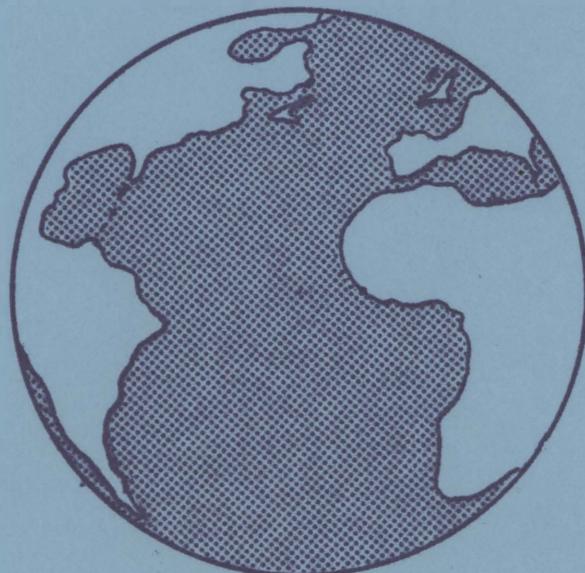


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A Personal Note from the Editor

In wishing you a very happy and rewarding New Year, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking most sincerely those of my readers who have written me such encouraging and helpful letters and who, with genuine understanding, have borne with me so patiently over the past very difficult and anxious year during which, in all, my husband suffered 4 major heart attacks and several mini-attacks which have continued into 1971. It is for this reason that I must again ask your kind indulgence for the delay in getting out the Winter, 1971 issue of TOPSIDE which, as basically a one-woman effort, has taken all the strength and limited spare time I could muster under very difficult circumstances.

I would also like to express my grateful thanks to all of you who have so kindly remembered my husband in your prayers, without which it seems doubtful he would have survived, and to request your continued prayers for his eventual recovery. Thank you and bless you all.

A TRIBUTE TO WILBERT B. SMITH

It is hard to believe that a few weeks ago, December 27, 1970, marked the 8th anniversary of the passing of our founder, the late Wilbert B. Smith, for such was the impact of the dynamic personality of this kind and extremely knowledgeable man, that our memories of him remain as sharp and vivid as ever. His untimely passing at the age of 52, left an irreplaceable gap in the lives of most of our group, for we not only lost a good friend but a wise leader and advanced thinker in the field of scientific UFO research. As some of you may know, in 1956 WBS founded one of the earliest UFO groups, which was then known as the Ottawa Flying Saucer Club. As our President, he chaired a large number of Club meetings which were always of fabulous interest and led the way in a program of constructive scientific research into the mystery of the so-called flying saucers and related subjects. In March, 1960, he founded and edited this magazine, TOPSIDE. He was undoubtedly Canada's pioneer UFO research scientist, and in his professional life, he was a senior Canadian Government official highly respected for his complete integrity. For a number of years, until the "Iron Curtain" of Governmental Silence Policy fell over the whole subject of flying saucers, he headed Canadian Government UFO Research and the world's first official "Flying Saucer Station" as set up at Shirley's Bay, near Ottawa. As a result of his indefatigable research into the flying saucer phenomena, his writings and close contacts with other leading ufologists of his era, his name and fame spread far and wide in UFO circles across the world.

As, even to this day, we are continually receiving requests from readers for more information by or about WBS, we thought it might be of interest if we turned back the pages of time and printed a copy of an article on WBS which appeared in the April 22, 1961 issue of the "Ottawa Journal" as written by Richard Jackson, their Parliamentary Reporter. This article is entitled FER SMITH AD ASTRA PRO MPs, and while, as was fash-

ionable in those days, it treats the subject of flying saucers in a somewhat joocular vein, nevertheless it clearly reveals the important role WBS played in governmental matters, his views on UFOs and Outer Space and the high regard placed on his "impressive credentials". We quote:

"Any day now, Wilbert B. Smith, Chief of Radio Regulations Engineering for the Telecommunications and Electronics Division of the Transport Department, should be making an appearance before the Commons Broadcasting Committee. For years he has been a regular if not exactly routine witness, consulted by the Committee on the involved technical complications of broadcasting.

This Session, it might make a nice change of pace if the Committee were to ask Mr. Smith about his personal specialty: Outer Space and UFOs. In the way-out world of the galaxies, UFOs are Unidentified Flying Objects - vehicles from Outer Space - piloted by living Beings. A few of these Space Ships have pranged up here on Mother Earth, reports Mr. Smith, on the basis of having personally handled fragmented bits of wreckage, or, as he calls it, "hardware".

Of more urgent interest perhaps than Flying Saucers to the Committee when Mr. Smith make his expert's appearance before it, might be his views on Soviet achievements in Space. To begin with, he doesn't believe the Russians are ahead, perhaps not even abreast of the Americans in Space navigation. How so? "Everything the Russians so far have put up, from Sputnik One to Gagarin's global rocket, has been on a 60 degree orbit" the way Mr. Smith sees it. "True, the Russians are lifting as much as 8 tons, but they are caught in a tight orbital rut; and while the Americans so far haven't been raising more than one ton, they're getting it up without directional restriction."

How come the Russians can only orbit at 60 degrees? "Some time before the International Geophysical Year they told us, I think perhaps in one of their technical journals, how they were getting weight with height and distance." recalls Mr. Smith. "They said they were lowering rockets into a concrete-lined mine shaft to a depth of 8,000 feet, firing them through this glorified gun barrel with charges of slow-burning powder, and getting speeds of up to 1,000 miles an hour at ground surface before starting to burn their booster fuel in the climb towards the stars." Mr. Smith spots this mine shaft rocket launcher as "somewhere in the Ukraine."

Now, what are his credentials? Rather impressive. For 12 years he has been the Transport Department's own, if not always official "Space Man". In 1953 and '54, with the personal blessing of former Transport Minister Chevrier, he opened a "Flying Saucer Observation Station" for the Department at Shirley's Bay. "Got a squiggle on the gear, too" he remembers with some satisfaction, "although we never could never relate it definitely to a UFO." The Observation Station was closed in '55, but Mr. Smith has been chasing Flying Saucers ever since.

To him go all reports of UFO sightings that reach Transport or any other Federal agency, and he keeps a special departmental file on Outer Space. He has been called to Washington on occasion for consultation with the National Aeronautical and Space Administration people. Those are his credentials.

Now, how about Flying Saucers? "No question but they exist" he insists. "Their reality is known and recognized by those in authority, but deliberately nothing is said about it because the problem of what to do about them remains unsolved." Proof of reality? "I personally have handled a lot of 'hardware', the bits and pieces of wrecked UFOs. The chemical structure of the metal we know, but its hardness, its tensile strength is something we have never seen before." Who flies these space ships, and from where? "Living beings," says Mr. Smith, "and most likely from beyond our own solar system. A form of life but with an intelligence beyond our comprehension. They are here. Even now. Among us." Sounds crazy? "I have been called a screwball by experts," confesses Mr. Smith, "and this does not bother me, nor does their skepticism."

Mr. Wilbert B. Smith is not alone in his convictions. He has perhaps a half dozen very close associates and maybe as many as 25 or 30 friends who go out week-ends investigating reports of sightings of UFOs. Some of these sightings have been here in the

National Capital District. With them they take tape-recorders to get every last detail they can squeeze from these interviews, and, suggests Mr. Smith, they even may have picked up a little 'hardware' here and there.

Mr. Smith, at this session of the Commons Broadcasting Committee, as he has been at all others in recent years, is sure to be one of the expert witnesses. There have been complaints in the committee that proceedings so far have been pretty generally a waste of time, even a bore. If this is so, the committee almost certainly could revive interest if it were to permit Mr. Smith to put it into his orbit of Outer Space! (End quote)

Finally, as a mark of respect and sincere tribute a fine man, we quote some of Wilbert B. Smith's own words of wisdom:

UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNIVERSE

We find ourselves in this Universe, and we are aware of it. We strive to understand it and to do so, we use all means at our disposal. We observe and speculate; we look and sometimes we find; we ask many questions and get many answers. If the questions are proper, we get proper answers, but if they are not proper questions, we get indefinite answers or no answers at all.

Sometimes we cannot distinguish between cause and effect or the phenomenon and the effect of the phenomenon. Sometimes we mistake the shadow for the substance and pass by the reality while we pursue the image. Often we are so enamored of our own brilliance that we cannot see the little glints of Truth that line our way. Many shining nuggets of Truth lie buried at our feet and if we are not too proud to dig, we will find them.

There are certain fundamental Truths in this Universe and if we are prepared to accept them, we can use them as tools for its better understanding. The Universe IS understandable, otherwise there would be no Awareness in it, for Awareness is the initiation of Understanding. No principle can be described or satisfactorily defined except in terms of concepts which are more basic, until one basic concept is reached which in itself cannot be defined at all, but which will define all other concepts.

The Universe contains no anomalies, and the appearance of an anomaly is warning that our understanding is inadequate. Mathematics must be the servant of Understanding and not its master. Equations, by their very nature, cannot discover; they can yield only relationships derived from the initial statements and which were inherently in them when they were stated.

Truth is not hidden; it is available to all and is the same for all. Apparent differences must be due to inadequate understanding.

Understanding of the Universe comes about only through increasing awareness of it.
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THE CONFIRMED NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM NIKOLA TESLA AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE SPACE BROTHERS

With the dawning of another New Earth Year, we, the Light Bearers, come again in great numbers holding aloft our Torches of the Truth transmitting to you the Word of God so that all with eyes may see - and act. We bring our personal Blessings to all who walk in the Light, but even more abundantly do we bestow them on those who still tread the pathway of darkness and who, in their pitiful folly, blindness or ignorance, are holding back for all of you the full joys and wonders of the New Age. We sincerely wish we could bring you glad tidings of a happier year ahead for the people of Planet Earth, but unless there is a dramatic change in the quality and volume of sincere prayer and positive thought power on the part of a far greater number of Earth people, we can only foresee a very troubled year of continued hate, aggression and violence, of natural and man-made disasters, of drastic changes and upheavals, of top-level monetary intrigue and exploitation leading to the loss of many of your present freedoms and services and, for many of your people, unemployment, hunger and poverty which will inevitably lead to a sharp upsurge of crime and great social unrest. We tell you in all truth that this unfortunate

and entirely unnecessary state of affairs is an unholy attempt at eventual world domination of your masses master-minded by a monetary-powerful few, aided and abetted by hired political provocateurs who are not only brain-washing an unstable minority of revolutionary fanatics and anarchists but are deliberately peddling dangerous drugs to your young people for the specific purpose of undermining and weakening your future national defence so that when the attempted "take-over" comes, you will be completely helpless. But the biggest tragedy of all is that this whole developing situation is being apathetically accepted by the vast majority of your unthinking masses. This is a highly dangerous situation, my friends, which may be likened to a small child casually playing with matches while seated on a keg of dynamite, and unless this general apathy is shaken off and some positive thought and action taken, it may well lead to a global reenactment of the tragedy of Atlantis, or far worse, to a planet of powerfully-dominated human robots. It is not our intention to spread gloom and doom, but such are the perils of the developing scene on Planet Earth that, if we are to help you at all, we must, with strong words, alert you to the possible dangers that lie ahead and in the sincere hope that many of you will react in a serious, all-out attempt to save the situation.

However, while we cannot, in all truth, offer you rosy promises of better conditions on Earth for the coming year, it is our great privilege to bring you NEW HOPE. We, whose special mission it is to safeguard the welfare of Planet Earth and its inhabitants within the metes and bounds of Cosmic Law, became so deeply concerned at the developing plans of your powers-that-be that we requested a special meeting with the higher echelon of the Space Brotherhood (what, in your terms, might be called a Galactic Summit Meeting) at which we pleaded the cause of humanity on Earth. As a result, we are truly happy to tell you that, by the grace of God and because your need is now desperate, we are permitted to divulge to you some Special Esoteric Knowledge which, if used sincerely and wisely for the benefit of all on your planet, can not only avert a great global tragedy but gradually build up the positive conditions necessary for the unfoldment of a glorious New Age bringing Peace and Goodwill and undreamed of Blessings to you all.

As we watch the mental and spiritual emanations rising from your planet, we see a strange, confused pattern of thought. From a powerful few, there are the devious machinations of greed of even further power over your world's increasing population, and from the more thoughtful of your general masses there are thoughts of growing fears, frenetic frustration, tormented hopes, deep anxieties and desperate prayers for help - in short, a planet in turmoil. Now it will come as no special news to you that sincere prayers said in complete trust of God, can perform miracles. But we emphasize they must be said with sincere faith in God's power to help you. The sad thing is that so many of your prayers are so filled with doubts, fears and anxieties that they defeat their own purpose. The truth is that very few of you know how to pray properly and for the best results. Therefore, in our efforts to serve you, we feel that there is now urgent need for us to enlighten you on the quality of prayer and how to make your prayers more meaningful and effective. First and foremost, all prayers which are definite requests for personal help or God's intervention in some situation, should be said simply, sincerely and in complete trust of His ability to answer them, but always with the proviso "If it be Thy Will" because there are some personal prayers which cannot be answered for the best of good reasons, i.e., they may interfere with individual or collective Karmic destiny, or with God's overall Plan. Therefore, we must leave it to the judgment of God Who is All-Wisdom. Nevertheless, no prayer to God goes unheeded and if the motive is a good one, something will be done about it at the right time. While making a prayer for help, you should extend advance thanks for the eventual answering of it. This is extremely important as it expresses your confidence in God - and remember, faith can move mountains.

To make your prayers more valuable, you should, when talking to God, try to eliminate all thoughts of fear and worry for these betray a lack of faith in His Divine Power. In this regard, we have drawn the attention of our channel to a favorite quotation of your newspaper columnist, Ann Landers, who has our special Blessings for the remarkable job of good work she is performing for a large segment of troubled humanity at the

practical, commonsense level. We quote: "To worry is to lack faith; to have faith is not to worry." We might add, en passant, that while it is a known fact that Am Landers uses the services of a large number of experts in various fields to assist her in her work, she herself is probably unaware of the equal number of spiritual advisors who guide her in her good work from another dimension. But to continue, so many of you have unnecessary fears which complete faith in God could eliminate. Such fears have driven many thousands of your people into psychiatric wards where they receive little help because your psychiatrists have not yet learned the right approach to a problem which is, in reality, a spiritual sickness, and many of them become emotionally and mentally disturbed and end up in psychiatric wards themselves. There is not a psychological problem, neurosis or psychosis which could not be cured by sincere love of God and complete faith in Him. So if you have any inexplicable fears or other so-called psychological problems, let God be your psychiatrist. He welcomes your taking your problems to Him, but do so in quiet faith that he will help you to solve them. You should realize that many of your so-called troubles are really self-created Karmic debts from which you will learn invaluable lessons and in cases of this nature, it is wiser just to ask for strength to cope with them. There may be factors in your lives which, for Karmic reasons, cannot be changed, but with faith that the ultimate end will be good and help from God, you can, with a little effort, cheerfully adjust to this particular pattern in your lives. Most of you have personal ambitions of what you would like to do with your lives, but the safest and wisest course is to voluntarily place your destiny in God's Hands and then accept in good faith whatever happens to you as being the right thing for you for this particular journey of your eternal life cycle. Each of you is born at the exact minute God intended you to take up your present phase of life and you will not end this life phase a second before you are destined to, no matter what dangers you may encounter - so why fret and worry?

