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E. Firestone
Upton Wyo

"The earth hath felt the breath of spring.
Though yet on her deliverer's wing
The lingering frosts of winter cling."

"For still the new transcends the old, In signs and tokens manifold;-"

PIE IN THE SKY

--Loubel Wood

Twinkle, twinkle up on high
 A thousand sputniks in the sky!
 Of course it takes a lot of dough
 To get our sputniks on the go,
 And many of the first were cursed:
 They spewed a bit and then they burst.
 Some shot right up into the air,
 Then fell to earth, We know not where.

But, by and by, up in the sky,
 Our little sputniks learned to fly.
 And there is no finer sight
 Than crowds of satellites by night.
 Why, soon our Astrologic Fleet
 With Rings of Saturn can compete.

Ah, did Old Saturn do the same
 To create her Ring-Lit fame?
 Did she, with firm intention,
 Move into a new dimension?
 Did she transport her population
 Into outer circulation?
 Are her Rings of Starry Lights
 A Heavenland for Saturnites?

And, might all our basix training
 For an abler Eden gaining,
 Be the astronomic end
 Of this outer-spatial trend?
 Why, if Old Saturn could devise
 Her own sweet Heaven in her skies,
 I see no reason why Earth too
 Couldn't sky construction do.
 And, in a matter of great time,
 Establish an ethereal clime,
 To which poor mortals might be sent
 To realize their blest content.

Ah, build an Isle of Avalon
 In the cloudless realms beyond
 Earth's varied regions of decay,
 --And give free passes every day--.
 Build up a steady clientele
 Where the mystic muses dwell.
 Establish meadows, pools, and rills
 And glowing bands of daffodils.
 Place a Flying Carpet through
 That Firmament of Blue.

Let our dimensions be extended
 And certain classic jests be ended.
 Let not the old tradition die;
 Let's put our own PIE in the Sky.

"THE LONDON AIRPORT MYSTERY"

A discussion based on a factual account of a strange event witnessed from London Airport during 26th Feb. 1959. Information secured from following sources: British and foreign press, sound and TV broadcasts. Details despatched by civilian FS research groups in Great Britain. I am especially indebted to D. C. Jones, Esq., of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, for his able assistance in obtaining important additional material concerning the sighting. --A.B. 1959--

I first became aware of the incident almost by chance. On 5th March, 59 I occasioned to view an early evening TV-newscast radiated by the British Broadcasting Corp. My attention became suddenly concentrated upon an unusual announcement. The statement read approximately as follows! "It has just been reported from London Airport that during last Thursday week, a "pale yellow disc" has been observed hovering near the airfield. An Airport official stated the sighting had been made by four very reliable witnesses. These witnesses kept continuous observation of the object for about twenty minutes. It was they said, pale yellow, disc-shaped, and appeared to be hovering two hundred feet above ground. According to one witness the disc's position remained unchanged throughout twenty minutes, after which it climbed away at high speed." "An attempt to track the object by radar produced negative results. The Air Ministry have recorded the sighting as officially involving a U.F.O."

NOTE Although I am unable to quote BBC report verbatim, the above is reliable in substance.

Such startling news emanating from a sedate institution like the BBC aroused my curiosity. I felt there must be a catch in it somewhere. News of this nature is unquestionably a rare event! A scouting of the national daily press revealed nothing new. The majority appeared generally to have ignored the item. Whether purposely or not I do not know. It is I think fair to say, this type of event does not have great news value today. The advent of evening was however to reveal possible significance of the previous day's announcement.

As is customary, wireless receiver was tuned in for 6 PM general news. Among many various items heard, one in particular became my special concern. It went as follows: Note- Again, I am unfortunately, unable to quote verbatim, the account despite this irregularity is reliable in substance. "The mystery object sighted over London Airport last week has now been identified. A spokesman from London Airport in a statement says: "The stationary light was probably caused by the planet Venus which was extremely bright at time of observation. An Air Ministry official has stated: "Investigation had shown that a civilian aircraft taking off with an illuminated rose-cone must have created the illusion of the disc suddenly soaring!" In summing-up the incident, London Airport spokesman went on to say: "It appears conclusive, the observation must have been created by a

combination of a civilian aircraft rose-cone light and the planet Venus." End of BBC news report (Sound Broadcast.)

Studying Saturday's press divulged reports identical to those of the previous evening by BBC. There were however some important extra details. The "Gloucestershire Echo" reported: "... At least four reliable witnesses saw the object between 7.25 and 7.45 PM (GMT)..." Also; "...From R.A.F. Fighter Command, Stanmore came the description- Bright yellow light varying in intensity..."

News Chronicle: "...Following eye-witness descriptions from London Airport police ..." And finally; a German report quoting a British source reported: "London Airport Control Tower operator (ATC) observes an object through a telescope for several minutes." (the object was not described). This concludes available particulars of sighting.

I now propose to examine some of the various oddities in the incident. There are three things which stand out in my mind concerning this affair.

1. Sighting date is different from that of the first public announcement.
2. The apparant artificiality of "identification" report.
3. The release timing of "identification" report.

A chronological table of events will quickly demonstrate 1 and 3.

Object originally sighted on 26th Feb. 1959

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| B.B.C. - First official sighting release | 5th March |) - Seven Days |
| Press: - Appears for first time. | 6th March |) after event |
| B.B.C. - "Identification" Rpt. released | 6th March |) Debunking Rpt. |
| Press: - " Rpt. appears in morning | 7th March |) immediately follows sighting release. |

Comparison shows that while a week elapsed before sighting was announced publically, less than a day separates this from a second report which by its contents completely dismisses the original. All this prompts one to ask: (a)- Why was the sighting not reported when it occurred? (b)- What was the reason for issuing two reports? Particularly when the occurrence's cause was presumed known. (c)- Why should "sighting" and identification rpts. be issued to follow each other simultaneously?

First, let me try to unravel the variation in time dates question (1 and a). I am convinced the restriction was caused by censorship. I arrive at conclusion in following way.

A peculiar light is reported hovering over London Airport by certain Airport staff. The Ministry of Civil Aviation is informed. It is not however the function of this Ministry to enquire into possible UFO matters. The Air Ministry thus takes over the investigation. Apparently convinced by genuine ss of UFO report, Air Ministry initiates an official examination. R.A.F. Fighter Command HQ, Stanmore is alerted. It must be obvious to anyone the operation now underway

is essentially a military one. Public information would not normally be forthcoming. There are however some exceptions, news might be released if it was thought in the public's interest. And if it did not endanger national security. London Airport sighting is I believe partially one of the "exceptions." I mean by "partially" that one would expect to get an explanation of some kind. Such an explanation might not always disclose everything; or indeed the real significance of events. The Air Ministry having completed its investigation, submits its findings in the form of a report, probably to a Cabinet Minister. At a joint meeting, discussion takes place to decide if any publication is desirable and what form should be taken.

