technicians. Several observed the fantastic maneuvers: a large mother Saucer surrounded by swarms of little Saucers which came and went. And on the 26th, Parisians in the quarter of Montsouris observed the identical phenomenon.

The pace of events quickened. Each day, one or two sightings. At the end of August, just when Wilbert Smith should have been closing his Shirley's Bay Observatory because NOTHING WAS HAPPENING IN CANADA, it happened at Lyon, at Angers, in the entire Paris area! At Munich, Innsbruck, Landshut, Amiens, from the Pyrenees to Berlin, from Brittany to Trieste, swarmed the Flying Saucers.

The 12th of September: a thunderbolt! "They" are landing! From the 15th on the daily number of sightings mushroomed. Each day the newspapers and I received dozens of letters and calls from people who "didn't believe in them" but who "have seen something." And the witnesses multiplied. Sometimes during a three or four-day period, veritable trainloads of letters arrived, reporting Saucers hundreds of miles away. The "landings" multiplied. UFO's left peculiar holes in the ground. Plant roots were cut, and the earth seemed to have been "inhaled." In at least one case, there was an intense magnetic residue in nearby metallic objects.

An interesting psychological note: Frenchmen now spoke of saucers a great deal, but only to mock the witnesses. Those who had not seen them continued to disbelieve until the day when having been witnesses themselves, they became indignant about the surrounding climate of skepticism. Meanwhile "serious" sightings came to my attention: from a French astronomer, from engineers, clergymen, military personnel and the police.

The high point was reached between September 15 and October 25 -- the zenith around October 12. At this time Saucers became the number one subject. The papers gave it a half page a day, usually page one, and when we remember that French newspapers rarely run more than ten pages, with three or four given to advertising, we can gauge the place taken in the public consciousness by the phenomenon. People spoke of a "psychosis." The reaction heard regularly in the street, the subway, the editorial rooms, the country, the laboratories, was: "After all, aren't all those people 'nuts'? What's got into them that they see non-existent objects?" NO ONE BELIEVED IN SAUCERS EXCEPTING THE WITNESSES. One has only to re-read the papers of that time to find out the public reaction. Of course, the press was generally forced to report the sightings with objectivity, but seasoned with irony! "Soucope vole," headlined LA CROIX, the largest French Catholic paper, parodying the name of a famous French children's game, while FRANCE-DIMANCHE proposed the publication of a Franco-Martian dictionary for use by the madmen, and Professor Heuyer denounced "sauceritis" before the Academy of Medicine as a form of schizophrenia and received for this explanation the accolade of press and public. Psychosis? Those of us who were there recall the real psychosis -- a psychosis of skepticism and ridicule.

An entire city can testify to the degree of Heuyer's error in his diagnosis. A few days after this speech to the Academy, I received a letter from the Catholic University of Lille, inviting me to speak on Flying Saucers to the citizens of Lille. Now Lille is a city in northern France which, together with Roubaix, Tourcoing and other suburbs, claims more than 500,000 inhabitants. The professors at the University, in inviting me, were supposedly answering the great popular curiosity (the psychosis), and they expected the lecture to bring in a good financial return. They rented the largest theatre in town and did enormous press and radio advertising.

But when the curtain rose, I faced an empty room. It had been hard to find, among 500,000 people, 100 who believed in the existence of a Flying Saucer issue and who had some interest in hearing a serious specialist whose articles on the subject had appeared in the papers each day for a month and a half. Of the few dozens who did come, most had been witnesses of the phenomena. They were ashamed, both of having seen Flying Saucers and having reported them. Only one agreed to give me his name. I could see it then -- the TRUE PSYCHOSIS, the furious anti-Saucer psychosis of which Professor Heuyer was the sickest, the most contagious victim. I would like, in passing, to thank him for his contribution to the cause of truth. Thanks to him, the whole world now knows that the European sightings of Fall, 1954, took place not because of a psychosis but in spite of it. Not only Lille can testify to this. Alencon and Paris itself can too. I spoke in these cities in auditoriums which were equally and admirably empty. On the other hand, I gave a lecture on Greek science from Pythagorus to Sextus Empiricus at the same time. The auditorium was bursting with people, and loudspeakers had to

be put on the stairways.

**WHAT EUROPE SAW IN 1954:** The researcher finds two varieties in the amazing mass of reports from this extraordinary period: reports on objects in the sky, and, much more surprising -- reports of landings!