At this point, we would like to clear up some misunderstandings many of you have with regard to the Karmic influences in your lives and thus we will enlighten you further on how the Law of Karma operates in Earth lives. The sum total of your Earth life span is made up of experiences which fall into 3 categories: (1) Karmic credits in which you enjoy the happiness earned by good deeds performed in your present or a previous life; (2) Karmic debits in which you justly pay for the mistakes of the past; and (3) What we will call "free periods" in which no active Karmic credits or debits are involved. These periods represent new experiences during which, by the use of your God-given free will, you build up your future Karma. While this latter category is obviously a most important phase of your life for upon your reactions to these new experiences depends your future, of equal importance is learning the lessons involved in paying your Karmic debts, as otherwise you will have to repeat these experiences until you have finally learned their lessons. You may well ask: How are we to recognize which of these categories we are going through in our life experiences? First, you must realize that there is a right time and a right place for the right thing to happen to you throughout your life and that these categories do not necessarily fall into distinct and separate phases of your life; they can, if occasion demands, intermingle throughout your entire life pattern. However, you will quite easily recognize a credit pattern for in it life flows well for you, with success and happiness. In contrast, a debit pattern is one in which you meet with difficulties, problems or sorrow and it is particularly evident when persistent pursuits in a certain direction meet with continual disappointments and failure. The crux of the whole situation is how you deal with your problems and once you recognize there is a Karmic debt involved, your best course is to accept it as a challenge to your moral fiber and look for the lesson to be learned from this experience. If you adopt this attitude and adjust cheerfully, you will find that a debit period becomes less unpleasant. God never gives you a burden greater than you are capable of bearing. And in every life, no matter what its Karmic indebtedness may be, there are always compensations - other avenues you can explore and often meet with success. With time and experience, you will learn to recognize the pathways that are verboten to you for Karmic reasons, and then, with a sense of adventure, try your natural gifts in other directions. It is somewhat like the old

gypsy saying: Unlucky at cards, lucky at love - in short, when one door closes, another opens. As for the free periods of new experiences, these may be recognized mainly by the fact that they happen to you without any effort on your part. Some person apparently "accidentally" comes into your life; a book comes your way which contains a special message for you; a sudden turn of events in which you have played no part, changes your residence or your job; some incident occurs which alters your outlook on life, etc. You will notice that most of these new experiences will, at some time, call for an important decision to be made on your part and this is where you have to weigh up very carefully your moral values. Be ever watchful for new people who come into your life unexpectedly and remember, as your Bible says, to treat such strangers well, for you may thereby be entertaining angels unawares. One of your greatest Karmic tests will be your response to appeals for help. If you wish to progress spiritually and build up a happy Karmic future, you should, wherever humanly possible, give such help willingly. Under Cosmic Law, this is a moral obligation. It is also good insurance that when you need help, it will be given freely. A personal sacrifice in order to perform a kind act to help others is never a loss - rather, it is the richest investment you can ever make, for under God's Laws of Love, you will be repaid tenfold.

To continue on the theme of the quality of prayer, before you make any requests of God, you should first give all of yourself unto Him in a joyous outpouring of love and grateful thanks for all His many blessings to you - in other words, praise the Lord Who is your Divine Creator. Let your words come straight from your heart - give and ye shall receive. While learned prayers by rote can be effective if you think and feel every word you say, better still is the spontaneous flow of words that come straight from your soul. Whether they be simple or elaborate matters not, as long as they are genuinely felt. As God is your Father, it is right that you talk over your joys and sorrows with Him for He welcomes anything that brings you closer to Him. We utter a great truth when we say that as you depend on His love, so He depends on yours, for you are His children. So much nonsense has been written by your people about "Fearing the Lord". God does not want your fear; all He asks is a small return of the abundant love He gives to you. Secure in His love, you have nothing to fear. As your Bible says: "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." And so, my friends, give your love freely to God without any fears - and reap the inestimable benefits.

Some of you may ask: Where and how is the best way to pray? The answer is simple; anywhere and in any position - and as often as you can. However, there are certain refinements to meaningful prayer which may be of some help to you. Some of these methods may not be new to you, but they are worth repeating. Obviously, you are in a better position to pour out your heart and soul to God when you are alone and quiet than say, travelling on a crowded bus to work and it was for this reason that Jesus Christ said: "When thou prayest, enter thy closet and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth thee in secret, shall reward thee openly." On another occasion, your Bible states that Jesus "went up into a mountain to pray and when evening was come, he was there alone." It will be seen from this that for the most meaningful form of prayer, you need to be quietly alone. But we understand that in the present hectic pace of your Earth life, there is not always time for this and therefore your prayers should be said at any suitable time and for the tired worker perhaps the best place is in bed before sleep. As for physical position, this is of no great importance. Your Bible states that Jesus prayed both alone and with others, and kneeling or standing and undoubtedly he also prayed whilst lying down before sleep.

We state, unequivocally, that the highest form of prayer is an unselfish one, i.e., a prayer for others in which no personal request is involved. Such a prayer, unless it contravenes Divine Will, is more likely to be answered than any other. Your world now stands in dire need of this type of unselfish prayer if it is to be saved from total disaster and therefore we call urgently upon all of you to start immediately a continued program of regular daily prayer in which with the deepest sincerity, you pray for Planet Earth, its environment and all humanity and particularly for those with power in high places and those whose minds are distorted with destructive thoughts. If sufficient of

you respond to this appeal for prayer on a continued daily basis, it will represent the NEW HOPE referred to earlier - infact, it is now your only hope for better world conditions. Therefore, if you are a sincere, spiritually-minded person who truly cares, it will become obvious that this is a moral obligation, for if you fail humanity in its greatest hour of need, then you must justly accept your share of the responsibility for the tragedy which will follow. Some of you may quite reasonably ask: How can so few of us combat the negativity and apathy of so many others? It is right that you should ask this question and it is for this reason that we, to encourage you, are greatly privileged to bring you this Special Esoteric Knowledge: SUCH IS THE POWER OF GOD, THAT THE SINCERE PRAYERS OF ONE SINGLE PERSON PRAYING UNSELFISHLY FOR ALL HUMANITY ON EARTH, CAN WIPE OUT THE NEGATIVITY OF A THOUSAND MISGUIDED SOULS! So you see from this wonderful promise, my friends, that the odds are very much in your favor if you use your prayers to help others. We urge you then to start now with your special prayers and to pass on the Good Word of God to others that they may join you in similar prayers and thus form a powerful thought force for good throughout your world. Steadfastly pour out all your love for God and all humanity on Earth and, in time, you will behold the miraculous results!

In our last message, we touched briefly on the Law of Physics which at present governs your so-called physical world. In our efforts to bring you greater understanding of Cosmic Laws, we now offer you new knowledge on this subject. We realize that some of this information may, as yet, be unacceptable to many of you, but for the benefit of those who wish to understand the full potentials of the New Age and the natural laws which hold the key to the opening of its now-hidden secrets, we feel the time has come to tell you the truth concerning the true substance of Planet Earth. First, we must tell you that your concept of it being a physical world is an erroneous one. All that you conveniently label 'physical' is, in reality, just a manifestation of pure thought responsive to your limited 5 senses. In other words, you on Planet Earth live in a mental world, and for that matter, the entire Universe is composed of pure thought. Now we quite understand that, in the course of your evolution to date, it has been necessary for you to have some means of measurement in your observation of the natural phenomena around you and that over the years your scientists have quite correctly evolved your Law of Physics for this purpose. However, as the New Age develops and you progress under its higher vibrations, you will eventually realize that your Law of Physics was a necessary but very elementary step in your knowledge of the True Science.

Now some of you may quite naturally question the viability of the statement that you live in a mental world, so let us try to analyze the facts that make it so. Your so-called physical world is made up basically of 2 types of matter which you can see, hear, taste, smell or feel, i.e., natural objects and man-made objects. We think it will be readily admitted by most of you that Nature in its many forms is the Handiwork of God - certainly it was not created by man - and since God, with a whole Universe to control, cannot possibly be of physical substance, His creation of Nature throughout the Cosmos can only have been achieved by Pure Thought. In a more limited sense, the same principle applies to all man-made objects - before they could become tangible things, they had first to be conceived thought. It thus should become obvious to you that everything around you is of mental origin. It is necessary that you be made aware of this because as the New Age unfolds and you learn its metaphysical secrets, you will be able, within Cosmic Law, to mould or alter the molecular structure of matter, to control the elements and build a better and more beautiful world for all to enjoy - by applied thought power!

You may, however, argue and ask: What about my 5 senses which tell me that everything is physical? In reply, we can only state that this is an illusion brought about by the necessity for you, in your present evolutionary stage, to occupy a dense matter body in a dense matter world in which the possession of these 5 senses becomes a vital requirement for your survival. But you are being deluded if you think that matter is purely physical. The truth is that God has given you a body and environmental conditions that are suitable for the particular area of time and space which you now occupy, but

the fact remains that every thing, including yourselves, is of purely mental origin. Your very consciousness makes it so. And this same consciousness exists in everything, animal, vegetable or mineral. To quote one of your old Roman philosophers: Cogito, ergo sum - I think, therefore I exist.

We watch, with growing dismay, the continued pollution of your natural resources, the reluctance of your vested interests, particularly the big oil companies, to take remedial action, the cumbersome delaying tactics of your politicians and the dreadful apathy of your general masses in a situation which becomes more dangerous by the hour. We urge you to act NOW before it is too late. You all have a moral responsibility to play an active role in cleansing your planet of noxious material which is poisoning and killing off much of your wild life and which, in a chain reaction, is now reaching a perilous stage as you yourselves, ingest through your food highly dangerous contaminants. Each of you can help to solve this serious problem by joining in a mass voice of protest to your authorities urging swifter action, by taking sane precautions in your households and daily lives and above all, by continual prayers to God to halt the tide of mounting death and destruction gradually engulfing your entire planet. If you fail in this, then your children will have to suffer unspeakable consequences as your world becomes a global disaster area.

You have not only defiled your own beautiful planet but have polluted your upper atmosphere so that it is fast becoming a floating junk yard of debris from satellites and other man-made spacecraft, and we must warn you that it may in time constitute a definite hazard to space flight and also inhabitants of your world as bits of debris fall to earth. A special contingent of our Space Science Group is continually disintegrating the larger pieces of debris, but under Cosmic Law, there is a point beyond which we cannot go, and thus you must learn to protect yourselves from this unthinking folly. We must add a further word of warning regarding thermal pollution of your atmosphere being brought about by increasing quantities of carbon monoxide from the burning of petroleum products and waste heat from nuclear power plants which, if continued much longer, will inevitably lead to an over-heating of your planet, drastic global weather changes, the melting of your protective polar ice-caps and the consequent flooding of large areas of your world. Your scientists are well aware of these dangers and have been loud and clear in their warnings, but will your powerful Moguls of Finance and Industry listen? You can only pray they will and take some quick action for yet another dangerous situation they have themselves created. It is also to be hoped that in your continued space missions, you do not make a lunar litter-bin of your natural satellite, the Moon or otherwise pollute its sterility. We would advise your space scientists to be wary of the strength and depth of underground lunar explosions, for if you should destroy or unbalance the Moon, the effect on your world would be catastrophic.

On the brighter side, we are greatly encouraged at the early results of the powerful thought forms being transmitted by my band of Space Scientists to the more open-minded of your Earth scientists who are beginning to respond to the inspirational concepts they are receiving. We have established a number of good mental contacts with such scientists in various parts of your world, including Australia, U.S.A., Britain, U.S.S.R., France, Italy and Japan and with developing results in several other important countries. Our work will continue and, in time, these Earth scientists will be inspired to collaborate with each other. Already a few of their new discoveries are reaching your world press and we ask you to watch for further interesting developments. I am particularly pleased with the response to my own special mission of impressing the minds of certain scientists with the importance of the further development of undersea exploration as a solution to many of your world's problems, especially that which has come from the U.S.A., Canada and France. In an earlier message I spoke of "marine medicines" to be found in your oceans and we are happy to report that we have been successful in guiding some of your scientists to the discovery of a marine vegetation which may be used as an invaluable anti-pollutant for human consumption. Another group of your marine scientists is already working on a certain type of algae which has remarkable medicinal properties, the results of

which may well reach you before the end of this year. All in all, there are some very encouraging signs of scientific progress in the right direction, but the big problem remains - will your scientists, whose discoveries are tightly controlled by your Scientific Establishment and frequently exploited by Big Business, be allowed to work for the benefit of all humanity? This, however, is a problem you can help to solve by your continual prayers.

In conclusion, we leave you with the NEW HOPE. But such is the present situation on Earth that we must again warn you that this is also your only and last hope and thus it seems appropriate to quote here some words of your great statesman, Abraham Lincoln: "We must nobly save or meanly lose this last best hope of Earth." If we have expanded at some length on the theme of prayer, it is because of its vital necessity at this present *moment of time in Earth's history*, and it is our fervent hope that our appeal will reach the hearts of all who are genuinely concerned about present conditions in your world. But despite the present dark shadows cast over your planet, it can still be a beautiful world to live in if all of you co-operate with your continued prayers. We promise you that for each prayer said, it will be matched by many of our own, as together we work for happier conditions on Planet Earth in the unfolding New Age.

An Appeal from Rey d'Aquila

Among several confirmations received on the present deep need for Special Prayers for our world, its people and environment, was one from our good friend, Rey d'Aquila, details of which follow:

"In your last issue, you touched on the subject of POLLUTION. I would ask for your help and that of your readers for the following which is a MUST for all of us living on Earth.

In Holland, the statistics show 19% of the people (12 millions) are truly concerned about pollution and willing to do something on their own; 35% not so very concerned ("It will last my time" attitude) and 46% not concerned at all. One gets the idea that MAN is no longer capable of handling the problem of reversing the current of pollution. It will cost millions of money and goodwill. Man is powerless because of lack of understanding and co-operation. It takes time to educate people towards understanding which produces the right sort of goodwill. It must be NOW or never; time is exactly what we have not.