It is my submission that the "missing" seven days i.e. from time of sighting to publication, were taken-up with the investigation and preparation of reports.

Turning now to official reports, let us consider them in detail. It seems to me, the vital question which requires asking is namely this: "Which of the two announcements is reliable? Or alternatively, can neither report be relied upon? Such questions arise from the artificially composed "identification" statement, containing several major inconsistencies. However, to a person reading it for first time, bearing in mind official origin, contents cast considerable doubts on eye-witnesses' veracity. Thereby imputing sighting is fictitious. For a moment consider position another way. Suppose we have two statements A & B disseminated from same source. A we will assume is false. It is quite possible B might be untrue, by reason of the fact both stem from a common author. A motive inspiring statement A might be involved for a similar purpose in the case of B.

First let us compare reports to find out if they are complementary. In official explanation, UFO consisted of two components i.e. rose-cone light and planet Venus. If for a moment we allow UFO might exist in its own right, we find total of lights involved is three. The observers on the otherhand said quite clearly they witnessed only one light i.e. "a yellow disc." Point is to some extent upheld by the fact that observers viewed the light for quite a considerable time; twenty minutes in fact! (This would to me appear ample time in which observers could have corrected any possible identification mistakes). During this entire period nevertheless there is no mention whatsoever witnesses observed any other than the one 'disc.'

We are told UFO could not be tracked by radar. I allow this to be so in respect of Venus. I am not however convinced where aircraft are concerned. If as was stated, a civilian aircraft taking off increased illusion, then I see no reason why (a)- it should not have been picked-up on radar. (b)- How observers failed to recognise an aircraft considering it must have been at close range.

It is obvious from this brief comparison considerable disagreement exists between two reports. I next intend to show there is the possibility of the whole of 'identification' report being built-up from improbabilities.

As stated previously, if observers saw only one yellow disc throughout twenty minute period, and after which time it accelerated and vanished. Certain special conditions must be fulfilled if observers were to witness the event exactly as they described it, but in the circumstances and conditions given in identification report....

First- aircraft must take-off and fly along a line optically joining observers to Venus when observers are situated at a Point 'X' (Fig 1) on the ground.

Secondly- aircraft must keep in constant track with Venus's apparent motion (as seen by observers from ground) for twenty minutes.

Thirdly- the complete event must be so arranged that the aircraft sets off precisely twenty minutes before Venus sets (i.e. before Venus disappears below horizon as seen by observers situated at Point 'X').

Fourthly- aircraft's speed must coincide with its diminishing visibility, in so far as that on the elapse of twenty minutes it has flown to the limit of observers' visual perception. (Aircraft and Venus would then appear to vanish to observers at same instant)

There is an alternative to 'condition four' which could produce a similar effect. This would be to extinguish all aircraft lights to coincide with setting of Venus as witnessed by observers from ground

Such are the conditions under which an aircraft ought to fly in order to create an illusion to observers of a single light hovering and vanishing after twenty minutes. (Remembering, illusion as set-out in identification report, must be composed of two lights in combination but observed only as one).

Nevertheless, and this is highly important, observers viewing from a point 'Y' would not witness an identical event. They would see two separate lights, since values of co-ordinates of perspective alter from place to place. Thus those taken from point 'X' will not suit changed conditions obtaining at 'Y'. As seen from point 'Y', a light would appear to be moving either towards or away from a stationary light. Both lights would probably be separately distinguishable by following features, variation in size, colour, and light intensity.

To sum-up, since the probability is zero of a civilian aircraft flying by absolute coincidence in a manner likely to fulfill conditions. And since considerable preliminary training would be necessary if flying to such exacting standards. Because two sets of observers each situated at different geographical localities could not each witness same series of events at the same moment. Finally, due to the fact observers, many specialists in aircraft recognition and meteorology are unlikely to mistake either an aircraft or Venus for a UFO. Then it is my submission that the official UFO explanation is inadequate and to say the least highly improbable. I will make one final comment regarding this peculiar report. It seems to me, though of course it may not be so, that the official identification report has possibly been contrived. That is to say, devised around witnesses' original statements and circumstances and conditions prevailing at the time. I add a footnote as it may be of some interest to readers. Venus was nearing its maximum elongation from

sun when sighting occurred. I myself observed the planet shining brilliantly (electric blue) S.W. low in the evening sky several days both before and after Airport affair.

Although the official report does not entirely succeed in explaining the light or object if that is what it was, It does not automatically follow "light" was a genuine U.F.O. This is a most important point to bear in mind. Two problems are created by disallowing explanation. First, UFO remains unidentified. Secondly, sighting requires authenticating. The latter being the most important.

Officially investigated sightings present difficulties to civilian enquirers. For example, witnesses are not available for questioning. Details having important bearing on certain aspects of sighting are usually unobtainable, and so on. It would be most enlightening to know for instance if witnesses were observing in same direction as Venus when they first noticed the UFO? Or whether they had observed Venus before they saw the UFO? And finally if at any time during observation any aircraft were seen taking-off, and in which direction they flew? Because answers to these and like questions are unavailable, recourse has to be made to material on-hand.

In attempting to assess whether sighting is spurious our choice of methods are entirely limited to analysing circumstantial evidence... And in applying degrees of probability.

Four Airport police were first in reporting the occurrence. Here are men undoubtably having good observational powers and trained to report objectively. Indeed, the official report refers to them as: "...Four very reliable witnesses..." I suggest then the 'light' must have exhibited exceptional peculiarity in order to attract and hold four policemen's attention continuedly for at least twenty minutes.

It is not made clear whether control tower officers witnessed 'disc' before or after being notified of the incident. It does seem fairly certain however one of their number saw something by reason that he used a telescope on it. (No claim is made for press report upon which above is derived from). Available confirmation terminates here in so far as Airport is concerned. NO other witnesses being mentioned.

There are three reasons for supposing "light's" origin was unknown (1) The affair was at all times regarded seriously. (2) Capable observers at all levels appear to have found it impossible to identify 'light.' (3) Highest Airport officials considering the matter momentarily inform the A.M.

Taking into account all the circumstances, one finds it incredible to suppose such a vast commotion could ensue at a major airfield over a few people witnessing a light in the sky, unless 'light' presented serious implications by its presence.