One example was followed, on the night of October 16, for eight minutes by a whole series of witnesses over a distance of approximately 300 miles, from Salin-Les-Bains in the Jura, up to Brittany. And if the sightings made at Milan and Turin a few minutes before concern the same object, the distance was over 600 miles.

Around 9:25 on this night, people in Salins saw a luminous object of lenticular form, shining dully, passing in the sky, coming from the Southeast and heading toward the Northwest. It left behind a light luminous trail, which vanished in a few seconds.

A few moments later witnesses spotted it near Dole, a dozen or so miles to the Northwest of Salins. At Montmirey it was seen for half a minute, still heading Northwest. The witnesses' descriptions correspond almost exactly.

The object began then to cross Coted'Or. It was observed at Damparis, then at Dijon. But simultaneously people saw it at Hurecourt in Haute Saone, that is to say at a point several dozen miles to the right of the trajectory outlined by the preceding sightings, and even at Metz and Plapville, some 100 miles to the right. Instead of talking of disks, the witnesses evoked a very elongated form. The same sightings occurred to the left, notably in Saone and Loire and in the Nievre.

The object arrived shortly above Paris where, at 9:35, it was reported over the great Orly airport (all operations ceasing for several minutes), and, simultaneously, from both sides of the trajectory, at Chelle, Nanterre and Noisy-le-Grand. Witnesses under the trajectory called it a disk. Those to either side insisted on a cigar-shaped object.

Above Paris the object changed course to the west. One of the last known witnesses, a trustworthy scientist who chooses to remain anonymous (psychosis?) reported it flying low over Southwestern Paris, heading due West.

Extending this latter direction, at Parame, near St.Malo on the Northern coast of Brittany, a witness saw two objects flying at fantastic speeds, and joined by a third object which arrived at right angles. The three then disappeared, leaving a light trail behind.

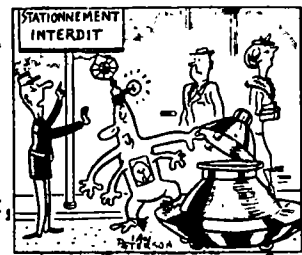
Yet most amazing of all -- at nightfall a number of witnesses at Varese and Mirafiori in northern Italy had also seen a luminous object heading into France. It remained at Mirafiori for an hour before leaving for the Northwest.

The French Air Force Inquiry Commission, after studying the case, concluded that the object was a "slow meteor." The Commission did not take into account the change of direction of the last Paris sighting. To the several witnesses who saw the UFO halt in the sky, the Commission answered: "Optical Illusion." And since this time differentials reported suggested a meteor traveling at an impossibly slow speed (2400 miles per hour), the Commission supposed that the witnesses' watches had broken.

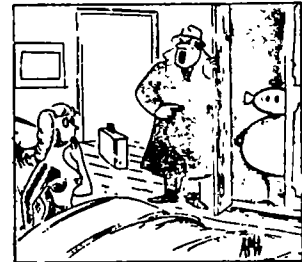
Note finally that at the exact same hour on the same date, October 16, 1954, between 9:30 and 9:45, the fifty inhabitants of the village of Belesa, in the Pyrenees, could see at their leisure a gigantic luminous object flying low in the sky and completing all sorts of maneuvers, accompanied by emissions of varying luminosity. This sighting, extremely well substantiated by the report signed by the President of the Aviation Club of Lavelanet, Doctor Millet, reproduces, almost trait for trait, the extraordinary Boraranga incident which I report in by book, **THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS.**

**GROUND OBSERVATIONS:** This same day, October 16, 1954, several witnesses in France and Italy saw UFO's on the ground!

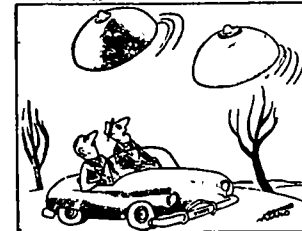
In Italy, at Rovigo in the Podi Chocca area, a metallic, circular machine flew slowly over the countryside, then landed silently on a flat place amid a grove of poplars. It remained for a few minutes, then took off. Just as it left the ground, the earth under it was, so to speak, "sucked up" and lifted by layers. The witnesses reported that on the spot where the machine had rested there was a round crater, seven yards in diameter. The six nearest



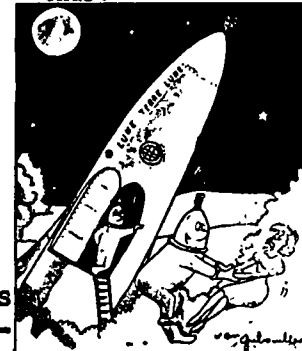
"What's the matter? Can't you read?"