I am asking your help to start an action of PRAYER, every night at 11 p.m., if possible, or any time available. IN ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE, Bless the Earth and its people with GOD'S WILL and in JESUS' NAME. This is a power blow. Just bless, do not go into details. Do this every night as part of your responsibility as a human being towards your Creator. By blessing, we become a channel for Divine Love, and we have now reached the point where nothing less than DIVINE LOVE can solve our problems. If you have understanding, you will gladly be a channel of your own free will. Blessing means "adding to harmony", whereas cursing means "adding to evil", so we must not curse those who cause pollution, but BLESS them instead, to render them powerless and to change their minds in GOD'S PLAN, not in our own. This makes the whole difference; we stay out of personal will letting GOD'S WILL be done. This stepping aside is our individual sacrifice which sets God's action in motion. By Blessing, we cleanse ourselves from evil influences, so it is a two-way protection: for yourself and Earth. This is why Jesus taught us to bless our enemies. Let us use this key He put in our hands. There is now a very large forcefield of evil on Earth. We must send this forcefield a BLESSING WITH GOD'S WILL IN JESUS' NAME. If our Blessing is made in absolute faith, no evil can withstand God's Will. Spread the word, it is not too late yet! BLESSING is our one and only WEAPON against pollution. I have absolute faith in Jesus Christ, who once before conquered death. He will, through me and countless others, conquer death on Earth again. But He needs our help - mine, yours and others. He needs living and loving channels to fulfil His Plan. I count on your help to start this PRAYER ACTION far and wide."

C O N T A C T

A Worldwide Educational Movement devoted to the Investigation of
UFO Phenomena and the Promotion of Cosmic Awareness.

Report by Carol Halford-Watkins, International Committee Member for Canada.

I. THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE: In his International Newsletter of November, 1970, our International Chairman, the Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench, extended to all CONTACT Members worldwide his very best wishes for the New Year, adding the hope that Peace might come to this world of violence in 1971. He also sent the glad tidings of the growing strength of the International Contact Family which now has 5 new member countries, viz. Contact (Spain), Contact (Zambia), Contact (Israel), Contact (Slovenia) Yugoslavia and Contact (Venezuela). This is indeed exciting news for it brings our member countries up to 27-strong! And this figure does not include 2 member countries which regrettably have had to be deleted from the list. They are Contact (Czechoslovakia) and Contact (Tasmania) and our International Chairman gives the following reasons for their deletion: "Czechoslovakia: For some time now, no communication has been received from ICM Ivo Brodsky of Dukelska 652, Jicin. It is apparent that due to the recent change in the political climate there that he has found it impossible to continue for the time being with CONTACT. I know that he had established a small group and we were in good contact before the fairly recent communist invasion. However, since then no communications have been effected, although many letters and much material have been sent to him. We must therefore, appreciate that Contact (Czechoslovakia) is no longer operative. However, if any communications are received from Mr. Brodsky to the effect that he is still operating, we will, at once, restore Contact (Czechoslovakia) as a member country. We do value Mr. Brodsky and hope that he is all right. If anyone does hear from him, please immediately inform your International Chairman. Tasmania: Our ICM, Mr. Alwyn Bird, has resigned his post with CONTACT and with the Tasmania UFO Bureau who joined us, for personal and health reasons and we extend him our sympathy and wish him a full recovery. Mr. Jeremy Holden, President of the Tasmania UFO Bureau, has advised me that he only wishes to receive one Contact magazine and does not seem very interested in our member countries or the Movement as a whole. As the essence of our Movement is contact with member countries and it is essential for Contact to build on sound foundations, we are regrettably deleting Contact (Tasmania) from our list of member countries although we have not given up hope of getting Contact re-established in Tasmania. If Alwyn Bird makes a recovery and feels like resuming his work, or if someone else comes on the scene, then we will be glad to welcome Tasmania back into our family." Nevertheless, with 27 active international groups now going strong, CONTACT must surely be the largest UFO organization in the world! And in this regard, we think that most of the credit - and certainly all the initial arrangements in establishing these groups - must go to our founder, The Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench who, at tireless effort to say nothing of considerable personal expense, has devoted so much of his time, energy and goodwill to the success of this worldwide movement. We are sure that all Contact Members will join us in a personal vote of thanks to our hard-working International Chairman!

Our International Chairman has also imparted some interesting news about Contact (Pakistan). After a long silence from Mr. M. Habibullah Bahar, our ICM for Pakistan, contact was finally re-established with him by our persistent I/C who received an air letter from Mr. Bahar stating that Contact (Pakistan) was still going strong, with 491 members! Reasons for the loss of contact are too long to give here, but they were not the fault of Mr. Bahar nor our I/C. One cause was obviously a change of address, and we now give our readers Mr. Bahar's new address: Vill & P.O. Kazla, Kaligonj, Khulna, East Pakistan. However, shortly after receiving this encouraging report from Mr. Bahar, the great flood catastrophe struck East Pakistan and fears were expressed for his safety. Our I/C wrote immediately to Mr. Bahar asking for news and was relieved to receive

a report from him stating that he and his family were safe, his residence and hotel had survived and the only damage experienced was to some thatched houses on his property and to the crops. He went on to say that, under his direction, Contact (Pakistan) members played a considerable part in the Relief Work in his area. Of this, we can only be pleased and proud, for it shows that our Movement can, when required, rise to the occasion and take part in positive work on the physical level to help others. This is contact in its truest, practical sense. Mr. Bahar is now working on establishing a national CONTACT magazine in which he would like to reproduce photographs of Contact Officers in various member countries. His next ambition is to hold a Contact Conference in East Pakistan. I am sure we are all pleased to hear that Mr. Bahar survived a national tragedy and we wish him every success in his splendid endeavours for CONTACT in his country.

Still on the ICM scene, we now give the following new or changed addresses of some member countries: SPAIN: Miss Ruth Rees, Hotel Melia Torremolinos, Avenue Montemar, Torremolinos, Malaga; ZAMBIA: Mr. Donald G. MacLean, P.O. Box 1608, Ndola; MEXICO: Ing. I.C.M. Norrie, Benito Perez Galdos 218-201, Col. Polanco, Mexico 10, D.F. Names and addresses of the recently appointed ICM's for ISRAEL, SLOVENIA (Yugoslavia) and VENEZUELA will be forthcoming in our next issue.

As a postscript to our earlier account of the International Flying Saucer and Contact Week-End, we now give details of 2 reports of sightings witnessed in Sweden on Saturday, June 13, 1970: (1) Two members of UFO-Linkoping, Ake Andersson and Sten Sundquist, were out skywatching during the Saturday night at Hjulsbro. At 23.50-54 hrs., they signalled with their searchlight the light code they usually make use of, plus a special sign with a sweeping beam around the Great Bear constellation. Immediately they had done so, Mr. Andersson saw a UFO appear in the Great Bear between the 4 stars forming the 'body' of the Bear. The UFO moved slowly towards the north, according to the compass the two witnesses had with them, and then disappeared. (2) The following incident occurred to members of another Swedish group, I.G.F. (Inter Galactical Federation). Sten Lindgren, their President reports: 'Because of some events and as we had a special feeling that something was going to happen, we went to a place far outside town (Stockholm). When, after an hour of waiting, nothing had happened, we decided to leave. On our way to the car, one of us got a feeling he should turn round and as he did so, he saw a big yellow disc cross the road just above the tree tops and without any noise. He screamed and pointed at it and some of the others got a glimpse of it. Within a few seconds, the object was gone out of sight. This happened at 11.00 hrs. in the evening, local time.'

Our International Chairman draws to our attention a splendid new publication THE UFO REGISTER, as published by the Data Research Section of CONTACT (U.K.). He states: "Two issues of 'The UFO Register', along with four issues of 'Awareness' are included in the annual subscription from now on to members of CONTACT (U.K.) which from 1 April 1971, will be 40/-d a year in the U.K. for people aged 16 and over; under 16, 20/-d a year. The overseas subscription will be 40/-d a year. However, my main reason in mentioning 'The UFO Register' is to emphasize its scientific quality. It has been highly praised by eminent Ufologists, including John A. Keel, the famous American writer, and Bryan Winder, a director of Flying Saucer Review, who handles a great deal of their research work. I strongly recommend it to you."

I am sure that it will be appreciated by most Contact Members that as the number of worldwide Contact Member Countries grows, so do the international expenses incurred by our Founder and I quote some of his remarks on this subject: "I am very appreciative that both Contact (South Africa) and Contact (U.K.) have been advising ICMs of member countries of the personal expenses I have incurred in my capacity as international chairman of Contact over several years in that post. Unlike member countries who have their national associations and obtain subscriptions and other revenue to meet their own expenses, your international chairman has had to dip consistently and deeply into his own pocket to meet the expenses of corresponding with ICMs in what has now grown to be 27 countries (much of this by air mail) and some of you write pretty frequently. I love to hear from you all and to get the news to pass on to our worldwide family. However, additionally,

there are the costs of 3 or 4 newsletters a year. Apart from the very heavy postage, there is the cost of these newsletters and a heavy stationery bill. My Accountant informs me that Contact costs me personally £400 (around \$1,000) a year! Now obviously, I cannot continue with this expenditure without substantial help. Contact (U.K.) has suggested a scheme whereby each country would contribute towards my expenses according to the number of its members. Contact (South Africa) has suggested that it should be arranged on a voluntary basis. Frankly, I am in favour of the latter procedure with all due respect to Contact (U.K.) who were not aware of the full extent of my expenses. This is for 2 reasons: (1) Under Contact (U.K.)'s scheme, member countries with around 300 members would contribute about £3 a year. Now, some countries both with and under that membership have already contributed £10, so in future, under this scheme these contributions would be pared down to £3 or so, and I would be even worse off than I am now. (2) I do not really go along with asking new member countries whose members you can count on the fingers of one hand to contribute a small amount whatever it may be. Therefore, please will all member countries who wish to do so, send in voluntary contributions to your international chairman on 1 April each year. I name this date as it seems a suitable one, away from Christmas when we all have expenses."

Our International Chairman goes on to thank the following member countries who have sent contributions to date: Contact (South Africa), Contact (Argentina), Contact (Sweden) Contact (Switzerland), Contact (Canada), Contact (U.K.), Contact (Zambia). I therefore take this opportunity of reminding all Contact Member Countries to send their voluntary contributions to our International Chairman, who has been more than generous in supporting us so well for several years, in good time for April 1, 1971, and to make their donations as liberal as they can afford. I am sure we all share in a sense of shock at the amount of the heavy outlay he has made so willingly in the past and in the true spirit of Contact, will wish to share some of this burden.

Contact (Canada) wishes to thank those Member Countries who have written such friendly and interesting letters and to mention especially the charming letter received from our ICM for Belgium, the Comtesse Chantal d'Oultremont, who sent a most interesting booklet in French, and the warm and enthusiastic letter received from our recently appointed ICM for Rhodesia, Mrs Rhona Dippenaar, who sent us her first newsletter, extracts of which follow:

"Contact (Rhodesia) was launched in July 1970 and we have the good fortune to have a brilliant chairman, Peter Turner and an equally efficient & dedicated secretary, Mrs. June Hickling, backed by a committee who are prepared to work and work hard! Letters of welcome and assistance have been received from near & far. Thank you one and all for your offers of help & your messages of goodwill. These were read out to our assembled members & were warmly appreciated. They made us feel that we were members of a well-knit & happy family, fathered of course, by 'You-know-whom'! Since Contact (Rhodesia) was formed, I have been astounded at the number of Rhodesian sightings reported. Far too many for a newsletter - they would almost make a book! Many of our members have seen UFOs, but quite the most marvellous one I've seen was viewed in Pretoria, South Africa. My husband and I were visiting friends living at Waterloof Ridge, a lovely suburb of Pretoria. Their home commands a magnificent view of Pretoria City lying a few miles away and considerably below them. Night falls early in Africa, so it was quite dark at the time of the sighting, about 6.30 pm. We were sitting in the sun lounge which had french doors leading onto the patio and lawns, when one of our party cried out in amazement, pointing to the sky outside. We all looked and there, practically at eye level, was this majestic UFO sailing across the sky - a golden torpedo, white-gold with a green light in front! It was so large that it couldn't be contained entirely within one's field of vision. There was a 'tail' of some kind of exhaust, but I couldn't dwell on that because I couldn't tear my eyes from viewing the main body which at that moment was leisurely separating in the middle, not explosion-wise, just parting in a shower of golden rain fireworks. Then the latter half - I had to let the first (nose) half sail out of view, not having chameleon eyes - again separated, again in a glorious display of golden rain fireworks. Then each

of the 2 rear portions disintegrated in a firework display 'in excelsis', all the same golden rain! The UFO was horizontal in its journey all the time - I saw no red or orange colours - it was all this brilliant pale gold light, with a greenish light at the front. It was a memorable sight! It was seen to my knowledge from East London to Bulawayo and Salisbury. A veldt fire started in the Fort Victoria region was thought to have been caused by disintegration of this object and a search is going on for any substantial evidence of this. This UFO report received extensive coverage in South African newspapers." Mrs. Rhona Dippenaar concluded her newsletter with: "We of Contact (Rhodesia) send our greetings to all member countries & would appreciate newsletters & magazines to be sent on a reciprocity basis to us at: P.O. Box 145, Bulawayo, Rhodesia."

II. CONTACT (CANADA): We are happy to report that Contact (Canada) is now making good, steady progress. A large number of enquiries has been received from interested persons in various parts of Canada, including a number of school teachers with interested students; full details have been sent to these people, some of whom are starting local Contact Youth Groups, an area in which we are particularly interested. We would like to extend our grateful thanks to Mr. Richard Bellefontaine for his invaluable assistance in promoting and building up CONTACT in Canada. Mr. Bellefontaine is our Regional Co-ordinator for the large Province of Ontario and, until recently, has been acting in a similar capacity for the Prairie Province of Saskatchewan. He has now been successful in appointing as Regional Officer for Saskatchewan, Miss Kathy Chubas of 301 Ave. L North, Saskatoon, Sask. and we welcome her to Contact (Canada) and wish her every success in promoting Contact in her area. Mr. Bellefontaine has also sent us a large number of names and addresses of people interested in Contact (Canada) in his own province of Ontario and we are hopeful of building up a good Contact representation in this province. His only disappointment is that he has been unable to interest most of the members of his associate organization, CAPRO and expressed, somewhat to my amusement, the fear that someone in CAPRO was "against me"! In reply to this suggestion, I wrote him as follows: "With regard to most members of CAPRO not wishing to participate in CONTACT, this is their privilege and perhaps their loss. However, I quite understand that some groups prefer to "do their own thing" and as far as I am concerned, they have my blessing in their work. We all have different roles to play in our search for truth and understanding and although we may tread different pathways, we can all contribute something worthwhile if we are sincere. I do not attribute their lack of interest to anyone being "against me" as this would be rather a negative approach on their part, but I am the first to recognize anyone's personal liberty to go their own way. With your good help and efforts of my own, CONTACT (CANADA) is making steady progress. It is also widely expanding on a global basis and is now recognized as the largest UFO group in the world. It may take some time, but eventually the smaller groups will realize that there is strength in unity, and when they are ready for it, we will gladly welcome them into the large CONTACT Family." In the meantime, Mr. Bellefontaine continues to give his own wholehearted support to CONTACT (CANADA) and has been particularly helpful in sending magazines and items of interest, for which we are most appreciative.