The A.M. having not released any descriptions obtained by their own observers, (i.e. officially) creates some difficulty in verifying Airport witnesses' evidence. An extract taken from "Gloucestershire Echo" does however disclose following "...From R.A.F. Fighter Com-

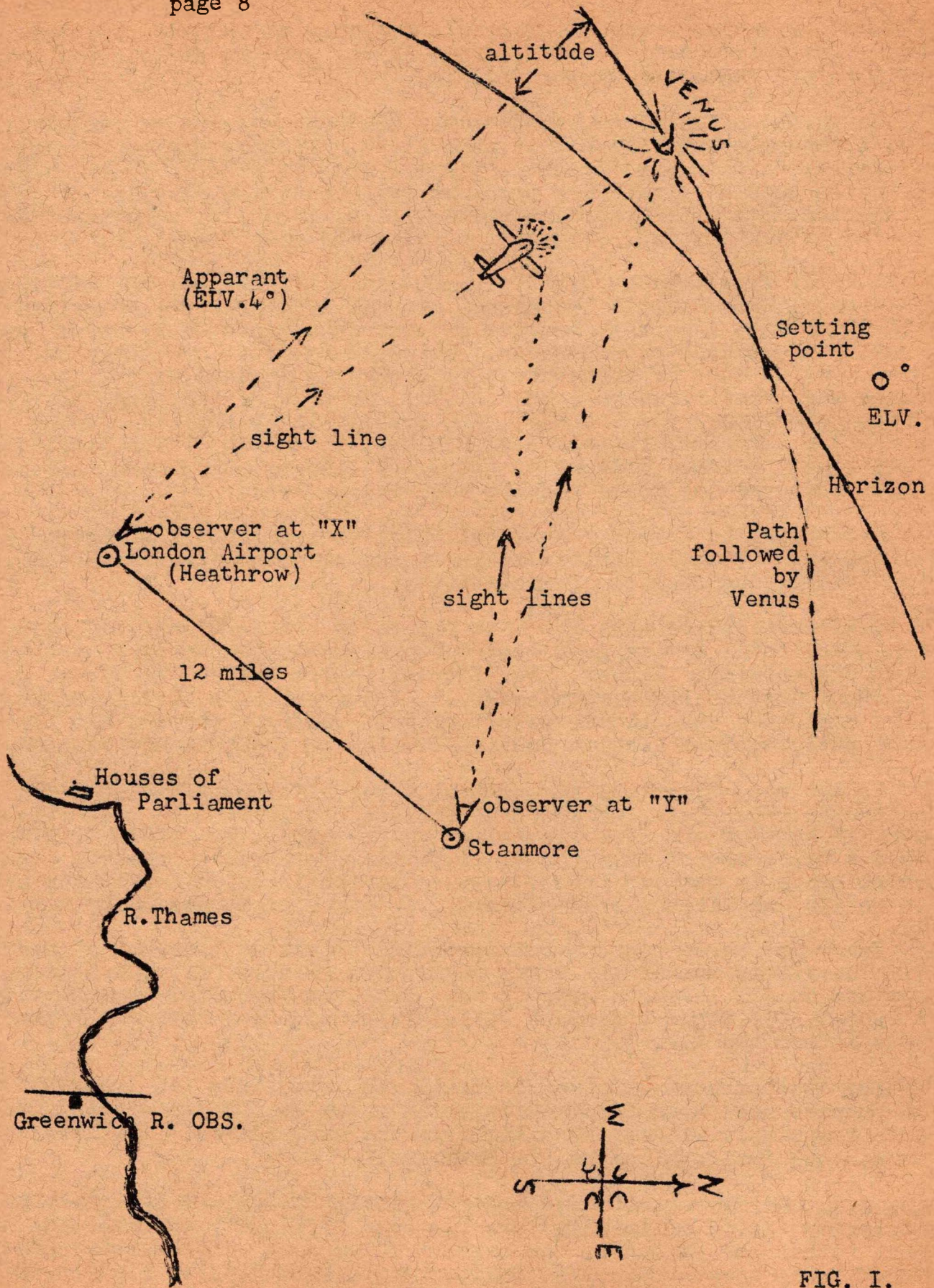


FIG. I.

mand H.Q., Stanmore....Bright yellow light varying in intensity some 200 feet above ground. It stayed in one position for about 20 minutes then climbed away at high speed..." (No accuracy is claimed for press report).

Summarizing principle considerations of sighting First, the locality over which "light" was observed. Second, the undoubted ability of Airport employees and officials to establish accurate observations. Third, the Air Ministry's apparent acceptance of information concerning a UFO. Fourth, Difficulty in classifying "light" results in it being (in early stage) officially declared a UFO. Fifth, A.M. by acting upon information received demonstrates probable authenticity of incident. Sixth, Airport witnesses' testimonies possibly confirmed by independent witnesses stationed at RAF Stanmore.

(I must stress, complete reliance ought not to be placed on an unconfirmed press report, even though I have used it as a basis for my sixth point).

It seems to me if one ponders incident in its entirety two features stand-out from all others. One is that at no time does any individual seem to have suggested any rational explanation of the "light" i.e. Until official release. Nor alternatively does anyone seem to have challenged universal notion "light" must be a U.F.O. That you might consider strange, unless however witnesses genuinely believed they had observed a U.F.O.

My second point chiefly concerns identification report. Its essence being that Venus and a civilian aircraft rose light combined constituted an effect which was said to resemble a U.F.O. Such an explanation, I feel sure you will agree, is a singularly uncomplicated affair. Nevertheless, and this is point to grasp, if the answer turned out as simple as all that, Then, why does it appear to have eluded Airport Authorities? Could it have been perhaps because the prominence defied any normal explanation? Or on the other hand, are we to suppose, remembering the terms of A.M. interpretation, Airport officials are so inobservant that they are unable to distinguish such everyday mundane occurrences as aircraft taking-off with lights on. Or planet Venus shining like a jewel in the evening sky. This suggestion I cannot accept. I feel persuaded that here is yet a further instance of the inadequacy of official explanation. And at same time demonstrating probability of incident. If we accept A.M. solution, we are ineffect condemning Airport Authorities for their incompetence and waste of tax-payers money, which to me seems an unfair accusation. If the 'report' was genuine then I do not deem it beyond Airport Authorities' acumen to have discovered so simple a solution for themselves.

Taking into consideration the various facts and circumstances involved in incident, I feel there is some probability of the occurrence manifesting itself as described in original eye-witnesses' testimonies. It is I suggest reasonable to presume phenomenon might have been inexplicable.

Before moving on, I wish to add two observations. With regard to Airport Authority's apparent unsuccessful search for a solution. It may well be that they were acquainted with terms of the explanation from beginning. Nevertheless, they were perhaps restrained from uttering

the information. The prerogative being held by 'investigating body', i.e. Air Ministry. A Civil Authority is not empowered (if I recall correctly) to release news on any matter connected with military enquiries, unless instructed to do so.