"And I suppose that's a Martian?"



"Those must come from Venus!"



"Come on -- we'll show you OUR moon."

(France-Dimanche)

Above: French press kids little men landings in cartoons.

poplars were charred. The local police filed a report in which these traces were noted.

The same day in France another "landing" was observed at Livry-sur-Seine near Paris. There were, however, no traces and but two witnesses.

**ATTEMPTS AT DEDUCTION:** Let's recapitulate. There was a "Big Flap" in the United States during the summer of 1952. Wilbert Smith's statistics suggested to him the probability of a "Big Flap" in 1954. I also had personally suspected this probability from an examination of the European dossier, so much so that encouraged by Smith's audacity, I took a chance and, in the Spring of 1954, prognosticated a "Big Flap" for the end of the summer. This "Big Flap" is now history, although its peak did not come until early Autumn.

Furthermore, the "Big Flap" of 1952 had broken all previous records; but the one of '54 shattered, in turn, the record of '52.

A first deduction would therefore follow. There is a high probability of a new record this very year, 26 months after the last. Why 26 months? Because this period corresponds exactly to the time gap which separated the two previous "Olympic Games of the Flying Saucers": beginning of June, 1952 to the beginning of August, 1954. The next "Olympic Games" could then take place in October, 1956.\* If this does happen, it will then be definite: the UFO phenomenon is cyclical; its period is approximately 26 months; its size increases at each zenith.

But there is still another factor. In Chapter XI of Ruppelt's book, he writes: "In June, our situation map, on which we kept a plot of all of our sightings, began to show an ever so slight trend toward reports beginning to bunch up on the east coast. We discussed this buildup, but we couldn't seem to find any explainable reason for it, so we decided we'd better pay special attention to reports coming from the eastern states."

It therefore seems that the "Saucerian Olympic Games" of 1952 unfolded especially in the eastern part of the U.S.A., while previous sightings suggested a certain density in the West: New Mexico desert, White Sands, etc. Now the displacement of the phenomena toward the east seems confirmed by the events of 1954, which had Western Europe as a theatre.

One can then pose the following question: If the UFO phenomenon is really cyclical, and if the displacement of maximums toward the east does occur, where will the next maximum come? Despite the many "ifs" involved, one may tentatively guess: somewhere in Eastern Europe or the Middle East. In the skies above Communist or Arab nations.

**WAITING FOR AUTUMN:** Of course this prognostication is not certain.

We must therefore include the preceding speculations as experience. In the Flying Saucer mystery, man is like a bewildered explorer in a virgin forest. To find his way he must place total confidence in the feeblest landmarks. If the road he gets on leads nowhere, he must go back. With us, the risk is doubled, since we seek a confirmation of date and place. Perhaps we will get one. Perhaps neither.

My goal in this article has been to open up to the reader the possibility of a new avenue of research. We will see in a short while where this avenue leads. And I don't want to omit even the last discouraging possibility: perhaps the Flying Saucers will disappear as they came, leaving without solution the greatest mystery of our century.

\* The reader will doubtless have noticed that the approximate 26 months period coincides with the synodic revolution of Mars and that the maximum will come, give or take a month, simultaneously with the opposition of this planet. But this, as Kipling said, is another story. I await, for my ultimate conclusions, to be assured that the cycle is a reality! That is, until October. --- Aime Michel, August 1, 1956.

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Well, M. Michel (pronounced Mi-SHELL) was so garrulous that it seemed he would never stop, but we thought it important--that's why we departed from precedent and ran a long article. Will be interesting to see how his predictions turn out.

The day this BULLETIN goes to press, Mars will be at the closest point in the current opposition. Like Michel, we think the big blow-off will come in October. If things get hot enough we may put out WEEKLY bulletins. But 1957 is year to watch -- the International Geophysical year. If there's something they're going to tell us it won't be this year (unless saucers should force a showdown) but NEXT. Remember, Bender, when asked when the Govt. would tell the people said, in 1953, "If not within five months from now, not for about four years." At the time Lucchesi, Roberts and I (if you don't know what I'm talking about you'll have to read THEY KNEW TOO MUCH ABOUT FS) were too dumb to realize '57 would be the Geophysical year. Bender, however, was a member of this and that rocket society, and would know.

Speaking of Bender, a short quote from a letter received from him, one of three or four rare communications since his "shush-up.": "Perhaps you will be fortunate enough one of these days to be visited by someone that is of another world." Period. He doesn't elaborate, nor has he told anyone yet who the Three Men were. We're sorry that a Bridgeport, Conn., paper picked up the Bender story out of my book and ran it -- they also ran his street address, causing Bender endless trouble by curious people. He still doesn't want to talk about his experiences.