We also welcome to the Contact (Canada) Family, an enthusiastic and well-equipped Ufologist, Mr. Brent Gibson, who has become a Regional Co-ordinator for Contact in the Moose Jaw, Sask. area and is at present organizing a local Contact Youth Group there. We wish him every success in a Contact endeavour which has our special blessing. Any of our young Saskatchewan readers wishing to join his Contact Youth Group should write to him at: 1186 Duffield Crescent, Moose Jaw, Sask. We are also pleased to report that we now have a small Contact Youth Group operating in Ottawa, as initiated by a very enthusiastic 14-year old, Kevin Woodley. Any young Ottawans wishing to join his group may write him at: 1846 Beattie Ave., Ottawa 8, Ont. It is very encouraging to us to observe the growing interest of the young generation in CONTACT which we feel is vitally important, as these young people will become the future citizens of tomorrow and if we can equip them with a better understanding of true contact between all peoples of the world and an awareness of our planet's own small place in a vast Universe, we shall widen their

horizons and hopefully they will be in a better position later on to promote Peace and Goodwill on Earth. We also feel that the parents of young children might play an even greater role in the good character building of their youngsters if they followed the good advice contained in an appeal by a man who wishes to remain anonymous, the substance of which is very much in keeping with the aims of CONTACT:

CONTACT IN THE HANDS OF YOUR CHILDREN

Please help your children to love one another and come together with affection. Help them find compassion and loving kindness. Help them trust each other and overcome fear and suspicion. Help them to feel for one another and understand all the many different forms and colours that make up our world. Help them express their aggression in a creative way, and not towards one another, even in play. Help them to seek in one another those things which are alike and not to condemn those things which are different, but to understand. Please give your children a chance to grow up with love for one another, by responding to this appeal with your love and your help - now so desperately needed.

PROJECT INTERNATIONAL UFO PETITION

Global Co-ordinator, Mr. Antoni Szachowski, reports from his London, England Headquarters, continued steady progress with the Operation Questionnaire stage of the IUFOP Project which, with the recent addition of 2 more countries, is now operative in 36 nations of the world. Recently appointed National Co-ordinator for Pakistan is Mr. Habibullah Bahar, P.O. Kazla, Kaligonj, Khulna, and National Co-ordinator for Spain is Mr. Jose MA Casas Huguet, of Via Layetana 145 (Esquina Valencia), Barcelona. As most of our readers are aware, in order to get the Petition proper officially sponsored by a statesman of importance at the United Nations and presented to U.N. Secretary-General U Thant, we have to reach a minimum target of 30,000 completed Q-forms. With the extra support of the 2 new countries plus a number of UFO groups and publications now giving their support to the Project, it is very roughly estimated that we may well be approaching the half-way mark of this target, but obviously this still leaves a considerable amount of work yet to be done. We therefore urge any of our readers who have not already completed one of these Q-forms to apply for copies for this purpose. Canadian readers should apply to the National Co-ordinator for Canada, Mr. John Magor, Box 758, Duncan, B.C.; American readers to the National Co-ordinator for the U.S., Major Wayne Aho, 43 North Rogers St., Olympia, Wash. 98501; and for readers in European or other countries, I suggest they apply directly to Mr. Antoni Szachowski, 75 Oakfield Rd, Anerley, London, S.E.20, England.

As National Co-ordinator for North America, I was pleased to receive a further encouraging report from Mr. John Magor, National Co-ordinator for Canada and Editor of that quality publication Canadian UFO Report. Mr. Magor reports that, with the considerable help of his consultant editor, Brian C. Cannon of Winnipeg, he continues to receive an interesting flow of completed Q-forms and letters on the UN Petition Project and "the results are an impressive commentary on the interest in the UFO question and point overwhelmingly to the public wish for an official international inquiry. We welcome the help of all those taking part in distribution of the questionnaire and, since the Project has not yet entered its final stage of presentation to the UN, invite others to help if they wish. We have plenty of questionnaire forms available in English and French and would particularly welcome participation from the Province of Quebec."

Regretably, despite repeated requests, I have received no progress report to date from Major Wayne Aho whom, I am aware, has many other UFO interests, but in view of the importance of participation by this large country, this situation will have to be carefully investigated and, if necessary, a new National Co-ordinator for the U.S. appointed. It has been of some disappointment to me that in a country in which Ufology has played such an important role and where, in an earlier Gallup Poll, 5 million Americans expressed their belief in UFOs, there has been such a comparatively poor response to support of the UN Petition Project. If this is partly due to the aftermath of the Condon Report

and/or some fear that the UN would not consider such a Petition, may I offer some words of encouragement. First, under the Charter of the United Nations and provided that a Petition is officially sponsored by a Member Nation and placed on the Agenda, the UN has no other course but to give serious consideration to a Petition supported by a mass voice of the peoples of the world. Secondly, for any Americans who may have been discouraged by the Condon Report (so aptly described by English Ufologist, Gerald Lovell, as the "Conned 'Em Report"), I suggest that there is now some evidence of a softening of the U.S. Government attitude towards UFOs, viz., the U.S. Air Force Academy has recently put out a textbook for its cadets in which it openly warns them "UFOs could be real spacecraft operated by alien people who are closely watching our world! Thirdly, there is also good evidence to suggest that UN Sec.-Gen. U Thant would give a sympathetic ear to such a Petition, for he himself stated some time ago that second in importance to the Viet Nam War was the UFO Problem. In this regard it might be of interest to add that during the International Congress of World Federalists Conference held in Ottawa, Canada, from August 23 to 27, 1970, a reporter of the German publication "UFO-nachrichten", Mrs. I.V. Jacobi, was in attendance and was successful in securing a short interview with Sec.-Gen. U Thant to whom she addressed the following question: "Your Excellency, UFO researchers the world over know that you are kept well informed on the possibility of extraterrestrial spacecraft visiting our planet, but these facts are classified to the world public. Is this correct?" According to Mrs. Jacobi, U Thant nodded a hesitating yes and added: "There are many things I am forbidden to speak of." Her final question to U Thant was: "Is it possible that the U.N. could officially study the question of extraterrestrial visiting spacecraft?" In reply, U Thant stated: "Yes, it is possible, but only if one Member Nation would officially place the UFO Problem on the Agenda. We would then establish a department to investigate this phenomenon."

In view of this most promising last sentence of U Thant's words, I would like to appeal to all American Ufologists genuinely concerned in getting the UFO Problem investigated through the only available international body of scientists, i.e., UNESCO of the United Nations, to offer their services in support of the UN Petition Project by endeavouring to get as many questionnaire forms completed as possible in order that we may reach our target of 30,000 Q-forms. If only a fraction of the 5 million people who expressed their belief in UFOs in the U.S. came forward with this help, our problem would be quickly solved! In view of the present uncertain status of the National Co-ordinator for the U.S. and because we are now urgently in need of local and regional officers in various parts of the U.S., I suggest that such offers of assistance be directed to the Editor of Topside, 95 Centre Street, Aylmer East, Quebec, Canada. In the past, as in so many other areas, America has led the world in UFO research and it is to be sincerely hoped that this progressive country will not be found wanting in this present, vital bid for a global investigation into the truth of the UFO Problem.

UFO Profiles - No. 3

LUCIUS FARISH

Topside takes special pleasure in featuring a good friend and ever-helpful UFO colleague, Lucius Farish, whose name, we feel sure, will be well-known to most of our readers. As author of the book "Omega", writer of a large number of interesting articles published in UFO and other journals, and as consultant and advisor to a number of the leading UFO organizations, Lucius, while working quietly in the background and never seeking personal publicity, has nevertheless made a big impact on fellow-ufologists in his long and tireless search for the truth of the UFO Phenomena. When approached by the Editor for some background data and she referred to a quote from another UFOzine which described him as "the widely acknowledged world's leading historian on UFOs", Lucius Farish, whose middle name might be Modesty, shied away in horror at such a title! He replied: "I certainly cannot lay claim to any such appellation! The amount of historical research I have done is completely overwhelmed by the contributions of those who have helped me in this endeavour. The real credit belongs to such people as Charles Flood, Gary Larreategui, David

Schroth, Clint Williams, Tom Adams, P.G. Navarro, Jan Aldrich, Loren Coleman and several others. I am merely a "repository" for historical material sent to me by others. If I may be allowed to paraphrase one of Mark Twain's famous lines, "The reports of my 'fame' have been greatly exaggerated!" I fear the title of "expert" and/or "authority" is used much too lightly, especially so when applied to myself. So far as I can tell, there are no experts in Ufology. There are, however, a number of people who have gone unrecognized and who have contributed substantially to our knowledge of the subject. I hasten to add that I do not place myself in this category."

Despite Lucius' modest approach, we think that many will agree with us that he has made a most valuable contribution to UFO research, particularly in the historical field and while we duly acknowledge the helpful co-operation of others, we feel that the ultimate credit must go to him for the years of painstaking research and collation of the materials submitted to him, resulting in the final production of his interesting articles on this collective research. In reply to some questions put to him by the Editor, Lucius has the following interesting remarks to make:

"It seems that I have always been interested in UFOs, but I read my first book on the subject around 1954. In 1957, after being introduced to the much broader field of "Fortean phenomena" by M.K. Jessup's book THE CASE FOR THE UFO, I began more extensive reading on UFOs and allied subjects. My involvement in active research began around 1961. My first UFO article was written for Timothy Green Beckley's now-defunct INTERPLANETARY NEWS SERVICE REPORT. Later articles have been published in FATE, FLYING SAUCER REVIEW and several other UFO publications. I have always been interested in the historical (pre-1947) aspects of the subject, but became particularly interested in the 1896-97 "airship" flap in the U.S. and Canada. I have been researching this particular area for the past 5 years.

"As for my opinions on UFOs, I can say only that something is up there and has been there for a very long time. I do not believe in any one theory (extraterrestrial spacecraft, "space animals", "ultraterrestrials", etc.) can satisfactorily explain all the reported UFO manifestations. The subject is infinitely more complex than I would have believed possible when I first became interested in UFOs. My theories regarding UFO ~~manifestations~~ manifestations are just that - theories. Therefore, no great weight should be attached to them. Although I disagree with some of John Keel's ideas, I do think his "ultraterrestrial" theory (as outlined in his 2 books, STRANGE CREATURES FROM TIME AND SPACE and UFOs OPERATION TROJAN HORSE) has merit as a possible, partial "answer" for UFO appearances. Unlike Keel, I am most definitely not ready to abandon the extraterrestrial theory, at least not without much more convincing "anti" evidence than has been presented thus far. Extraterrestrial visitations are probably one facet of the whole, whether one regards such visits as "conventional" (i.e. Point A to Point B in X amount of time) or extra-dimensional in character.

"As for my own sightings, I have seen, on various occasions, unusual lights at night and unidentifiable objects in daytime. I could not explain these as conventional objects or phenomena, so I consider that they were UFOs. I have had no close-range sightings, merely "lights" at night and silvery objects in the daylight hours. Although, like most other researchers, I have heard numerous sighting reports over the years, I have tended to concentrate on historical reports, rather than more recent ones. This does not indicate a lack of interest in contemporary happenings; on the contrary, I receive several publications devoted to UFOs and related subjects and try my best to keep up with all the latest reports. But, I have always been fascinated by the pre-1947 reports and that has become my "specialty". As for my future plans, I intend to continue historical research insofar as time and finances will allow. I have concentrated on the 1896-97 "airship" flap, but I am equally interested in any pre-1947 reports. (In this regard, if any of our readers should have any unwanted pre-1947 clippings or are in a position to do a little private research in the "morgue" of their local newspaper office, we are sure that Lucius would greatly appreciate receiving this material to assist him in his worthwhile historical research. His address is: Route One, Plumerville, Arkansas 72127, U.S.A. - Ed.)

"I am a staff member of SKYLOOK; Consultant to INFO (International Fortean Organization); Vice-President of COS-MOS; member of SIFU (Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained); and member of APRO. If there are others, I can't recall them. I should explain that few things are more boring, yet amusing, to me than titles! 99% of the time they mean absolutely nothing and serve only as an "ego kick" for individuals.

How should UFO research be conducted? Well, I am certainly not the one to answer such a question. However, I think that it will have to be done largely on an individual basis. In virtually every group of which I have knowledge, there is (or has been) far too much inner dissention to allow any worthwhile research to take place. The two leading organizations in the U.S., NICAP and APRO, are mere "shadows of their former selves", as it were. And, in individual research, I consider it of the utmost importance to obtain all the facts regarding a particular case, not just those which are "acceptable" to the investigator's particular beliefs or theories. The gravest error of all is to dismiss out-of-hand such "controversial" reports as "Men in Black" stories, contact accounts, etc. There is a saying which might be applicable here: "The universe is not only stranger than we imagine; it is stranger than we can imagine." Perhaps this is the case in Ufology."

We extend our grateful thanks to Lucius Farish for once more co-operating with us in supplying his very interesting views, theories and experiences in the UFO field.

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MORE VERIFICATION

It will be recalled that in his 1970 New Year Message, Tesla referred to the existence of "marine medicines" in our oceans. Some time after the Tesla 1971 New Year Message was received in which he mentions "the discovery of a marine vegetation which may be used as an invaluable anti-pollutant for human consumption", there appeared in a recent issue of the Ottawa Journal a report entitled SEAWEED MAY PROTECT HUMANS FROM POLLUTION, and we can only assume that this is what Tesla was referring to. According to the report, three scientists (one American and 2 Canadian) have discovered that a certain chemical in brown seaweed, alginic acid, can protect humans from one of the poisons from atomic bomb fallout, Strontium-90. It acts by grabbing onto Strontium-90 (from food products such as milk) in the stomach and intestinal tract, preventing it from being absorbed. Strontium-90 is a radioactive product which, when ingested, replaces calcium in the bones and, with high doses, can lead to bone tumors and leukemia. Tests carried out with this alginic acid on animals and human volunteers show its preventive properties and it may also be useful in therapy of existing Strontium-90 poisoning. The 3 scientists are now engaged in further research into marine sources which will bind with metal pollutants. Certain marine organisms can concentrate metal ions, including mercury and cesium, in their bodies from sea water. This implies that they can combine metal ions in a specific manner and if these substances are isolated from the organisms (as alginic acid has been from brown seaweed) then they could be added to polluted food which could be consumed without any toxic effects. With the present heavy concentration of mercury in our waters, this verification should come as encouraging news to all of us.

Again, some time after receiving Tesla's current message in which he states that many psychiatrists often become emotionally and mentally disturbed, the following appeared in the Feb. 3, 1971 issue of the Ottawa Journal: LEAD IN SUICIDES. The suicide rate for psychiatrists is 58 per 100,000 - the highest among medical specialists.

Further verification of Tesla's statement in our last issue that atomic tests cause earthquakes has come from Canadian External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp. The Feb. 12, 1971 issue of the Ottawa Journal carried this headline: SHARP LINKS ATOMIC TESTS WITH CALIFORNIA 'QUAKE. The report quotes Mr. Sharp as saying there is evidence to believe that there was a direct link between the Los Angeles earthquakes and the atomic tests carried out by the U.S. Government off the coast of Alaska last spring and he expressed the hope that the U.S. would re-consider its plans to do more testing in the Aleutians, particularly in view of the great concern of people all along the Pacific Coast.