My second point concerns the phenomenon. I believe a main weakness in "case for UFO," lies in lack of detailed description. What I mean is, all we can learn about "disc" from witnesses' observations turns out to be nothing more than the description of a light. Such a description divorced from other evidence is almost meaningless. If the "thing" had possessed unusual shape or other easily distinguishable characteristics. Then I am certain the case would have been more difficult to dispose of than it now stands in its present form. Existing description might fit innumerable things.

Having dealt exhaustively with both reports, the way is now clear to complete enquiry. Two questions remain outstanding. (page 4.b&c).

(b)- Why was it necessary to issue two reports in preference to a composite statement?

(c)- What was reason for releasing reports consecutively?

Regarding each question I believe the position has now become more readily comprehensible, since a pattern has emerged from proceedings. It appears to me, arrangement and method have been organised purposely to create a certain attitude of mind. The motive being to subdue any rise in idea that UFO's might exist. In so far as (b) is concerned, I suggest a three-fold answer.

- 1- To justify necessity for an official investigation.
- 2- To arouse public interest in preparation for a "fait accompli."
- 3- To present an apparently genuine UFO incident in order to refute it.

Concerning (c), I think it must follow by similar reasoning. That since all organised effort has culminated in discrediting sighting An efficient means to effect such an end would be to announce a solution of mystery as rapidly as possible. There are two reasons for this of course. First, incident is fresh in peoples' minds, concequentially produces strong psychological reaction. i.e. People who might have inclined to notion of UFO's do not wish to appear foolish in face of an official denial.

Second, any lapse in time allows rumours and speculation to gain ground, resulting frequently in permanent myth.

EPILOGUE

The report on London Airport sighting is at an end. People who once eagerly discussed extraordinary event in early months of 1959 Have now probably long since lost it to memory. Secret records carefully compiled by A.M. will now be securely locked away, gathering dust among a hundred more like documents. But to those pondering such phenomena, the mystery lives on.

What really occurred on

that February night? Did Airport Staff see something amazing or, were they confused by planet Venus? Was the A.M. explanation probably true after all, but faultily constructed? And in conclusion, might perhaps the whole affair have been an ingenious scheme to demonstrate Air Force efficiency in exploding another FS myth?

I rest my case, the facts are before you, the evidence has been submitted. It is for you ladies and gentlemen, and for you alone to draw your conclusions and decide how you find.

The End.

A. Bramhall. 1960.

I, EvaF, wish to say, please excuse me, if the map -page 8- doesn't show-up very well. I had a difficult time tracing on stencil and had to type the words instead of using stylus- tore one stencil all to the dickens trying to print and write with stylus. Alan's original drawing is beautifully neat and hand-lettering following along the lines, so as to be read eastward and westward- North being the top of map.. and of course, too wide to fit within left and right - lines of standard stencil. So, blame me if the map isn't too clear.

Newspaper High-lights

Mrs. Juanita Curley was fishing in Richardson Bay, Calif., when a "big one" bit and jerked the rod right out of her hands and into the bay. Next day she came back and found on the beach the rod, reel, line--and a 10-pound bass.

Two years ago Mrs. Carney Brewer planted a dwarf lemon tree in her back yard at Pasadena, Calif. The other day she plucked a lemon from the tree measuring 7 1/2 inches in diameter and weighing 3 1/2 pounds.

"I would rather sit on a pumpkin, and have it all to myself, than to be crowded on a velvet cushion." --Thoreau--

A new device in radar development can spot moving objects over the horizon some 2,600 miles away.

A new radiation device, about the size of a head of a pin, cheap to make, highly sensitive and stable, is being used by scientists studying the properties of the atomic nucleus.

A seaweed substitute for whole blood has been successfully used and is rated better than the sugar- or salt-water solutions.

900,000 tons of coal are being shipped from the USA to Argentina. Eleven vessels, each carrying 10,000 tons, are used.

A 15,980 feet high mountain, its top covered by coral & 210 feet below sea level, found in South Atlantic off South Africa.

Jacque Piccard and Don Walsh, in 75-ton craft, journey down 37,800 ft. to floor of Pacific.

Book title, The Old Man and the Sea - Every word has 3 letters.

Sentence; I am not very tired, mostly because everyone collapsed.
Has a 1-2-3 etc. grouping sequence in number letters each word.

Sentence: Jack said that four boys came from that town.
Has a mathematical sequence in uniformity.

Sentence: Arguments about increased acidity corresponded specifically, although astonishingly.

The letters a, b, c, d, e, f, g, and h, are in order in each word, and in their correct numerical order as they appear in the alphabet.

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| Verse: Ah, Anna has a way, Yet feeble she seems In this dim twilight On snow, or woods or moor. | The vowels a, e, i, o, limited to a sentence each. |
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Sentence: J. O. Plow might vex Z. D. Burk's fancy.
Each letter used ONCE only.

Pi, the mathematical ratio between the diameter of a circle and its circumference is 3.14159 when carried out to five decimal places. All the numbers repeat themselves, zero through nine, soon enough, except the one which is not repeated (after those first two shown above) until Pi is carried out to 37 decimal places!

Technically, a postage stamp is a receipt for postage paid. It is not a stamp.

The lowly onion is really a lily. Any good dictionary will show that it is so related.

---from Mark Curilovic---

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London--(UPI)--The little girl held up her broken wrist and looked at it calmly and curiously. "Look, mummy," she said, not a tear in her eye, "my hand is bent the wrong way." That was four years ago. On another occasion, when she was six, her parents noticed she was walking with a limp and sent for a doctor. The doctor discovered the girl had a fractured thigh. Still, there was not a tear in sight. On another occasion her fingers were crushed in a door, but the child only looked at the swelling with distaste, not pain. Today the Medical Research Council, composed of eminent medical specialists, confessed they are baffled by the case of the girl who is incapable of feeling pain. This peculiarity first came to light when her parents noticed that when her playmates pulled her hair the child reacted with serene disinterest. Now, at 14, the girl takes care to avoid serious injury, but still occasionally looks in amazement at blisters and burns that mysteriously "happen"

"The stream of knowledge is heading towards a non-material reality; the universe begins to look more like a great thought than like a great machine." --Sir James Jeans--

Milton Reynolds completes record breaking world-circling commercial flight. 51 hrs. 45 min. 22 seconds.

Two elderly men from the country were spending the night in the city and went to a burlesque show. During one of the acts a curvaceous blonde was shown taking a bath in a large wooden tub. "Ain't that something!" remarked one to his companion. "It sure is," said the other. "Been a long time since I've seen a wooden tub."

Two men look out thru same bars; One sees the mud, and one the stars

Cod liver oil need not be taken, as far as infants & small children are concerned, by mouth! It can be rubbed right on the skin of the abdomen with equally good results. (from MarC).