Storm of controversy aroused by the new Jessup bible book, THE UFO AND THE BIBLE (Citadel Press, \$2.50--We can supply from Clarksburg). Only wish had time to review. Not that we agree with M. K. Jessup 100%, but he's on the right track.

Even if you have to give up smoking for a week, send that spare \$1.00 to KEZIAH, 916 -21st St., Arlington, Va., and you'll get a huge chart depicting the entire saucer mystery. Never saw anything like it. Must have taken a year to produce. Don't send the buck to me, but to KEZIAH (that's the guy's last name). If you don't think the thing's worth five dollars after receiving it, send it to me and I'll buy it from you!

Commercial for myself dept.: We now have the U.S. edition of The Earl Nelson's THERE IS LIFE ON MARS. The author also wrote the highly praised LIFE AND THE UNIVERSE. The Citadel Press also publishes this new book. This is a scientific work, not a saucerbook, but the fellow writes so you can understand it. Oh yes, it sells for \$3.00, and has a map of Mars on the jacket. Other new books you might like to know about -- we can supply all of them: YOU DO TAKE IT WITH YOU, by R. DeWitt Miller, \$3.50; The Frank Edwards book (in hard cover only), MY 10,000,000 SPONSORS, \$2.00; IN DAYS TO COME By Ashtar, \$2.00. We finally was able to obtain some of the Jimmy Gieu books from England -- FLYING SAUCERS COME FROM ANOTHER WORLD, and have now filled the waiting list. We still have half a dozen at \$3.50. First come, etc.

THERE'S TROUBLE A BREWIN' IN ENGLAND. H. P. Wilkins (not the UFO author, but the famed astronomer who's given up to be the world's foremost authority on the Moon) is breaking the traces, we hear (Not just hear we've seen the documentation) and has told some of his colleagues figuratively where to go. They didn't like his reporting what he actually sees on the Moon and in the skies. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo! to the tenth power. May have something to tell you later how you can join Wilkins in some Moon research.

MOSELEY's on a rampage again in his current SAUCER NEWS (\$2.00 per year but Moseley don't need it) and of all the pictures available of yours truly he had to pick out one shot from a tv screen with me in a space helmet. They socked it on me before I knew it as I was going on camera. An article by Justin Case (a pseudonym--ask Jessup who Justin Case REALLY is) states that two of the three really good saucer books were those by Menzel and Ruppelt. SAUCER NEWS, always interesting even though it pooh-poohs outer space, also has an interesting article by Chicagoan Frank Reid, 79-year-old university professor who throws correspondents off by letting them believe he's a 17-year-old. Moseley purports to be in South America, but is still sending out his publication from New Jersey.