In a number of his Messages, Tesla has referred to a small but powerful syndicate of international financiers who control world affairs and whom he has described variously as "Monetary Barons", "Moguls of Finance", etc. Undoubtedly, Tesla was in a good position to be well aware of their power for during his lifetime on Earth, his extraordinary talents and discoveries were frequently exploited by the Big Business tycoons who manipulated the finances of his era. Tesla's messages on the monetary situation have brought to the editorial desk a flow of letters, statistical facts and figures, exposed information, and some books on the monetary subject from readers who are also well aware of the situation and have drawn to the Editor's attention some startling verification of the truth of this matter. While much of this information concerns the money-making role of governments and their exploitation of the masses, it should be pointed out that, according to Tesla's messages, the real culprits are a select few of the world's super-wealthy who form this powerful syndicate which controls governments and international affairs. But even if under pressure, it would appear that governments are willing stooges in taking their share of the loot from the great money-making game at the expense of the world's over-taxed working populates.

According to information received from one source, this syndicate originated over 2 centuries ago as a coven of money-crazy negative beings and the present syndicate is said to be still over-shadowed by its sinister originators. Over the years, as replacements were necessary to keep the syndicate going, new members were carefully chosen from super-wealthy families and specially trained in their role to perpetuate the systematic robbing of the poor to over-feed the rich. Since death comes to all mortals, we can only shudder at the thoughts of a dying syndicate member when faced with the fact that he "cannot take it with him" and must now pay the terrible penalty for his incredible folly.

To illustrate governments' role in the great money-making racket, we quote a few extracts from an article which appeared in a recent issue of that reputable English journal The Economist under the title of TODAY'S GUN RUNNERS ARE GOVERNMENTS - A Multi-Billion Dollar Business.: "International arms sales total today about \$4.8 billion a year. -- No longer can responsibility for the traffic in arms be shouldered off on a few private arms dealers. It is the government deals that dominate international arms traffic today." Figures quoted for the official arms sales of the 4 Big Powers were as follows: America: around \$1.92 billion per year; USSR: averaging \$480 million a year (without taking into account deals with its own allies); Britain: \$480 million a year, and France claims \$828 million in the first half of 1970 and expects to attain at least \$1.2 billion for the full calendar year. The article goes on to say: "The trade is booming. There are predictions that its total volume will exceed \$9.6 billion by the mid-70s. -- With several billion dollars worth of the hard stuff changing hands every year, anybody who wants to stage a coup, launch a guerrilla war or mount a seaborne raid on a small state's capital need have no difficulty in obtaining all the arms he can afford." This is a shocking indictment of the power of the syndicate which has always flourished financially on wars and obviously intends to maintain the status quo. But we are not entirely helpless in this situation. As Tesla repeatedly suggests, we can pray. And if we send out positive thoughts of love and blessing to the syndicate, we shall be using our own ultimate weapon against negativity.

If any of our readers are interested in learning some revealing details on the U.S. Army's role in supporting the Big Money Game, we suggest they obtain a copy of the Nov.-Dec. 1970 issue of "Round Robin" on pages 7 & 8 of which are some startling revelations. This issue may be obtained for \$1.25 from BSRF, P.O. Box 548, Vista, Calif. 92083, U.S.A. In the meantime, with due credit to this informative journal, we make a quote which is an extract from the autobiography of Major General Smedley D. Butler, USMC, Retired: "There isn't a trick in the racketeering bag that the military gang is blind to. It has its 'finger men' (to point out enemies), its 'muscle men' (to destroy enemies), its 'brain guys' (to plan war preparations), and a 'Big Boss' (supernationalistic capitalism). (This is an obvious reference to the syndicate. -Ed.) It may seem odd for me, a military man, to adopt such a comparison. Truthfulness compels me to do so. I spent 33 years and

4 months in active military service as a member of our country's most agile military force - the Marine Corps. I served in all commissioned ranks from a second lieutenant to Major-General. And during that period, I spent most of my time being a high-class muscle man for Big Business, for Wall Street and for the Bankers. In short, I was a racketeer, a gangster for capitalism.

"I suspected I was just a part of a racket at the time. Now I am sure of it. Like all members of the military profession, I never had an original thought until I left the service. My mental faculties remained in suspended animation while I obeyed the orders of the higher-ups. This is typical with everyone in the military service. Thus I helped to make Mexico and especially Tampico safe for American Oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues (for the Church). I helped purify Nicaragua for the international banking house of Brown Brothers in 1909-12. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for American sugar interests in 1916. In China, in 1927, I helped see to it that the Standard Oil went its way un-mol-ested.

"During those years I had, as the boys in the back room would say, a swell racket. I was rewarded with honors, medals and promotions. Looking back on it, I feel that I might have given Al Capone a few hints. The best he could do was to operate his racket in 3 city districts (of Chicago). I operated on three continents!" While this sort of food for thought is likely to give most of us mental indigestion, we should at least be grate-ful that there are still a few men with sufficient intestinal fortitude to release the truth to the public. We cannot forever be like ostriches burying our heads in the sand. We must now face the facts of life, unpleasant though they be, and where possible, take some positive action.

If you want the real low-down on the power that a comparatively few super-wealthy families and big business corporations wield over the people of the U.S.A., we suggest you obtain a copy of a No. 1 best seller, "The Rich and the Super-Rich" by Ferdinand Lundberg, as published in paperback form by Bantam Books and selling for \$1.95. The auth-or is very well qualified to write on this subject as after a distinguished university education, he became a financial writer for the New York Herald Tribune and later wrote "America's Sixty Families" which rocked the U.S.A. In his latest book, he shows that there are 200,000 very wealthy individuals in the U.S., most of whom are from some 500 super-millionaire families, such as the Duponts, Rockefellers, etc. These families have all the old levers of the power their money could buy plus all the new ones created for them over time by the politicians, lawyers, judges and military puppets who serve them. This book is described as "the shocking story of America today and its silent multi-millionaire rulers who pay no taxes and run the country as tightly as any dictatorship" and in it, the author lifts the lid on a nasty can of worms, revealing after several years of pains-taking research, the facts and figures of the big money racket in the U.S. and boldly naming names of those concerned. This book represents an in-depth analysis into the U.S. monetary and taxation situation, with some shocking factual details explained at length. For some, this book may be somewhat heavy reading, but it is worth the effort to learn the truth of how the vast masses of U.S. citizens (and the same situation prevails in most countries) are being exploited and cheated.

For those who prefer lighter reading, we recommend Taylor Caldwell's book "A Prologue to Love" as published by Bantam Books in paperback form at \$1.25. While this is a fict-ional novel, it is also a vehicle for an exposé of how Big Business operated in the early part of the century, and much of it is true of today - in fact, the situation is now far worse. It tells the story of "the richest woman in the world" who had been specifically trained, as a member of one of the super-wealthy American families, to regard the power of money as the be-all and end-all of existence no matter what personal sacrifices were involved. We quote a couple of extracts of conversation from this book: (1) "Your money or your life, that's the government. If you've got any real cash behind you, you got to buy your safety and buy it regular. Think I don't grease palms myself? And all the Vander-bilts, the Belmonts and the Astors, too? Sure they do! They couldn't operate if they

didn't. How do you suppose they get laws passed to protect 'em?" (2) "Well, you won't see the end of the American Constitution in your time, Alfred. Nor will I. Can't say about the future though. It always comes back to the people. A virtuous electorate keeps its government within bounds; a stupid and vicious people lets its government expand until the government takes over everything. Then the knouts come out of hiding and the secret police and the ropes and all the rest of it. A people deserves its government." This last statement is particularly true and it is to be hoped that the U.S. electorate will bear this in mind when they vote for their next President. In the meantime, under their Constitution, they can still raise a voice to protest undemocratic social injustices.

Apropos of the subject of the super-wealthy, it might be of interest to ask who is the richest woman in the world today? According to recent figures released, the richest woman in the United States is Mrs. Mellon Bruce with holdings in the neighbourhood of \$400,000,000, closely followed by Mrs. Frederick Guest with \$300,000,000. Mrs Edsel Ford is credited with \$150,000,000, Doris Duke with \$110,000,000, and Barbara Hutton with under \$100,000,000. If, in time, Mrs. Jacqueline Onassis should inherit the vast bulk of her husband's fortune - around a billion dollars - she would obviously become the world's richest woman. One cannot help but wonder, however, with all the poverty, hunger and suffering in the world today, how these super-wealthy ladies can sleep peacefully at night?

The Editor wishes to thank Mr. N.W. Walker, D.Sc., research scientist, who sent her a copy of a book in which he is co-author with Mr. Sheldon Emry, radio producer and author. This book is divided into 2 parts: (1) THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS by Mr. Walker, and (2) COMING: A DEBT-FREE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA by Mr. Emry. The entire book is a revealing exposé of the whole financial structure of the U.S. and the powerful role of the Bankers, with the 2 authors offering some sound and logical suggestions as to how the U.S.A. could get out of its present money trap to the benefit of all its citizens. In Part 1, the author allows himself to dream of a President of the U.S.A. making a speech to the nation in which he announces concrete plans for the solving of the monetary and taxation problems of the country, including a solution for Poverty, dissolution of the infamous Federal Reserve Bank Act of 1913, a system of improved, equitable income tax for all, resignation from the United Nations which has proved a failure, tighter control of subversive activities and treason and the elimination or lessening of certain taxes and levies on land and buildings. The author follows with chapters on each of these subjects, showing how their adoption would work out to the benefit of all and not just a greedy, power-hungry few. Part 2 deals with the economic ills of the U.S. step by step and offers the possible solution of a Debt-Free America. The author covers very ably the entire situation under the following chapter headings: Trouble and Money; Depression and War; People Control; Billions for the Bankers; Learn - or continue to pay!; Why you haven't known; Mammon Rules the Nation; The Constitutional Way; God's Law on Usury; A Debt-Free America; Money Traffickers; and Tell the People.

For those of our readers who would like some factual details on how they are being used by Big Business and some practical suggestions as to how they might help to remedy the situation, we strongly recommend they obtain a copy of this book which has strong spiritual overtones. It is published by Norwalk Press, P.O. Box 13206, Phoenix, Arizona, 85002, U.S.A., and is priced at \$3.95. In this book we found complete verification of Tesla's current statement of "an unholy attempt at eventual world domination of your masses by a monetary-powerful few" and we quote as follows: "These would-be, aspiring world rulers plan that our grandchildren will own neither home nor automobile but will live in "government"-owned houses and apartments, be transported to work in "government"-owned buses and will be allowed just enough money to buy a minimum of food and clothing while the rulers wallow in wealth and luxury. In Asia and Eastern Europe, it is called "communism", but it is coming to America in the guise of "public housing", "welfare programs", "job-training", "emergency national planning" and hundreds of other control devices. The "communist", "socialist" and "liberal" agents of the Bankers are working for a Banker-owned United States in a Banker-owned world, under a Banker-owned United Nations

World Government. In their plans towards the goal to make all mankind work for them, Bankers are even now developing a system whereby no cash will be used at all, all purchases being made by means of credit cards or similar charging devices. Whatever the form they devise, they will continue to increase the Bankers' "share". In a strictly cashless society, all people would be subject to the whim of the Bankers of that society regulating whether they would have "credit" to buy even food! No more demoniacal scheme could be devised for the control of an entire Nation or of the World! Yet we hear no warning from politicians, nor even from the clergy!"

Among the letters received by the Editor was one from an anonymous source warning her that if she continued to publish what she believed to be the truth about that "sacred cow", Big Business and the Silence Policy on UFOs, her life might be in danger! Whether this was one of those crank letters that most editors receive or a genuine warning matters not, because as long as your Editor believes she is doing the right thing in serving humanity in her own small way by exposing public exploitation, social injustices, etc., she will continue in her work for as long as God permits her to do so. But if you should hear of her early demise, then you can add her name to the already long list of those who have dared to tell the truth. To the perpetrators of such crimes, we can only say that such actions are completely futile because their victims can carry on their good work with even greater force from the next phase of existence! We should perhaps feel compassion for these misguided people, realizing the heavy Karmic price they will have to pay for their folly. In the meantime, your Editor will continue to send out her prayers and blessings to the 'syndicate' - and carry on with her work in good faith!

And so, what can we, the exploited masses, do about the present situation? Apart from the vital importance of our prayers, we can, wherever possible, pass on the truth to others and particularly to those of the "Silent Majority" whose apathy and complacent acceptance of present world conditions are putting all of our heads in a tight noose. We can also make written or verbal protests to our authorities when obvious social injustices occur or unfair legislation is planned. One such person who is doing something constructive about this matter is Mr. Frank Doble, who sent the Editor a copy of his book "HOW OUR CONSTITUTION CAN SAVE THE NATION - A Veteran's Protest against the Prostitution of our Constitution and a Proposed Constitutional Remedy." Although a layman, Mr. Doble has obviously devoted years of careful research into governmental mismanagement of money and supports his contentions with quotes from well-known experts in the financial field. He is understandably bitter in his attack on the U.S. Government's "sell-out" to the super-wealthy as made possible by the Federal Reserve Act of 1913 which he describes as "the most vicious law ever enacted." This book may best be described in the author's own words: "This is an indictment against the apathy, indifference, ignorance and stupidity of the bulk of our legislators, executive and judicial officers and common citizens in allowing themselves to be "taken in", to actually be "betrayed, plundered, profaned and disinherited by a lustful ilk of international bankers and their stooges, to whom the Federal Reserve Conspirators owed allegiance."

It will be recalled that in an earlier message, Tesla referred to our present inflationary situation as an artificial one. In his book, Mr. Doble describes how this is deliberately created by the 'Money Barons' and concludes with a quote from Mr. S.W. Adams, author of THE LEGALIZED CRIME OF BANKING: "Cheap, inflated money robs farmers of their farms, the producer of his goods, the workers of their food and clothing, the aged of their pensions, crying babes of their bottles of milk. But bankers, gamblers and dealers in the miseries of men, take the land, corner the products of labor, and weld about the ankles of the toiling, producing masses, of even the babies, shackles of bondage for another 100 years." This is indeed the situation we face today and if you wish to free yourselves and your children from such shackles, we suggest you obtain a copy of Frank Doble's book and learn the true facts, after which you will be in a better position to take some positive action. As this book is well laced with Cosmic Ethics, we feel the author is on the right track and therefore we recommend it to our readers. A copy may be obtained for \$2.00 postage paid from: Mr. Frank Doble, 120 East First, Fosston, Mn.,

56542, U.S.A. Mr. Doble is now organizing a National Voice of Protest Campaign in which it is hoped to collect millions of signatures for a nation-wide petition to the U.S. Government. Any of our American readers who may wish to support this endeavour can write for further details to Mr. Doble at the afore-quoted address. We wish him every success in his efforts which may in time benefit all of us. We should all try to do something constructive about a situation which is gradually developing into banker-domination of the world's masses. With our very freedom at stake, we can no longer afford to be one of the "Silent Majority" and in this regard, it might be appropriate to quote the words of Benjamin Franklin: "As we must account for every idle word, so we must for every idle silence."