THE MUMBLES, Wales, January 11th: One of the oldest rail lines in the world, the five-mile Mumbles Railway, gave up the ghost last week after 155 years of operation. In the early days its cars were pulled by horses. Also, an attempt was made to use wind power by attaching sails to the cars, but while winds blew strongly from the sea they were not steady enough.. In later days the road was electrified and carried as many as three million passengers a year at its peak. After world-war 2 it was taken over by a bus company..

Engineers are once again drawing up plans for the most ambitious tunnel construction project ever conceived--a 30-mile-long tunnel under the English Channel connecting England and France.

ScienceWorld: When the famous German mathematician Karl Gauss (1777-1855) was seven years old, his teacher gave him this problem to keep him busy: "What is the sum of all the numbers from 1 to 100?" To the teacher's surprise, little Karl had the answer in a few seconds. What was the answer and how did he figure it so quickly.

Answer and method:- Young Karl Gauss saw that all the numbers between 1 and 100 could be arranged in pairs, as follows: 1 and 100, 2 & 99, 3 & 98, 4 & 97, etc., until 50 & 51. Since the sum of each pair is 101, and there are fifty such pairs, the problem becomes one in simple multiplication: 50 x 101, or 5050. If you want to check this... you can add all the numbers from 1 to 100. ((I take their word- EF))

ScienceWorld: A man built a square house with four walls and a window in each wall. All the windows faced south. After he finished, he noticed a large bear snooping outside. What color was the bear? ((I'm not going to give you the answer because I want you to figure it out by yourselves. EF))

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What is this cottony taste in my mouth
 And why is my eye so glazed.....?
 And why is my beanie propeller bent
 As if it had been squaazed?

How come this ache in my writin' arm
 And this creaky feel to m'joints?
 When all I been doin's...no harm....
 Crankin' the mimeo, watchin' the points.

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 OH THE SUN HAS RIZ AND THE SUN HAS SET
 AND HERE I IS....CRANKIN' YET.
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--Ann C.--

Summoned to the business office, the salesman was told. "This expense account amazes us. How do you manage to spend \$14 a day for food?" "I manage," came the repby, "by skipping breakfast."

Kentucky's highest court took a relative view of things in a case involving daylight saving time. "What time it is," said the court, "is what a person thinks it is, and practically nobody in Kentucky is quite sure."

A TEXAS oil man visiting in Pittsburgh, made a phone call and screamed his head off when the operator told him the charge was 60¢. "Wow!" he roared. "Back in Texas I could talk to hell and back - for 60¢." "Maybe so," replied the operator politely, "but from Texas that would be considered a local call."

These three items
 from LABOR..

The March IF contain's Bobeff's short short story "Old Shag." I liked it. Has a snappy fine ending. Front cover good. I'm reading first novel in the magazine now; Clifford D. Simak's "Gleaners" and promises interesting. --EF--

Week later. This is St Patrick's. I will wear my Green scarf to the Post Office. We had a snow storm all of yesterday and morning today. According to newspaper reports I'm thinking of GALACTICKS' predictions...came true alright. Hope my P.O.Box will be crammed full of mail. Trains late all week and carried very few sacks for this town. Saw very interesting TV panel of girls and boys, twelve-year-olds. Not a one of the girls wanted ever to be a housekeeper and housewife, and none of the boys a doctor. All of them gave excellent replies to questions in an intelligent & polite manner. I would appreciate watching many more such panels. Tomorrow or Saturday the N'APA bundle may arrive and perhaps the EXPLORER and/or TNFF. SOMETHING better get here because letters do not seem to be finding my address. Probably everything will come at once, so I won't know which/what to read first. I'm marking time with ancient mystery stories. They are ok but beginning to make me restless for a change to fannish type entertainment..

--EF-----

S A G E B R U S H

*Y*A*P* v.1.#4- Colorful and interesting. An OK official organ.

Congratulations on having the largest zine and for having it the first one ready for our March mailing. A nice 39 pager, neat and attractive. Good cover. Liked that gleeful first page. Grinned at the grammar lesson first half of page 2. HooHoo!(hello Mike!) Was glad to see 34 names on the roster, and so fair a turn-out of legible zines. Nearly two-thirds membership in action. All in all, this fourth bundle indicates success for N'APA. Takes time to become acquainted and eventually give a personality to N'APA. Am interested in your mention of the National Monument in Idaho, The Craters of the Moon. Would certainly like to see it. Oh! you are mean to write "to be concluded" last page of story "Silent Conflict." I didn't notice until got there! And now to wait until June for the ending is downright awful. I was sooo absorbed! A very good story. That article pages 35, 36, 37, doesn't apply to me. I've never complained about NFFF, but on the contrary often get my ears pinned back for praising the club. I would not be able to afford publishing a zine for a roster of 200 names, in addition to keeping-up two apa zines. Anyway, I was hyper active for eight years- and think some of the younger members should be now doing such things. Sure, I often dream of projects I'd like to carry out to the benefit of NFFF, but the club is too large.

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IOTA #1 -- Guess I've lost this one somewhere. Can't find it..

WYOMA #4 - I wish to apologise for speckled mimeographing. You can complain to Ellis Mills. He published this zine. and I'm embarrassed at having typed "Association" right on the front-cover! instead of "Alliance." Forgive me, forgive me!!!! Another mistake- in reference to statements about Sec'y-Treas. of 1948. Kaymar was Welcome-Chairman and Leslie Hudson was our Sec'y-Treas. I suppose there are more mistakes in the zine, but am not going to reread the thing in order to find the others...

ZENITH #1 - I enjoyed reading Benedict's story "The Report."

In reference to article about comics- Those which are published by the Dell company are nice for children.. and some of them interesting in a mild sort of way for adults. Is there another chapter to "Thru Space and Time with Frammistan Owlhoot"? It seems a bit cruel leaving a reader wondering how it ended. Did the brave Captain and Owlhoot get away and live to venture forth on any more daring trips? Appreciated "The Decline and Fall of the Horse." However, There's considerable doubt in my mind that either Paladin or Dillon could be classified as "cowboys"! NAnd the Lone Ranger and Tonto surely couldn't be so described. Liked "A Night At The Opera." I have been reading several stf stories recently which mention characters in that opera. Why do I support the Hoxsey Treatment Formula? Because it is successful, that's why. And I'm a fan of RAP and of Campbell. No, I'll not go see "On the Beach" neither will I read it. Life is too short to waste it on sad fiction..

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Glad your mind is set on a college education. In TAFF, I am voting for Eric Bentcliffe. If correflu is kept in a cool dark place, it will not jell. And at times when it has thickened it will thin if placed where the bottle becomes icy cold. I'll try to remember U when/if I ever make up a list of zines for mailing away. I like the blue ink you used and, with exception of only one page, all has been easy on the eyes.

