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The MYSTERIOUS SILENCE

With reference to the late Wilbert B.Smith's utterances!

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lost for 14 minutes. He describes numerous other UFO incidents, old and supposedly new, and asserts that these reports have never been successfully discredited by any official agency.

But perhaps the most interesting part of Major Keyhoe's article is a collection of statements on UFOs that have been made by prominent Americans who could be hardly classed as members of the insanity fringe. Here's a sampling of them:

Rear-Admiral Delmer Fahney, USN (Ret.) former chief of the navy guided missile division: "Reliable reports indicate that unidentified objects are coming into our atmosphere at very high speeds and that they are controlled."

Dewey-Fournet, Jr., former air force headquarters intelligence monitor for the UFO project: "The air force is still withholding information on unidentified flying objects, including UFO sighting reports."

Vice-Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, USN (Ret.) former Central Intelligence Agency director: "The unknown objects are operating under intelligent control. It is imperative that we learn where they come from."

Albert M. Chop, deputy public affairs director, National Aeronautics and Space Administration: "I've been convinced for a long time that the 'saucers' are interplanetary. We're being watched by beings from outer space."

Senator Everett Dirksen: "I cannot support the Government secrecy in these fields unless the national security is involved and I cannot believe that it is."

John W. McCormack, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives: "I feel that the air force has not been giving out all the information it has on the UFOs. You can't disregard so many unimpeachable sources."

An obscure Toronto columnist with the initials B.W.: "We now casually accept the announcement that the United States has heading into outer space a device that is expected to pass within 10,000 miles of Mars by next summer. Considering the number of older planets, similar to our own, in the vast universe, aren't we being a trifle egotistical in scoffing at the possibility of two-way traffic in the highways of space?"

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From "The Globe and Mail" Toronto, Dec. 18, 1964.

AN IDEAL PRAYER.

The following prayer, which has been adopted by a number of international UFO Groups, has already been translated into several languages. We print it for the benefit of any other UFO Groups who may wish to incorporate it and thus help to form a world-wide prayer.

Not more of light I ask, O God,
But eyes to see what is.
Not sweeter songs, but ears to hear
The present melodies.
Not more of strength, but how to use
The power that I possess.
Not more of love, but skill to turn
A frown to a caress.
Not more of joy, but how to feel
Its kindling presence near
To give to others all I have
Of courage and of cheer.

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No other gifts, dear God, I ask
But only sense to see
How best those precious Gifts to use
Thou has bestowed on me.
Give me all fears to dominate
All holy joy to know
To be the friend I wish to be
To speak the truth I know.
To love the pure, to seek the good
To lift with all my might
All souls to dwell in harmony
In freedom's perfect light.

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The Law of Perfect Justice

"The dice of God are always loaded. For everything you have missed, you have gained something else. The world is like a multiplication table or a mathematical equation which, turn it how you will, balances itself. --- Every secret is told, every crime is punished, every virtue is rewarded, every wrong redressed, in silence and certainty."

- EMERSON.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

(Topside welcomes brief comments on the articles, etc., it publishes, also letters or short articles on any subject appropriate to this magazine. If you have some worthwhile topic of interest you would like to reach readers all over the world, write us!)

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"Your article on the power of thought was very thought-provoking (pun intentional!). Today we live in an age of loose thinking. Man has become confused or apathetic. Result: negative output. Too few realize the concrete results obtained by positive thought - or the fact that we are as much responsible for our thoughts as for our words and actions. I guess we could all use a little tidying-up in the "upstairs attic"! "

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"The power of thought is a wonderful thing and it can work wonders, but we must regard two vital issues: (1) We must learn to have a clear understanding of Cosmic Consciousness, and (2) As in big business and all concerns that control our economy there are too many middle-men, so in the spiritual field there are too many middle-men who too often regard their calling as a means of power and monetary gain. With individual awareness stifled by apathy, it is left to the middle-man to do all the communion between man and cosmic intelligence, but this is impossible. The individual right of communicating with cosmic consciousness cannot be transferred to another. No one has the right to take away the ability of an individual to think for himself, but it is an unfortunate fact that in our present society, people are not encouraged to think for themselves. I have spoken to members of the teaching profession who admit that the system does not permit pupils to be taught by understanding - they are just expected to remember what they have been told by someone else, because the powers behind this system know that a free-thinking mind is an intelligent mind, and an intelligent mind cannot be dominated. The motivating force behind all this is a desire for control over others - a desire for power. Many people have yet to be told that they have a right to think for themselves - and why."

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"Recently I read a report entitled "Vatican City is Already Training Space Missionaries", which I think you will find interesting. You will note the somewhat egotistical assumption that extra-terrestrials (possibly far more advanced spiritually than we are) are in need of conversion to Catholicism, but at least this religion does recognize the truth of Cosmic

Intelligence. This is a change that means progress, and religions should progress along with science. I quote :

"Even in the days of Pope John XXIII, the church considered the question of what was to be done should our spaceships reach another planet and discover there - intelligent life. A very lively theological discussion followed and in February 1963, the official organ of the Vatican "Osservatore Romano" voiced its opinion. The paper theorized about the state of souls of such extra-terrestrials. Is sin unknown to them, or do they have supernatural gifts as did Adam before the fall? Or, have they too, sinned, and are therefore in need of salvation? The majority of the theologians are inclined to believe the latter, because there cannot exist innocence anywhere in space - so they say. Therefore, those people must have sinned somewhere, sometime. Their religion is unknown to us, but in any case it is the duty of the church to save them from Sin, and acquaint them with Catholicism.