What Others have said on the Monetary Situation

ABRAHAM LINCOLN (just prior to his assassination) "I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country; corporations have been enthroned, an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavour to prolong its reign by working on the prejudices of the People, until the wealth is aggregated in a few hands, and the Republic is destroyed."

SIR JOSIAH STAMP (President of the Bank of England in the 1920s, the second richest man in Britain): "Banking was conceived in iniquity and was born in sin. The Bankers own the Earth. Take it away from them, but leave them the power to create deposits, and with the flick of the pen they will create enough deposits to buy it back again. However, take it away from them, and all the great fortunes like mine will disappear, and they ought to disappear, for this would be a happier and better world to live in. But, if you wish to remain the slaves of Bankers and pay the cost of your own slavery, let them continue to create deposits."

RE: "THE LIFE OF NIKOLA TESLA"

The Editor was somewhat surprised to receive a letter from Mr. Arthur Matthews advising that he had decided to put his tape recording on the Life of Nikola Tesla up for sale to the "highest offer", with full publication rights, and therefore, further use of this tape for publication of the life story of Tesla in TOPSIDE has been withdrawn.

It should, however, be explained to our readers that when we originally accepted Mr. Matthews' offer to use this tape for background material in the chapters published to date, we did so in good faith that it was what it purported to be, i.e., the Life of Tesla. However, on playing it over, it soon became clear that it was not a biography of Tesla's life, as the material recorded did not follow chronologically but switched back and forth in time, leaving unfilled gaps in the life of the great inventor. A further complication arose in that as Mr. Matthews did all the talking, there were times when it was not clear as to whether he was expressing a personal opinion or using Tesla's alleged words. Also there were long passages of verbose Victorian language which made it quite unsuitable for a condensed version of the Life of Tesla. Therefore, in order to present our readers with a factual, chronological account of Tesla's life, it became necessary for the Editor, at her own expense, to build up a library of all available authentic books on Tesla, some of them rare and valuable editions from Yugoslavia. It was from this material that most of the chapters on Tesla's life were written and very little of Mr. Matthews' tape was found suitable. While out of courtesy to Mr. Matthews, in view of the minimal use of his tape, these chapters were credited to him, most of them were actually the original work of the Editor after many hours of painstaking research into the life of Nikola Tesla.

It is therefore proposed that, rather than disappoint our readers who have expressed such interest in Tesla, we will continue to publish "The Life of Nikola Tesla" as before, and frankly, we consider that as far as a biography of Tesla is concerned, Mr. Matthews' tape will represent no great loss, although we wish him well with the sale of it.

THE LIFE OF NIKOLA TESLA

Part 10.

There was never any doubt in the mind of Nikola Tesla that the New York Prison authorities' decision to adopt his high voltage alternating current system for the new electrocution death penalty for condemned criminals, had been instigated by the powerful Edison interests for the specific purpose of discrediting alternating current and creating in the public mind a distinct fear of an electrical system which, if used in their homes, could endanger their lives. Certainly, in the great "battle of the currents" that followed the announcement and in which Edison and Westinghouse were the 2 main protagonists, Edison was loud and clear in his warnings about the supposed dangers of Tesla's A.C. system. At one point, he stated: "Just as certain as death, Westinghouse will kill a customer within 6 months after he puts in a system of any size. He has got a new thing and it will require a great deal of experimenting to get it working practically. It will never be free from danger." Other leading electrical scientists, caught up in the big controversy, allied themselves with Edison, warning that in the event of a transformer being short-circuited or a part of a high tension system being accidentally grounded, a customer switching on a light might be instantly electrocuted. How wrong they were Tesla was able to prove later in a dramatic personal demonstration, but at the time of reading these statements by accredited experts in the electrical field, avidly reported by the press, the naive and bewildered public were being brain-washed into believing that Tesla had created some sort of an electrical Frankenstein monster.

Actually, while the issue of prison electrocution utilizing Tesla's high voltage A.C. provided effective black propaganda for the supporters of direct current, the real crux of the whole situation was a gigantic battle for power in the electrical industry. Edison, who had built his empire on D.C., immediately foresaw that in George Westinghouse, who was dynamically promoting the use of A.C., he had a formidable adversary who might well bring his own empire to ruins and therefore, as an astute businessman, he was prepared to go to any lengths to prevent this. ^{raged}

As the issue for and against electrocution in the press, the State of New York decided to study the problem by appointing a commission headed by Harold P. Brown, an electrical expert. Despite the fact that earlier, Edison had declared himself as opposed to capital punishment, he quickly realized that if Tesla's A.C. system was adopted for the electric chair, it would add weight to his repeated claims that this was the only suitable use for a deadly current far too dangerous to be installed in American homes. Therefore, in a shrewd move, he offered the New York Commission the use of a building at the rear of his Orange Laboratory for research into the question of electrocution by alternating current and also supplied some of his trained personnel to assist in these experiments. This was a strange switch indeed, for here was Edison, the long promoter of D.C., now supporting experiments in A.C. - but not without a motive.

Edison was reported to have rounded up stray animals from the streets, some of which were bought for 25¢, to be used as victims of these grisly experiments, and strangely enough, it was Batchellor, who had first introduced Tesla to Edison, who was appointed their executioner. As it was necessary for alternating current to be used and Edison's equipment was all direct current, Batchellor had to attach an alternating device to an electric generator used for street lighting in order to develop a current of 1200 volts. That this was not the best arrangement was quickly proved when the first experiments on the hapless animals proved uncertain and dangerous and Batchellor himself received a jolting shock. Eventually, however, these gruesome experiments were completed to the satisfaction of the Edison-sponsored group. During this time, Westinghouse had been fighting with every means at his disposal in order, to quote his own words, "to keep his offspring of faith and courage from being turned into hangman's uses." However, in November, 1889, Harold P. Brown, head of the Commission, reported his findings in an article entitled "The New Instrument of Execution" which appeared in the North American Review. In this article, he was quick to point out that while A.C. was suitable for execution

purposes, the type being urged by Westinghouse for domestic use was, by its very nature, hopelessly deadly! He went on to describe the grim details of electrocution, stating that after the criminal's hands and feet were wet with potash solution, the switch was closed and the man was actually beaten to sudden death by the powerful contractions of his own muscles. And then, in a direct power blow aimed at Westinghouse, he continued: "Such is electrical execution, and yet, strenuous attempts have been made to befog the public mind in order to prevent the use of alternating current for the death penalty lest the public learn of its deadly nature and demand that the legislature banish it from streets and buildings, thus ending the terrible, needless slaughter of unoffending men." Brown's extravagant remarks, which had no bearing on electrocution itself, made it clearly evident that he had been heavily influenced by Edison.

George Westinghouse, understandably incensed at the injustice of Brown's statements, was quick to take action and used the next issue of the North American Review for his rebuttal. Realizing that Edison was the power behind Brown's words, he openly addressed his article as "A Reply to Mr. Edison". In his opening paragraph, he immediately put his finger on the vital cause of the whole unsavoury situation, as follows: "Electric lighting, unlike other industries protected by patents, has been followed with keen interest by the public at large, but among the more intimately interested parties, the struggle for control of the electric light and power business has never been exceeded in bitterness by any of the historical commercial controversies. Thousands have pecuniary interests." Westinghouse went on to refer to Edison's cut-throat competition in the industry and quoted Edison as saying: "My personal desire would be to prohibit entirely the use of alternating current." He further accused the Commission of misrepresenting the facts in their electrocution experiments, charging that they had not used alternating current designed for commercial use but rather Edison's direct current which had been made alternating by a pole changer tapped from high voltage street wires, which had produced an effect incredibly more dangerous than the true alternating current. On the question of safety, he referred to the fact that the Edison Company made it a common practice to use uninsulated overhead wires carrying 220 volts and, quoting the words of one of Edison's own staff, A.E. Kennelly, he said that the roasting of a large piece of beef was possible with Edison current of less than 100 volts within 2 minutes! He concluded with: "Mr. Edison has always said that in the long run, every system will fail which does not, for domestic reasons, use low pressure current. This is exactly what alternating current supplies."

Faced with these two conflicting statements, the general public became even more confused. In the end, however, influenced by what they considered the lethal aspect of alternating current being chosen for the electric chair and the fact that Edison was well-known to them as a leading figure in the electrical world, the majority decided to support his views. And so, by devious means and employing subtle psychological tactics on an unwitting public, Edison won the day on this issue. But his victory was not destined to stop the flow of progress or the increasing use of alternating current, for Edison had not counted on the fact that Nikola Tesla was one of the few men who did not have his price.

However, the electrocution issue was only the beginning of the pressures that were to be brought to bear on Westinghouse's endeavours to promote the Tesla patents he had acquired. The economic climate of that time was certainly not in his favor for the country was approaching a depression and in addition, it was an era in which giant corporations were enforcing mergers of smaller companies regardless of their owners' desires. It was a financial trap into which many fell and Westinghouse, who had expended a great deal of his capital on promoting Tesla's alternating current equipment, soon found himself in the hands of the big financial manipulators who were forcing on him a merger of several other small companies into his organization. They demanded that the Westinghouse Electric Company be re-organized to bring about this merger and one of the requirements they insisted upon was the cancellation of the contract with Tesla for royalty payments of \$1 per horsepower on all A.C. products sold under his patents. Westinghouse, an inventor

himself, had a strong sense of justice when dealing with other inventors, and he vigorously opposed this demand, but the bankers were adamant that the royalty contract must go to ensure financial stability of the new organization - otherwise they would withdraw all further financial support to the Westinghouse Company. In short, it was a typical case of Big Business blackmail.

It was left to Westinghouse to handle the negotiations with Tesla. It was an extremely embarrassing situation for him, as while he had made the contract in good faith and had kept his part of the bargain by successfully promoting Tesla's inventions, he was now forced into the position of having to back out of the royalty deal, or face bankruptcy. He was well aware that Tesla held a perfectly valid contract worth many millions of dollars and therefore he was in a position to take legal action to enforce its terms. He recalled Edison's successful suit against infringers of his electric light patent, which had wiped out a number of his smaller competitors. As Tesla's patents covered every phase of the new A.C. system, he estimated that at the very least, Tesla's contract was worth around \$12 million and, as Westinghouse reminded himself, this was a very large amount of money to expect any man to give up.

The fateful meeting took place at Tesla's South 5th Avenue laboratory where Westinghouse had originally purchased the Tesla patents 4 years earlier. In his usual blunt manner, Westinghouse explained the situation, adding: "I believe your polyphase system to be the greatest discovery in the field of electricity and it was my efforts to give it to the world that brought on this present financial problem. Your decision will determine the future fate of the Westinghouse Company." "If I refuse to give up my contract, what would you do then?" enquired Tesla. "In that event, you would have to deal with the bankers, for I would have no further power." replied Westinghouse. "And if I give up my contract, you will save your company and retain control so you can proceed with your plans to give my polyphase system to the world?" asked Tesla. "Yes" replied Westinghouse. "I intend to continue, no matter what happens, with my original plans." Tesla paused, and a kindly expression came into the eyes of the great humanitarian. "Mr. Westinghouse," he said, with simple dignity, "You have been my friend. You believed in me when others had no faith in my inventions. Your friendship and the benefits that will come to civilization from my polyphase system mean more to me than all the money involved. You will save your company so that you can develop my inventions. I will tear my contract to pieces so you will no longer have any trouble from my royalties." With this, Tesla tore up his contract and threw it in the waste basket.

It was a magnificent gesture which only a man of Tesla's moral stature was capable of making. Further, it was a tribute to the high regard Tesla placed on his friendship with George Westinghouse and his complete faith that his friend would fulfil his promise to give the benefits of alternating current to the world. Tragically for us, it was also a personal sacrifice which was to rob Tesla of the necessary funds to develop many other of his inventions which might have further benefitted the world. But, to Nikola Tesla, the man to whom the humanities of life meant more than money, it was the only course which he could, in all honor, take.

Lesser men might have felt some resentment against a man who, even if inadvertently, had been the cause of the loss of so large a fortune, but not so Tesla, who retained his warm friendship with Westinghouse for the rest of his days. Some fifty years later, during which time Westinghouse had honored his promise, Nikola Tesla had this to say about his friend:

"George Westinghouse was, in my opinion, the only man on this globe who could take my alternating current system under the circumstances then existing and win the battle against prejudice and money power. He was a pioneer of imposing stature, one of the world's true noblemen of whom America may well be proud and to whom humanity owes an immense debt of gratitude."

(To be continued in our next issue)

"SPACE GRASS"

by

Paul J.L. Rozich, UFORA Director.

Sample A: For two days in February, 1969, on the 11th and 12th, there were UFOs sighted over the city of Zelienople, Pennsylvania. On the evening of the second day, a UFO was seen to hover over a clearing in a wooded area on the outskirts of the town. The next morning, two high school boys on their way to school passed by the clearing where the UFO was seen to hover. They had heard about the incident that occurred there the previous night and decided to go into the clearing and investigate. There they found "silver-looking strips" strewn over an area of approximately 50-70 feet in diameter.

The boys picked up a sample of the strips and took them to one of their school teachers, a Mr. H.J. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell took a keen interest in the strips and the UFO sighting that preceded the finding of the "hardware". Being curious about the strips, he sent a sample of them to his brother-in-law, Mr. Peter Lampard, who lives in Alliance, Ohio. Mr. Lampard, knowing of UFORA, got in touch with us and turned the strips over to us for evaluation.

UFORA turned the strips over to its Advisors (Chemistry, Metallurgy, etc.) for their analyses. While the strips were undergoing analyzation, UFORA was able to ascertain that there were no military planes on maneuver over the Zelienople area nor had there been for quite a while. UFORA's Ass't. Director then spoke to an Air Force veteran who had flown on such maneuvers. Upon viewing the material, he stated flatly that the strips were like nothing he had ever seen. "Besides" he said "the strips are much too small." The "radar chaff" that they used were much longer in length. (The strips in our possession were all approximately one-half inch in length - they were this size when the two boys found them. As near as the boys can remember, all the silver strips in the field appeared to be the same size.)

During a recent lecture, some of the silver strips were displayed. After the lecture, I was approached by a gentleman who had been a sergeant in the Air Force. After examining the strips, he verified what we already knew - the material that UFORA had was definitely not radar chaff or any related material.

The findings of our Advisors were: The material was found to be Aluminum/Magnesium Alloy; Melting temperature - 2300°F; Length - .578"; Width - .009"; Thickness - .001"; Volume of a single strip - .0000052 cu. in. It was also found that the strips would not split (tear) with the grain but rather against it. Upon examination under the Electron Microscope at magnifications ranging from 100x to 500x, machining marks were visible on the relatively smooth surface. The edges, however, appear to be of a coarser nature with their machining marks running perpendicular to that of the machining marks of the major body.

Based on the information acquired to date, UFORA feels that there is a very good chance that the material that "fell" over a clearing in Zelienople, Pa., and is now in our possession, is "space grass" which came from a hovering UFO, and rightly belongs under the classification of "UFO Hardware".