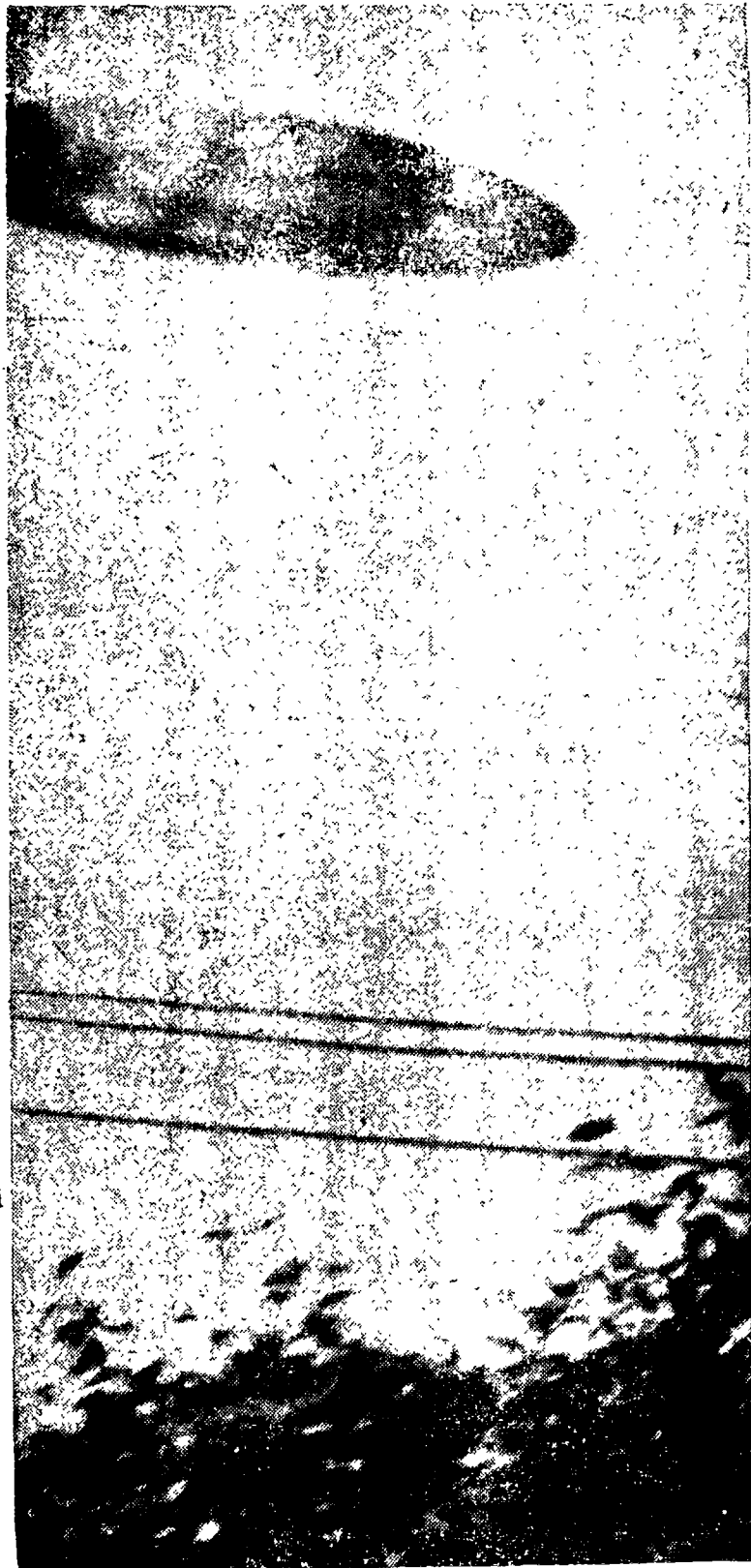
So much ~~criticism~~ over our taking up for Scully in last issue guess we'll just stop printing the little items that say Scully had a lot of truth in BEHIND THE FS (We have located a few copies and supply at \$2.95).

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PICTURE AT RIGHT was snapped by Michael Savage, 15-yr.-old doctor's son, as he was practicing with his new camera in San Bernardino, Calif. Seeing motion in the corner of his eye, he clicked the shutter, but the object shot into the sky before he could turn the film. In a letter to us he said the thing LOOKED fuzzy when he shot it. Didn't get all the saucer in the viewfinder-that's why it's cut off.

THOSE FLYING SAUCER PHOTOS in the last BULLETIN were, we must now red-facedly announce, FAKES. Tricked up by TRIODE, an amateur sf publication. We should have known better than to have fallen for it.....More garden hoses disappearing. Maybe more on this in next BULLETIN.....FRANK EDWARDS (Author of MY FIRST 10,000,000 SPONSORS) says there has been another Mantell case over Indiana, a Colonel laid on the altar of the UFO this time. If this is true we hope the relatives of the victim pressure for a public explanation. 'Tis time the UFO mystery were cracked wide open! But does the Govt. Know????????? Maybe they're trying to find out much more desperately than you or I.....BUCK NELSON, who allegedly witnessed saucer landing in his home out West, and talked to saucerians, recently was in D.C. On way home, he was taken off the bus TWICE by men in dark suits, and on one occasion was grilled for an entire day. Was told not to tell what he learned in D.C. All this according to Buck Nelson..... West Coast rumor has it that George Van Tassell, author of I RODE A FLYING SAUCER (\$1.00 paper bound), and operator of Giant Rock Airport where he communicates with space people, was donated ten thousand dollars to carry on his work. A very wealthy woman, it is said, went to a medium who told her to cough up the dough..... An Akron radio station news director who's afraid of his job so we won't mention name, sent us a tape with some newswire stuff on it about Mars.. Recording was OK when he listened to it the first time before sending. But when he listened again a high-pitched "beep" obliterated some of the recording. Now he can't remember what he had told me on the "censored" part. I don't think the guy would pull my leg....STORIES I'LL TELL SOME DAY DEPT.: How after two people saw a saucer close up they were stopped by AF jeep and told not to mention sighting--that device was a (oops--space gone, see you next BULLETIN)



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