ONE MEAT BALL -- Amusing but no comments...

KTP #1 - This glassy paper is classy but rough on the eyes. Thanks for the two reprints. Am delighted with this quote: "The paper is supplied by Good Man Arv Underman, who isn't in NFFF but gets along somehow. I've been telling him it's a barren life without the NFFF, but he doesn't believe me. Worry not, I shall convert him." This is one Nelson cover I liked for a change- It is most clever..

DREAM STUFF - I like the photo on cover very much. It is a nice one. Thanks for giving it to N'APA members. Today is March 24th and a few signs of spring; ants working yesterday but not today--wind too cold. No robins and not any meadow larks--should hear a few of latter next month. All of your zine interesting to me. Usually all of them are but for some reason I seldom seem able to make many comments. I know how you feel clearing out your collection of fanzines. At first it seems a terrible thing to do, as though being disloyal or ungrateful to old friends; but once started mailing them away, the mind builds up more and more reasons why the deed is a sensible one and later when you see the cleared space being filled with new items there is a feeling of relief - realizing that you can give up the past, that we cannot relive the past, thus it is the healthful pathway when we march straight ahead - not looking backward. This sounds a bit too serious, no doubt, with reference to old fanzines. They are just an example of many other things, mental and material, to which people cling over-long.

COSWALZINE #172 - The above reminds me of Lot's wife.

I've thought that the "fire from heaven" could have been an atom bomb, and the lady turned to crystallized matter which would have had the appearance of "salt" to the people of that time. Is there a difference in versions in translating the word (salt) given us? I think I'll return N'APA bundles to OE for the excess stock, soon as finish stencilling comments each time. I'll have to start with mailing #4 because the others were sent to Janie Lamb for sending out with other material to NFFF's new members- That is, parts of bundles were mailed- various zines went to other addresses. Only drawback to the idea is that I want to save the Official-Organs. I'm making slow progress(?) reading the huge vol. you sent to me, about the books of Enoch and others, because for some reason the material depresses me- and not often have I been in a mood strong enough (happy-go-lucky-type-mood) this winter to continue reading the tome, although really is interesting. I'll try not to hold it here many more weeks. Today rec'd a newspaper supplement dated March 20th, containing article "Why Should America Conquer Space?" by Wernher von Braun. I'll read it tonight (24th March) Believe it's the type material should be published often for general public...

This the 25th and I think I'll copy a joke before talking to another N'APAZine. A famous psychologist had finished his lecture and was answering questions. A meek little man asked: "Did you say that a good poker player could hold down any kind of executive job?" "That's right," replied the psychologist, "Does that raise a doubt in your mind?" "Yes," was the reply. "What would a good poker player want with a job?"

VAUX HALL FANATIC - Now it is the 27th. I wish this light paper in your zine would take mimeo. Would reduce amount the cost of postage a great deal. Agree with your comments to Guy about joining the union. And I've often thought how beneficial to farmers it would be, could they unite as are the railroaders united. Closed shops to all non-union members in every industry is my dream. Your suggestion that were "children raised in a hard school such as the Spartans...it would increase their chance of survival, but then again it might make survival a good deal less worth while" is truly something for thought. I can, I think, argue in supporting either side of the question and wind-up rambling in circles. I would like to see NewYorkCity some day (the whole state for that matter); however, not during a convention because during such time my entire interest is in meeting fans, and three or four days whizz away all too quickly without being divided for other activities. Many years ago I bought and read every stf and fantasy magazine I could locate but nowadays my preference in reading is set in a definite pattern. Also, I'm no longer able to read so rapidly even were I willing to spend money for mags and books of little, if any, interest to me. I would much rather save the cash, and avoid eye strain trying to keep up to date. I understand, though, how you feel. I passed thru that stage of being a stf and fantasy fan. It is more or less satisfying while it lasts- but it will not last forever- you will discover at some future day. I'm a little confused with this statement: "I got my 1960 quota made already. And here it is only January 12. so who cares what else I pop into the N'APA Chute." Article IV says that every member shall publish at least six pages of their own original material EVERY TWO QUARTERLY mailings. So, you see- Only one mailing may be skipped, not more.. Ah vell, perhaps I misinterpret your thought in that quote. I'm glad you liked Loubel's story.

GROUND
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SKIMMERS'
GUIDE

Thanks for Ground Zero. This is very nice work. I think it must be a favorite publishing for you. Now the second title- I'm not at all a Skimmer when it comes to mailing comments. Read all of them in each member's N'APAZine... This is the 28th of March. Your statement about that paper at 85¢ a ream is exciting news. Even the thin white in catalogues runs much higher and of course not suitable for good mimeographing even with slip-sheeting. Your query: "Doesn't anyone in this apa read the newspapers?" My answer (for me)-"I merely skim the headlines and then read only such columns which give news about science, explorations and inventions or discoveries-and items about nice teenagers (and younger) who are mentally superior; and elderly people who DO something to keep their minds and bodies active." And of course- I read jokes in all publications reaching my mail box... Agree with you that illegible zines should not be accepted by N'APA OE, and now that you have been elected- hope you'll hold the fort.

In reference to those interlineations.. please do not take to heart when ever I make such remarks. I've lived thru some experiences and any reminders often tend to make me crusty, that's all. In ancient times we children learned the alphabet at home, long before starting to school, but I did not memorize multiplication tables (except the easy ones) until after graduation --years afterward in fact. It is interesting to me to hear how other people learned to read, also whether they can actually remember the first time they were able to read books for adults. I have often wondered about fans especially. It seems that we were just-born-knowing-how-to-read! Anyway, all of us are vague of memory when pinned down to time we began reading. Strange, very strange! In reference to numbers- my younger brother remembers- or sees--them in colors because his first teacher wrote all of the numbers on a blackboard, using colored chalk. Another relative sees each state in a certain hue --map influence, of course. I was grinning and nodding my head, yes yes, while reading your comments in description of the booklet- USSR EXHIBITIONS. Hah! Oh my, and we're supposed to believe they are ahead of us in science. BAH!! Right here I shall experiment -try to make one of those li'l boxes.. / Well! so that's how it is done.. / Say, I sure LIKE that way of voting, OMPA's, "anyone who doesn't bother to vote is considered as having voted in the affirmative." Wow! Yes, I can well imagine that "It works, too." Those Britishers are smart fans alright. We ought to try their method in apas and fan clubs. / Well, for fans who have access to, or own, expensive duplicators it probably seems that a run of less than 100 copies of a zine is a simple job, but if you had to use low priced machines- hand-ink, hand-crank, hand-fed, etc. etc.. forty copies to fifty really is labor!

"QUOTH THE WALRUS"

Interesting as usual, but am hoping that next one will be talking to us with many mailing comments. Yes, Please.