Sample B: This sample was found near Fayetteville, Arkansas, in May of 1970. These strips were found lying on a country road east of Fayetteville. The material was found near a power line and transformer, in an area where the country road runs between a cemetery and a church. According to Mildred Higgins, who found the material, the strips were found to be lying in a short-column shape indicating that it had been "cleanly clipped" as though fed through a tube and chopped off at a certain point. We received this information from Mr. Lucius Farish of Plumerville, Arkansas

UFORA's preliminary analysis showed that these strips were very similar to the strips found in Zelienople, Pennsylvania and analyzed by UFORA. They were found to be of the Aluminum/Magnesium Alloy type. The average dimensions of the strips are as follows: Length - 1.3125"; Width - .008"; Thickness - .001". (Editor's Note: With this

report, Mr. Rozich sent samples of the two types of "Space Grass". These were shown to 2 members of the Royal Canadian Air Force, one a pilot. Both of these officers confirmed that these strips were unknown to them and quite unlike any 'radar chaff' they had seen used.)

INTRODUCING DENNIS PILICHIS

Mr. Dennis Pilichis has very kindly offered his services as American UFO Reporter to TOPSIDE and we are happy to welcome him in this issue and feel sure that our readers will enjoy his informative reports on UFO matters. While Mr. Pilichis concentrates on private UFO research, he is at present acting secretary for the Cleveland Ufology Project, a member of APRO and is also active in the UFCRC of Sebring, Ohio. Although a lot of his activities have been centered around the CUP in his home base of Cleveland, over the past 6 months he has travelled nearly 2,000 miles on personal UFO research during which time he has met many of the UFO notables and attended UFO Conferences, which he has tape-recorded. In this issue, he reports on the Mid-West UFO Conference, and for our next issue he will bring the Ohio UFO 'Flap' up to date, including some recent developments and also give us some interesting facts on his attendance at the Baltimore UFO Conference in January of this year. His first report follows.

THE MID-WEST UFO CONFERENCE - A Step in the Right Direction.

by Dennis Pilichis.

On Saturday, June 13, 1970, at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, a step forward was taken for Ufology. For the first time, a Conference of a serious nature was held on the subject of UFOs. Its theme was UFOs - An Unexplored Scientific Horizon. This theme pretty well set the mood and it stuck to it all through the Conference. About 350 serious people attended the week-end conference which was sponsored by the Aerial Phenomena Club of Central Illinois and the Tri-State UFO Study Group. APRO played a very important role in the whole week-end and with their help and that of the fine people from APCCI, the Conference turned out to be a great success.

The Conference commenced with a fine welcome from the program chairman, Laird S. Carter of APCCI. Walt H. Andus followed with a welcome and later introduced the speakers. First speaker was Allen R. Utke, Ph. D., associate Professor of Chemistry at Wisconsin University, Oshkosh. His talk was "UFOs and the Problem of Scientific Evidence". He gave a very informative talk on the problem we all face in having to lay ourselves on the line when dealing with the scientists. He cited many examples where in the past, a scientist would have considered someone who had seen a comet or a meteor to be an idiot. Now, meteors and such are common knowledge to all of us. The same problem applies to UFOs.

Second speaker was Mr. Ted Phillips, who works for the Missouri Highway Department of Sedalia. Mr. Phillips is also an APRO investigator for his area. His talk was on "Burned Circles and Saucer Nests: What is Their Significance?". He showed many slides related to burned circles on the ground and saucer nests left by UFOs. Mr. Phillips has specialized in this phase of UFO research for some time now and showed how much an individual can get done when he stays with one thing. This is an idea I think we should all consider. Ufology is a vast subject, but if we broke it down into different sections, much more could be done.

At the afternoon session, first speaker was Mr. John F. Schuessler, Senior Engineer with McDonnell-Douglas at St. Louis. His talk was labeled "The UFO, Just Beyond the State of the Art." He discussed possible techniques of interplanetary space flight including heretofore unknown means of propulsion. Mr. Schuessler, a life-support engineer for the Gemini Space Programs of NASA and obviously a firm believer in the existence of flying saucers, said that as a primary means of power, "the smoke and fire-breathing jet engine is ancient although it could be used as an auxiliary power source." Referring to the U.S. Space Program, he added: "As we look around us, we see something out-performing us in every way - the UFO. It's high time we spent the time, money and energy to find new means

of powering spacecraft." The next speaker was Mr. Smulling, a professional photographer of Hamilton, Ill. He gave an interesting talk on "Photographic Evidence" which included slides depicting UFOs taken over the years. Mr. Smulling is also a field investigator for APRO. After a coffee break, Coral Lorenzen, Secretary of APRO, Tucson, Arizona, and Editor of the APRO Bulletin, gave a talk on "UFOs - 1970. An Up-to-date Report". She said "APRO has received since Jan. 1, 1969, 765 reports on UFO sightings, all of which have been investigated by personnel and field representatives. The UFO Problem is a wild subject. If we are to get anywhere, we must examine the wild reports as well as the reliable ones." Concentrating her talk on reports involving sightings of occupants aboard unidentified spacecraft, she related the story of two nurses in a British Columbia hospital who reportedly witnessed "two tall men" in a bubble atop a circular spacecraft hovering near the hospital. She then briefly discussed a theory which holds, in effect, that UFOs are in some way responsible for power blackouts which have hit various parts of the U.S. during the past several years. To illustrate the theory, she showed a graph which depicted a remarkable similarity between the number of UFO sightings and the incidence of power blackouts in the U.S.

Noting that many people consider UFOs "infallible" because they've never crashed or left any physical evidence of their presence behind, Mrs. Lorenzen reported that, in fact, her organization has, over the years, collected a substantial number of materials recovered at reputed UFO landing sites. Among the evidence collected, she said, is a piece of metal covered by some unknown type of insulation which changed its colors from yellow with red stripes to beige with brown stripes after its discovery.

Around 7:30 P.M. the evening session started with Dr. J. Allen Hynek, former scientific consultant to the U.S. Air Force's Project Blue Book, and Head of the Astronomical Department of Northwestern University. His talk was "UFOs and the 70's - A Positive Program." Dr. Hynek stated: "We have a phenomena that is worthy of investigation. We have Blue Book closed and the heavy hand of the Colorado Report, but we still have sighting reports! The Fact is They Do Exist!!" More and more persons are becoming intellectually bothered by the UFO Problem when they take the time to look at it. One of the difficulties of UFO research, which the former Air Force consultant characterized as "a strange, complex interdisciplinary problem", is simply data gathering and data processing. "After 20 years of investigating" Hynek stated "I'm still at the elementary stage of trying to get the facts. My own burning desire in each report is - did it happen the way the report said it happened? To say that a UFO went up in the sky very fast is not enough. We must know how fast. The answer can only come through data."

Gearing his talk towards members of the audience as potential investigators, Hynek stressed the importance of accuracy in reports of sightings. "You can't have respectable UFO cases unless you have respectable data." He advised those present to specialize in a particular area of UFO study, such as nocturnal lights, daylight sightings, or physical effects on persons and animals.

"Progress in UFO research will be made by dedicated individuals in the next few years, using their own funds and specializing in one area." he advised, "I'm not worried about funds. If a person is really dedicated, he'll get the job done. Frustration in the field comes when one tries to accomplish too much."

"The 70's will be grim and rough" Hynek warned. "We must depend entirely on ourselves and others around the country whose bond is dedication to the study of UFOs." Dr. Hynek finished by saying "During the present period of relatively little official action in studying UFOs, dedicated investigators must prepare for the day which will mark the biggest breakthrough in human thinking ever to hit this planet!"

"So, while the debunkers debunk, preparing themselves to sink into oblivion on the day when the truth is out, let us proceed with the task of recording as many as possible of the facts of this subject (UFOs), and encouraging those imbued with true scientific curiosity to help us edge closer to the dawning of that day."

Charles Bowen, Editor of Flying Saucer Review.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON OTTAWA'S MYSTERY METAL

In our last issue, we reported that we were still awaiting receipt of the long-promised report on the tests and findings of the metal samples of the 3,000-lb. chunk of unidentified hardware. Meanwhile, that dedicated researcher, Arthur Bray, has again approached Dr. P. Millman, who heads Canadian Government UFO investigation and with whom Arthur initiated this latest request for a governmental analysis of samples of the mystery metal. Arthur now reports as follows: "To the best of my knowledge, the Geological Survey has concluded its testing, although I have no idea what tests the sample was subjected to. Whether the tests which I specifically requested were carried out, only time will tell. I have been informed verbally by Dr. Millman that Dr. Smith of Geological Survey will publish the results of the analysis in one of the scientific journals issued by the Federal Department of Energy, Mines and Resources. When this will be, is another question. Dr. Millman has promised to inform me when this has been done, and to see that I receive a copy of the journal concerned." While it is encouraging to learn that an official report may eventually appear in a government journal, the fact remains that, for the time being, we are back to square one again, still playing the "waiting game". After what is now over 10 years of governmental delaying tactics in producing this report, we may perhaps be excused if we wonder if this is yet another stalling action. However, as Arthur Bray so philosophically points out: "We may have to wait another year, but after 10 years already, what is one more?" We are certainly not discouraged - in fact, we welcome this time lag in which we can continue with our own constructive research on a private basis.

In view of this continuing situation, our metal research group has agreed to step up its efforts to obtain a larger number of individual analyses from private professional sources. When, with time, we receive all the results of these tests, we shall then be in a better position to make a thorough comparison to note similarities and/or differences and also to check them with the governmental report if and when it is finally published. Over the past year, a largish number of metal samples were sent out by our group at the request of interested parties. Arthur Bray is also continuing his own personal efforts to secure further analyses and is presently negotiating with a reputable source in the U.S.A., while our co-worker in Montreal, Mr. Ronald W.G. Anstee, is now awaiting receipt of reports of tests on the samples he sent out last year. We readily appreciate that it takes some time to perform thorough analyses, particularly as it is often a case of having to fit in such tests with other, higher-priority lab. work. However, as far as our group is concerned, the first of the reports are now beginning to trickle in, with some interesting results. For obvious reasons and until the government report is published, we are now compelled to adopt our own "silence policy" on the exact details, on a quantitative basis, of the reports received. However, for the interest of our readers, we give below some details of a preliminary report (Phase One of a Two-Phase Program) of a chemical analysis of the metal samples as carried out by Unidentified Flying Objects Researchers Alliance of 214 South Arch Avenue, Alliance, Ohio 44601, U.S.A.

RESULTS OF TESTS CONDUCTED ON: "CANADA'S MYSTERY METAL" BY UFORA

PHASE ONE: DECEMBER 31, 1970.

Listed below are the results gleaned from tests conducted by UFORA's Chemistry Advisor and his associates on a sample of "Canada's Mystery Metal".

As soon as the metal was received, attempts were made to obtain smaller samples from the larger piece of metal. First attempts were made to cut the metal with a Tungsten Carbide blade, but after five minutes, it was decided that this attempt was in vain. The next avenue of thought turned to using a diamond-tipped powered saw. After 15 minutes of cutting time had elapsed, a small fragment was cut from the parent body. The piece was roughly triangular in shape with a thickness (point at which it was cut) of about three/thirty-seconds of an inch.

One of the major tests conducted on the metal was by the X-Ray ^{Vacuum} Quantometer, a non-destructive testing device. The findings of the Quantometer were as follows :

MAJOR CONSTITUENTS

Iron (Fe)
Nickel (Ni)
Manganese (Mn)
Chromium (Cr)

MINOR CONSTITUENTS

Cobalt (Co)
Silicon (Si)
Magnesium (Mg)
Sulfur (S)
Potassium (K)

No traces were found of Aluminum (Al), Sodium (Na), Phosphorus (P) and Chlorine (Cl).

A small sample of the metal (.8 grams) was placed in a solution of Sulfuric and Nitric acids, full strength, for a period of two days. After the two-day period had ended, the residue of what was left of the metal was filtered through a Millipore Filter, and the filter and residue were stored in a closed plastic petri dish. After a time lapse of two days, it was noticed that a form of bacteria culture was growing on the filter paper and was apparently using it as its food source. It should be noted, however, that no conclusion can be drawn with regard to the influence of the metal on the culture growth. The Chemistry Lab., being geared for metallic compositions, has no means at the present to analyze the culture to determine the culture's composition.

The metal was found not to be very magnetic in nature. The consensus of opinion among those involved with the testing is that at one time the metal was subjected to a tremendous amount of heat.

This concludes Phase One of the tests carried out by the Chemistry Lab. The metal is now in the possession of the Metallurgy Dept. The findings of the Metallurgy Dept. will constitute Phase Two of the analyzation program. Metallurgy is now in the process of evaluating the metal; they have already determined that the hardness of the metal is B-92 Rockwell. Photomicrographs taken at magnifications ranging from 100x to 800x show that the "planes" of the metal did undergo a type of slipperage such as the metal might receive if it underwent a severe impact or if the metal, being extremely hot, underwent a super cooling in a relatively short amount of time, or perhaps even a combination of the two aforesaid circumstances. The complete test results will be made known as soon as they are available. (Signed) Paul J.L. Rozich, UFORA Director.

It is interesting to note from this report that it confirms 3 of the repeated findings of earlier analyses: (1) that the metal at one time was subjected to a tremendous amount of heat; (2) that it underwent severe impact; and (3) the low magnetic nature of the metal. But perhaps the most significant finding of the report is, in fact, a non-finding, i.e., according to the major test conducted on the metal by the X-Ray Vacuum Quantometer, no traces were found of Aluminum, Calcium and Copper which normally, one would expect to find in a terrestrial alloy of Magnesium! Another intriguing feature is the strange formation of a bacteria culture on the filter paper. Could there possibly have been some element in the metal residue which stimulated this organic growth? We are not experts in this field (we are not experts period - merely sincere seekers of the truth) and possibly there is some perfectly mundane explanation for the bacteria growth in a sealed plastic dish, but while there is even a remote avenue of research open to us, we intend to follow it up even if it turns out to be a process of elimination. In the meantime, we would like to express our grateful thanks to the research workers of UFORA for their painstaking efforts and precious time so freely given in an endeavour to shed some new light on the dark mystery of the unidentified metal. We shall look forward, with eager interest, to their report on Phase Two, the findings of their Metallurgy Dept., appropriate details of which will be published at a later date.

According to an article which appeared in the Fall 1970 issue of Canadian UFO Report, Arthur Matthews, in conversation with the Editor, John Magor, stated that the scrap dealer who found the 2 chunks of metal on a shore of the St. Lawrence River, had admitted to him that he had removed them from the site of the old Quebec Bridge which collapsed in 1907 and that he towed them 20 miles to the beach near his home where he first reported to have found them. He said he'd been hesitant about telling the truth in case he was

accused of taking government property. The article suggests that the truth of this story could be checked by comparing the Ottawa Chunk with the bridge relics. If these still exist, this is certainly another avenue of research which could be followed up. However, the article goes on to throw some very logical doubts on the veracity of the story and wisely leaves the case of the mystery metal open until more acceptable answers are forthcoming.