Are they human? We need not bother yet about the question of whether those extra-terrestrial beings have a human form or whether their mind lives in a form totally unknown to us men. Communication and therefore also the mediation of our doctrine of salvation is always possible with another mind. How this could be done and who should be chosen, remains to be seen. It is therefore astonishing that even today, as we recently learned from Vatican circles, a small group of theologians are occupied with the training of future space missionaries.

This is done in two ways: One way is to use already-trained space pilots. It is said that amongst the young Americans who are being trained for a flight to the Moon or even to Mars, there are two pilots who have close contact to the Vatican. But more important to the church is the second way. At least two dozen young people, who are still at school, are being carefully trained for their most unlikely task - to work as missionaries on a distant planet. Besides a specific technical training, they are taught everything necessary to be accepted one day as fully-trained members into one of our space crews. Before the start, they will be ordained.

What their mission is, has already been officially announced: "The Catholic Creed must be carried to the most distant worlds, even if we should get there only in a thousand years. But we must be prepared, for it may happen any day." "

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"You will know what I mean when I say time is short. Great events are not too far ahead. Despite the efforts of earth-bound man to blow us all to bits, he will not be allowed to do so. The unfortunate part is

that most of the general public are still totally unprepared (for the New Age of Cosmic Consciousness) and we ourselves are not as prepared as we should be. Many will be the physical and spiritual changes that are bound to affect us all. The results of these spiritual adjustments will be great and far-reaching. We, with knowledge of Cosmic Consciousness, should be ready to help, and we must be prepared for it.

I believe that because of forthcoming world events and the physical changes taking place in the whole Solar System, the UFO visits will increase, larger spacecraft will be seen - and more people will become believers.

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Words of Comfort.

The following poem was found among Wilbert Smith's personal effects at the hospital where he passed away. During his last gallant struggle against a vicious disease, he underlined a few of the words. We feel they may bring comfort to others.

God holds the key of all unknown
And I am glad;
If other hands should hold the key,
Or if He trusted it to me,
I might be sad.

What if tomorrow's cares were here
Without its rest?
I'd rather He unlock the day,
And as the hours swing open, say
"Thy will is best."

The very dimness of my sight
Makes me secure,
For groping in my misty way,
I feel His hand, I hear Him say:
"My help is sure."

I cannot read His future plan,
But this I know -
I have the smiling of His face,
And all the refuge of His grace,
While here below.

Enough: this covers all my want,
And so I rest,
For what I cannot, He can see,
And in His care I sure shall be
Forever blest.

U.S. OPERATION "PROJECT MAGNET"

Translated from "Le Courrier Interpletaire"
by Ann Hardy.

The N.I.C.A.P. Organization (U.S.A.), under the direction of Major Keyhoe, has revealed the existence of scientific researches in the ionosphere, carried out by the United States under the control of the Naval Oceanographic Office of the American Marine. Officially, this investigation known under the name of "Project Magnet" (Operation Aimant), aims to study the magnetic field of the earth and its irregularities. For this purpose, specially-equipped planes fly across vast areas of the earth. One of the members of N.I.C.A.P., Mr. Robert C. Beck, notes that this operation would have, outside of its official aims of geomagnetic aerial investigations, the task of assembling for the Intelligence Service of the American Navy, the maximum information possible on Unidentified Flying Objects.

Certain recent events seem to confirm the opinion expressed by Mr. Beck and N.I.C.A.P. In fact, as everybody knows, the Argentine Republic has been one of the regions most frequently visited by the space people. At the end of January 1964, one of the planes of "Project Magnet", the KC-135 Paisano II, established its base for 10 days at Ezeiza, the International Airport of Buenos Aires. From there, the U.S. investigators carried out various exploration flights, one of which took them down to the South Georgia Islands. Argentine officials participated in these flights, as observers. There, a zone exists known under the name of the "South-American Anomaly", where the terrestrial magnetism shows certain irregularities. As known, numerous researchers believe that the trajectories of the UFOs may, in part, be determined by the peculiarities of the magnetic field of the earth.

Before returning to the United States, the KC-135 Paisano II visited Santiago and Lima, from where it likewise undertook exploration flights. The result of this research was sent, for examination, to the Scientific Foundation, Bartol, near Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

Christian Vogt.

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REPORT FROM "DOWN UNDER".

Press Assn., Wellington, N.Z. 14/1/65: Seven unidentified objects were picked up on radar over Tasman Sea at 8.50 last night. The objects were flying at about 4,500 feet in an easterly direction, in a V-formation.

A Civil Aviation Department official has confirmed the sighting. "We have recorded them as unidentified flying objects" he said, "But it is possible that the objects were cloud formations caused by high winds at considerable altitude."

(Clouds in a V-formation?! - Ed.)

THE MUSE - ON REINCARNATION

I have been here before
But where or how I cannot tell;
I know the grass beyond the door,
The keen, sweet smell,
The sighing sound, the lights around the shore.

You have been mine before,
How long ago I may not know,
But just when, at that swallow's soar,
Your neck turned so,
Some veil did fall - I knew it all of yore.

Dante Gabriel Rossetti.

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Veiled watcher in the deeps unseen,
Thou ancient, childlike soul of mine,
Life after life, hast thou not been
The priestess of a crumbling shrine?

As vestal in a city marred
By war and famine, change and fate
Through the long centuries could guard
The dream of Rome inviolate.

And ever through sunshine and cloud,
You guard the ancient, holy flame,
And share with all things fair and proud
Your radiant secret whence you came.

Eva Gore Booth.