LA BAS - Like this cover with caption. 3/4ths vote means-- Returned ballots from 3/4ths OF THE MEMBERSHIP. Well, if it takes- you only 15 to 20 seconds to run off 40 copies of a page, How come La Bas has only five pages for the fourth mailing? Liked your zine, even though toooo skinny, but you better make the next one respectful in size!

SEDDENTARY POOCH - Another five-pager. Welcome to N'APA Hope you'll be able to publish more for us in the fifth mailing.

PICTURE TRICK

No.2 -- Enjoyed reading this, Marion. Hope you'll soon write mailing comments for us.

*F*A*C*A*D*E* -- Welcome to N'APA. It is very nice to see you returning to Fandom. This zine is good. Interesting. I will be looking forward to your second contribution for our reading..

*P*H*A*N*T*O*M*

Cover OK. Likewise the editorial and the article is excellent. Entertaining to a high de-gree--cheered me all up to the atmosphere. Certainly appreciate your humorous writing. Thanks!

*S*A*V*O*Y*A*R*D* -- 29th March. Belle's column in prozine is ok in so far as it goes, but not space sufficient for reviewing a greater variety of fanzines. Thus, Belle felt obligated in making comment on those which seemed more successful and to omit many others. While from Seth the neos have chance to see samples of all types and of those which are not ever sent to Belle for review. However, I do see your point. HoHah to your remark about two Roman empires.. in my opinion the "holy" one was far worse than the first. In your suggestions for the improvement of NFFF.. Point 2 interests me.. "Cut out the mass of red tape." which impresses my mind with the thought that- there are too many officially elected officers??? and too many committees?? too many chairmen? and like that? With your point 4 "Stop trying to battle the rest of fandom" I'm in full agreement--as you can see by reading some flare-up remarks of mine in Wyoma#4. However, each time anyone sneered at NFFF my instant reaction was to sneer right back, although not to extent of getting into a fight. Well, Bruce- I hope you stay in N'APA a long time because your comments are full of vitality - vitamins fairly pop from each page of Savoyard.

THE RAVING MAINE - IAC. Good cover & lovely coloring the illo on page 3. Nothing wrong with the drawing either. It is nice. Have you some phobia agin using an apostrophe in the word "don't" or is this "dont" an acceptable new style? I have not kept up to date in such things and am honestly interested..not trying to be critical. Known to me are a few, such as placing dollar sign after the number..which certainly is a rational change -hope becomes successful. And I see that you write "cant" for can't.. hmmm maybe I'll think about picking up the habit.. saves space and time. Appeals to me, yes it does. And do not jump me for the word "agin" in second line-- I like that sound better than "against." So you were bored with our last mailing.. MY! my.. too bad, and you know something? I cannot honestly.. say that your contribution to mlg.#3 rated a bit higher than others So- it figures that the Raving Maine-iac musta been boring too. No? And you describe your zine (the one in mlg.3) as "anything but a typical apazine, by choice." Hah! of how many apas have you been a member.. and how many years in each? Or, if N'APA is your first, how many bundles of other apa zines have you read? in order to know what is and what is not a "typical apazine." Will admit the third mailing fell short of my expectations - considering quality of the first two--which were better, but I found much of interest just the same.. and if you would try to improve N'APA by contributing worthy zines of your own.. then there would be some excuse for your yips.. Your article "Science Fiction Convention" in this 4th mailing-Good.

*S*U*N*S*P*O*T*S* -- Lovely cover. Dainty. Reminds me of Karen Anderson's art. Dids't ee use invisible ink drawing mentioned hoss? Cannot find. Between lines, mayhap? Read with interest your paragraph about Indians. Handed-down family history, from seventeenth century, has it that I have an Indian ancestor, and thus my interest is greater than might have been. All of your zine ok. I've never seen r&r, therefore, no comments on that part of the discussions. Whenever possible I watch the Murray show for dancing, but too often the camera doesn't give view of the feet. Always has me wondering about IQ of the camera-man.. Does he think that we can figure-out the dance steps by watching waving heads and arms?.Tsk!!

*Z*Z*Z* -- Fabulous cover and delicious quote "Blessings on Thee Little Fan Boyfoot Bear With Chhek of Slan." Liked reading "Crifanac In All Directions." Many years ago I bought a text and started in trying to learn Esperanto, but didn't finish. Still have the little book. Enjoyed that little-faaaaan-story. Am hoping to meet you some day.

The TAFF ballot -- I'm using the one published by Art for ISFCC, and am voting for Eric Bentcliffe. Hope he wins!!!!!!!

QUANO#6 -- Sorry you had such bad luck with package zines tryin to reach Idaho. Was happy to receive postmailed copy Cover interesting. I like it. Story well written but I did not like it because all weird writings are avoided by me. Read this for one reason only. Is in your N'APAZine. Hah! if the only way we can get original material from you is to "force" mailing comments from your typer, I'm all for the strong-arm law. Your own talk is far superior to general-zine publishings. Nothing dull in your comments. Mention of the letter which had been burned in a RR mail car reminds me of the fanzine I rec'd which was washed in the Atlantic ocean! but didn't suffer much harm since all the pages were readable - just a bit wrinkled and spotted, and all of the staples rusted. Any time you are burdened with an extra copy of the FlyingSaucer magazine..send it to me. I can make good use of it when mailing pkgs overseas, and I'll be glad to refund the postage. And since you have a long-term subscription that is not appreciated (since you say "it is difficult to see WHY" is still being published) why don't you trade the sub to some FS fan????? Right you are. Those who donate to TAFF should be OFFICIALLY notified result of vo ting and not have to depend on private zines. Both Ford and Willis personally notified us when they were chair men. One other did also but I'm unable to recall name. You know I have not ever thought that it might seem an insult when writing "South America" in address to a country down there, nor when writing "Australia" or "New Zealand" etc. And not to mention the envelopes I've mailed to Africa in long past years. This comment has me going in circles! Anyway, I'm resolved now (if can remember) not ever again to make such faux pas. This reminds me how NFFF round-robins -about eight years ago- discussed the thought that we should not mention any oversea fan as a "foreigner" but always to use the term: "Oversea." An O.K. QUANO #6.