As a matter of record, Mr. Matthews propounded his Quebec Bridge theory to our group prior to making his test on the Chunk with the Tesla Bridge, a test which, as reported earlier, left some grave doubts in the minds of some of our technical workers who witnessed it, particularly as no scientific proof was forthcoming to support it, and most of them were unable to accept that it was possible to prove that the metal mass had never been in space with a device used primarily for detecting flaws in metal railway lines! It was also noted that the volume indicator on the tape recorder linked to the Tesla Bridge showed no signs of 'life'. Last summer, one of our readers visited Mr. Matthews who, during an interview, claimed he had worked on the Quebec Bridge - and immediately recognized the Chunk as part of it! In view of the fact that Mr. Matthews had seen photos of the Chunk a long time ago, one wonders why he kept silent about its origin for so long? In this reader's report to us, he stated that Matthews had admitted to him that the Government had asked him to check the metal in the hope that we would believe him, thereby confirming a suspicion we expressed in an earlier report.

As for the Quebec Bridge theory, our group analyzed it carefully but finally dismissed it as completely untenable and certainly no scientific proof of the origin of the metal, in fact, we considered this theory to be more incredible than the possibility of the Chunk coming from Outer Space! Let us briefly analyze the facts proffered by Mr. Matthews. We are told that in 1907, the scrap dealer illegally removed 2 large pieces of metal, weighing 3000 lbs. and 800 lbs. respectively, from the collapsed bridge site. This immediately raises a number of questions: How was he able to lift this heavy material without the use of a crane which could immediately attract attention? And even if he was successful in removing it thusly, why would he go to all this trouble if the only purpose was to tow this material 20 miles and then dump it on a beach near his home? Even more intriguing, how did he manage to place the larger chunk in a delicately balanced position on a rock, and for what purpose? Having gone to all these extraordinary lengths, are we then expected to believe that the 2 chunks of metal lay undetected and untouched on the beach for 53 years? And why, after over half a century had elapsed, did he suddenly decide to pick up the 800-lb. piece and sell it as scrap metal? This aspect of the case does not tally with the story of the local beach-comber interviewed by our group in June, 1960, who said that he had covered the beach pretty thoroughly the first week of June; then came 3 days of rain when he did not work the area, but when the weather cleared, he then found the 2 metal chunks on the beach. Now if we assume that the original scrap dealer was of the average age of 30 when he took the 2 metal chunks from the Quebec Bridge in 1907, we wind up with the ludicrous picture of a doddering old man of 83 finally picking up the 800-lb. piece of metal! With all due respect to Mr. Matthews, we must make allowance for the fact that he is now a very old man and therefore, in our search for the truth, we must apply a certain amount of scientific reservation to some of his statements.

Mr. Ronald Anstee, who has played an active role in the metal research since 1965, has sent us a copy of a letter he directed to the Editor of Canadian UFO Report in which he makes some strong comments on Mr. Matthews' Quebec Bridge story, extracts of which follow: "I was present with members of the Ottawa New Sciences Club when Mr. Matthews examined(?) the metal. His statements are, when taking into consideration the way in which the metal was found plus the state of the metal, idiotic. The metal mass is very dense and heavy, and very ragged. It is in layers, having apparently gone through intense heat and very severe impact. I have been used to hard work and exercise for the past 35 years, so I know that it was not easy to break off the few metal pieces I have. The shape (of the mass) is unusual and bears no heavy scarring as one would expect to find on metal that has been cut by acetylene torches. It originally weighed about 3,000 lbs. If it was ever part of an old bridge, then how many thousands of tons did the bridge weigh? When the

chunk was being moved to a site in Ottawa, it slipped, falling on to a concrete floor and cracking it. (This incident occurred when the late Wilbert B. Smith and co-workers were placing the metal mass in a government laboratory. - Ed.) There was apparently no evidence of such a mass ever having been towed to where it was found. What methods were used to put the metal down on the boulder where it was found, without causing indentations on the rock? (There was not even rust on the metal when first found! - Ed.) Personally, taking all things into consideration, I cannot agree with Mr. Matthews' statements."

With the copy of the above letter, there was a covering letter from Mr. Anstee in which he sums up the metal situation as follows: "When I first saw the metal in 1965, the first and lasting impression I got was: (1) that it had been impacted by some extremely heavy force; (2) it had also at some time been subjected to great heat; and (3) various components, by these actions, had been forced to one central point, thus allowing for the different aspects of the overall mass, i.e., some parts can be drilled, some cannot; some parts are magnetic and some are not. In Mr. Matthews' test, he placed a device in the form of a dial on the surface of the metal from which wires passed to a tape recorder, apparently necessitating the attachment of cables to the electric power source of a car. All things give off radiations which can be picked up by the appropriate equipment, such as special cameras which can photograph the aura of the metal. It did not strike me that Mr. Matthews tests could either record the radiations or photograph the aura of the metal. If he was prepared to test the metal, he could have made sure that he was in possession of a better power source, such as a large battery. I did not see him make any physical examination of the metal or even photograph it. I had with me a 3-lb. hammer and 2 steel chisels with which I finally managed to break off a few pieces. After 20 minutes' heavy pounding, I was able to break off a larger piece which was a small part of one of the layers which had been heavily impacted on to other layers. This piece weighed $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. and measured 9" in length; its width varied from $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $2\frac{5}{8}$ " and its thickness from $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $13/16$ ". This was, in my estimation, a basic physical examination from which a researcher could deduce a certain amount of knowledge of the metal. The idea that such heavy material could come from a bridge is, in my opinion, preposterous, and following so closely on the other theory of the metal being slag from a Sorel foundry, it reminds one of the many cases of funny Air Force answers from sources thousands of miles away from the scene of a sighting. History is full of remarks made by so-called authorities on subjects and material they have neither seen nor examined. Such funny answers are being directed to those who have neither seen nor know anything of the metal, i.e., the majority. For those who do know something, silence is all they will receive from those who should know better - until the day finally arrives when there will be more red faces in high places than there are tomatoes in the world's largest vegetable gardens!"

Taking an open-minded view of the general metal analysis situation, we are the first to realize that numerous difficulties lie in the way of establishing definitely whether or not a metal sample is of extraterrestrial origin. The obvious reason for this and as pointed out in an earlier issue, is that there is every possibility that other planets have the same minerals as those of Planet Earth. Confirmation of this comes in an article by Dr. Allen R. Utke which appeared in the Dec. 1970 issue of that excellent journal SKYLOOK to which we give credit for the following extracts. As Dr. Utke states: "Most scientists are convinced that the same 92 natural elements found here on Earth are found everywhere in the Universe, with no new natural elements yet to be discovered. -- We would only begin to suspect extraterrestrial origin if the sample, upon extensive analysis, was found to be one of the following: 1. An uncommon element, absolutely pure or of unusually high purity. 2. A mixture of elements or an alloy with a highly unusual or previously unknown composition and/or set of properties. 3. A compound or mixture of compounds with a highly unusual or previously unknown composition and/or set of properties. 4. A material with a highly unusual or previously unknown atomic or molecular structure." Dr. Utke concedes that the only evidence which would probably convince scientists of an extraterrestrial origin is a sample whose isotopic distribution differed significantly from that of the same elements on Earth. While he suggests that matter everywhere may be isotopically alike, as a

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ALEX LANGHOF NOW ON HIS 5TH WORLD TOUR!

In January, 1971, Alex Langhof, worldwide traveller, promoter of spiritual truths and interesting raconteur of fascinating stories of life, people and places in far-away lands, commenced the first leg of his 5th World Tour. At the time of writing, he is in Florida and presently planning a northern tour through the Eastern States of the U.S. and Eastern Provinces of Canada. In April, 1970, we had the great pleasure of meeting and entertaining Alex during his visit to Ottawa and it was a most rewarding experience. Handsome, extremely personable and with an easy-going but dynamic personality, Alex specializes in Audio-Visual talks to New Age and UFO groups, preferably in small numbers of around 20, at meetings which can be held inexpensively in friends' homes or small club halls. He has a collection of fabulous color slides of people and places visited on his global travels and a fund of extremely interesting stories to tell about them. His present visual aids include color slides taken in Hong Kong, Okinawai, South Korea, Japan and the Hawaii Islands plus an 8mm color movie on Expo 70 at Osaka.

Alex makes no charge for these talks, but it is customary for his friends to offer simple board and lodging and local transportation for these visits. Free-will help is up to the group. Any of our readers in the Eastern part of North America with groups interested in a fascinating evening of armchair travel around the world conducted by a most knowledgeable "citizen of the world", should write immediately to: Alex Langhof, Solar Services Group, P.O. Box 6160, San Francisco, Calif. 94101, giving details of the name, address and telephone number of the group leader, interests of the group, number of persons expected to attend the meeting and the name and address of person supplying simple food, lodging and local transportation. Groups in other parts of North America or the world, may also write Alex expressing interest in arranging a meeting with him when eventually he comes their way. Topside highly recommends Alex Langhof's Audio-Visual Talks for an evening of fascinating entertainment and unusual 'inside' knowledge of people and places on this planet.

NIGHT SCHOOL COURSE ON UFOs!

We extend our congratulations to Mr. Henry H. McKay, UFO researcher, associate member of CAPRO and NICAP, of P.O. Box 54, Agincourt 742, Ontario, who is presently conducting a 10-week Course on FLYING SAUCERS - FACT OR FANTASY? at the Centennial College of Applied Arts and Technology in Scarborough, Ontario. According to a copy of a press clipping he forwarded to us, this Course is described as "designed for persons interested in a greater understanding of this unidentified space phenomenon. It will cover organizations, publications and a practical aspect of research. A group discussion format with an exchange of ideas and theories will be the approach used."

This is certainly a step in the right direction as there are many young people and adults who would like to learn more about our subject. We have co-operated with Mr. McKay by sending him a supply of back issues of Topside for free distribution to his students, and we wish him every success in his new venture of spreading knowledge on the UFO Phenomena.

BITS ABOUT BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

The Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench is now working on his 6th book on the UFO subject. Among many other interesting angles, he will be delving into the psychic aspects of the UFO phenomena and will proffer a very intriguing theory for certain UFO "falls".

Of interest to New Age readers is a new book entitled THE MYSTERY OF THE PURPOSE OF LIFE written by George L. Pafort. Described as a scholarly book, it abounds with clear-cut explanations, bringing together two worlds - the supernal and the earthly - which are shown to be not separate entities as so many suppose but really overlapping spheres, and provides thought-provoking answers to any of us who have ever asked "Why?". A copy of this book may be obtained for \$2.50 from: Carlton Press, 84 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10011, U.S.A.

Our good friend and co-worker, Sam Partridge who, in 1970, went on a tour of the Holy Land, has now published a most attractive book entitled I WALKED WHERE HE WALKED in which he describes his interesting experiences and spiritual upliftment while visiting places of Bible history and following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. His graphic script is well illustrated by 83 beautiful photographs of the places he visited. This inspiring book may be obtained for \$2.50 from: Golden Sierra Printing Company, 116 Mercury Drive, Grass Valley, Calif. 95945, U.S.A.

Mr. Edward A. Harris, Editor of Space Drive, advises us that this very interesting English magazine has now been re-named SPACE DRIVE & UFO MIRROR and that the next issue (No. 6) will appear in an improved format in full color. This journal, which is always well illustrated with photographs and drawings, is devoted to Space-UFOs-Science and features informative articles by well-known Ufologists. Readers interested in obtaining a copy of the new edition should write to: Space Drive, c/o Miss Janet Busell, 75 Parkside Estate, Rutland Road, Hackney, London, England. Due to the recent change-over to the decimal system of currency in Britain, we are not sure of the new price of this magazine but feel confident it will be worth every one of the "new pence" involved!

We were sorry to hear from Mr. Gerald Lovell that "The Illuminer", the English UFO journal of the South-West Aerial Phenomena Investigation Group, will cease publication, but were cheered to learn that Gerald will be publishing his own Ufozine as an exchange publication for other magazines.

New on the English UFOmag. scene is UFO NEWS, edited by David Prockter. This quarterly journal, which covers Space, Astronomy & UFOs, promises us Truth not Sensation. Subscription rate is 10/6d. per yr. Write: 1 St. Augustines Ct, Mornington Rd, London E.11, England.

Two new bulletins which are free to interested New Agers are (1) THE ETHERIAN BULLETIN a well-produced journal of uplifting philosophy and other interesting subjects. Write to: Etherian Religious Society of Universal Brotherhood, P.O. Box 446, San Marcos, Calif., 92069, U.S.A.: and (2) LOGOS, an English bulletin devoted to channelled messages for spiritual unfoldment. Write to: Logos, Clinton House, Castle Hill, Axminster, Devon, England.

CONTACT MAGAZINES:

"AWARENESS" published by Contact (U.K.). Subscription: £2 for 4 quarterly issues plus 2 copies yearly of their widely-acclaimed UFO REGISTER. Write: Jimmy Goddard, 25 Albert Road, Addlestone, Weybridge, Surrey, England.

"SKYWATCH QUARTERLY" published by Contact (South Africa). Subscription: RL.20. Write: Secretary, Contact (S.A.), P.O. Box 743, Durban, South Africa.

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We still have some copies left of this historic issue, which we are now offering to readers at the reduced price of 50¢ postage paid. Every UFO Library should have this record of the life and work of one of the early pioneers of scientific UFO research. Send for your copy to the Editor of Topside, 95 Centre Street, Aylmer East, Quebec, Canada.

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SALE OR TRADE - UFO newspaper clipping collection 1947-1970. My wants: Stamps, Coins, UFO hard-covered books. Send stamped envelope for reply. Mr. Albert Onori, 71 "C" St. Andrews Blvd., Clifton, N.J., 07012, U.S.A.

The New Age CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT RELIGION Movement, which promotes God's Cosmic Laws, New Age Teachings, Reincarnation, Soul Growth, etc., continues to make a big impact in Canada. For further details, write: Christianity Without Religion, P.O. Box 7253, Vanier Postal Station, Ontario, Canada.

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More UFO Black Propaganda?

While our Scientific Establishment rejects out of hand the extraterrestrial theory for UFOs, it seems that the powers-that-be have no objection to such extraterrestrials being depicted in television shows - provided they are portrayed as "baddies" and hostile to our planet. This is a false concept far removed from the truth. Our ancient records show that such spacecraft have been visiting our planet for centuries with no harm to its inhabitants and there has never been any real evidence of deliberate hostility on the part of UFOs which with their superior technology could, had they been so inclined, have wiped humanity off the face of the earth long ago! Why then, this twisting of the truth? The only logical answer appears to be that it is an attempt to scare people off the subject and to instil in the minds of the young a fear of UFOs - in short, the old brain-washing technique. Last year it was the TV series "The Invaders", and this year we have "U.F.O." filmed in England by an American movie company. In our fight for the truth of UFOs, we should not sit back silently and let this misrepresentation of the truth go unchallenged. Letters of protest on the TV series "U.F.O." may be directed to: Metro Goldwyn Mayer British Studios Limited, Elstree Way, Boreham Wood, Herts. England.

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