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AWAKE(April 22) -- "The Tuscarora Indians originally lived in North Carolina. In 1775 they moved north, after a losing war with the white man. Eventually they settled in New York, and, with the help of the federal government, they bought the property. According to U.S. law no land may be taken from an Indian 'reservation' for uses inconsistent with the purposes of the reservation. For 150 years everyone seemed to consider the Indian land a "reservation", until the U.S. Supreme Court decided that it was not. The Court held, 6 to 3, that the New York Power Authority had the approval of Congress to take the land for a dam and a reservoir. Justice Black of the Court wrote: 'I regret that this court is the governmental agency

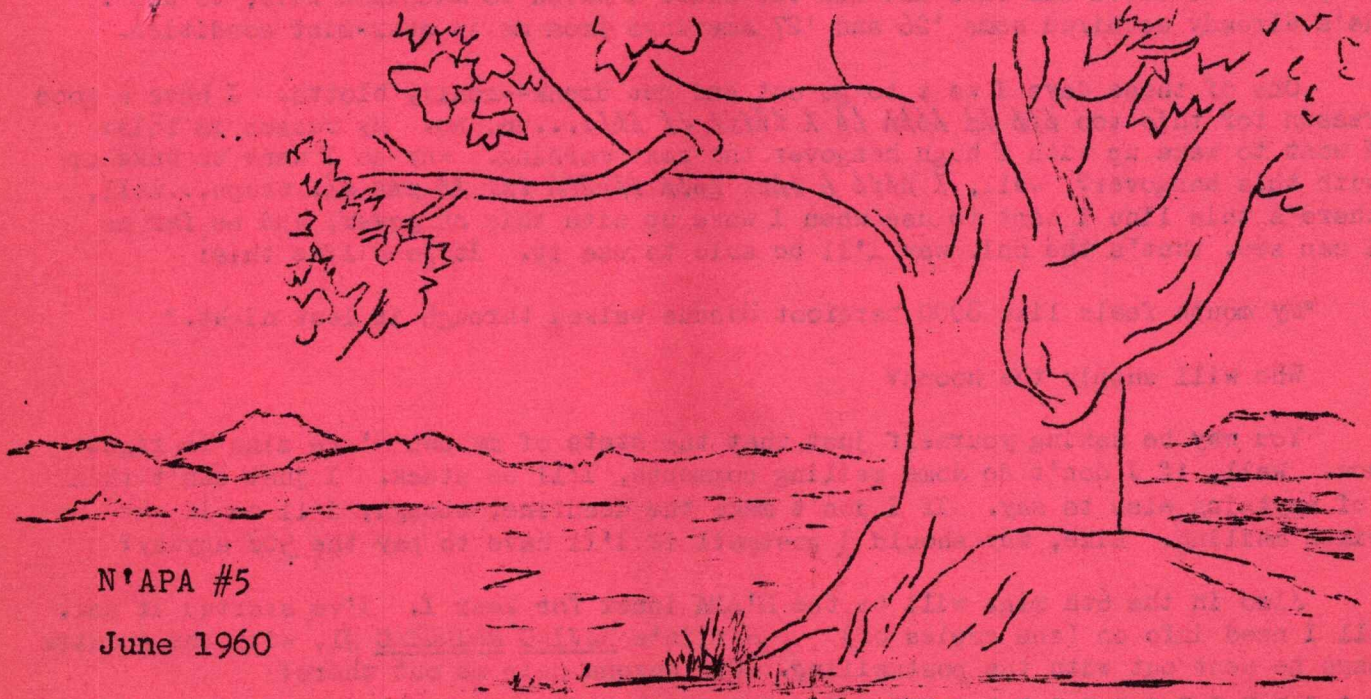
that breaks faith with this dependent people. Great nations, like great men, should keep their word.' He ridiculed the Court's contention, saying that it 'strained interpretation' of the word 'reservation.' Now all the land the Indians own outright is put in jeopardy by the decision."

I would like to know - at what time was there an intelligence test taken of the entire U.S. population? The following item made me ask that question.

"To be a good engineer today a student needs an IQ of 120 or better. Less than 20 percent of the U.S. population has this kind of gray matter, said Dr. Sydney B. Ingram, vice-president of the Engineering Man-power Commission of the Engineers Joint Council. He called for a greater channeling of brainpower in the direction of science."

Driven by the heavy snow, deer have been coming to the farmyard of Ebbie Adams near Knob Noster, Mo., within sight of the TV screen inside Adams' living room window. The deer pull ears of corn from the cribs, go over to the window and stare at the TV while they munch. (LABOR)

Dear Fellow Members: At this time, April 8th, I'm not sure who is going to do the mimeographing of Wyoma #5. Guess I will just have to mend my old machine and try it again for future publishings, regardless how painful the process. It's a time for heroism, alas!!!!!!
Best of Wishes --EvaF.



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MUTTERINGS

.....which is a column appended by the publisher to WYOMA #5 and is wholly unauthorized by its editor. Written by the kind, friendly Al Lewis with broad mental horizons and downward slanting eyes.

As you ought to be able to see, Li'l Eva (she has that place just 'cross the River Bem called FIRESTONE'S FUNHOUSE, you know) has gotten me to do her publishing this trip. She sent me a load of stencils and asked me to do them for her. She also left an empty page. This, to me, is regrettable. I can't help figuring that it's a shameful waste if a page goes begging. So, I'm fillin' it up. Perhaps, though, I was to have left the back-side of the cover empty. However, all except five of the pages are now run off--I don't want to go and start running them off again.

I suppose I ought to call this a Galactic Press Publication, because my mimeo is doing all the dirty work. Therefore, this is G.P.P. #.....uh....like, maybe I ought to make up a scorecard someday ~~to tell the blavets~~ *to tell the blavets* so I can see just what is what. I do know, though, that it's somewhere around #35.

You will notice that I'm using no letter guides or artwork on this page of mine. There's a good excuse for this and as soon as I think of it I'll let you know just what it is. Really though, Dirty Old Bob Lambeck has held my lettering guides and my light table for the last month or so. Someday I'll have to borrow them back from him so I can use them myself. It's ridiculous to go over to his house to use my own stuff. About the only thing I do have here is my Multigraph, and I'm too lazy now to set up type for this page. This is just as Big-Hearted Howard DeVore predicted, of course, when he cheated me out of some stuff for the Multigraph. Heck--I know right now that Howard, in the end, expects to cheat me out of all the stuff I've cheated him outa and all the stuff I moved to Michigan with, to boot! He's already acquired some '26 and '27 Amazings from me in near-mint condition.

One of these days I wa t to go out and get drunk--really blotto. I have a good reason for this too ~~and as soon as I think of it~~ *and as soon as I think of it*.....uh, no. My reason is this: I want to wake up with a hugh hangover the next morning. Why do I want to wake up with this hangover? Well, ~~I hate a very good reason for it and as~~ *I hate a very good reason for it and as*..whups...well, there's this line I want to use when I wake up with this hangover, and as far as I can see, that's the only way I'll be able to use it. It goes like this:

"My mouth feels like 8000 barefoot Hindus walked through it last night."

Who will supply the hooch?

You may be asking yourself just what the state of my own N'APA zine is right now. Well, if I don't do some mailing comments, I'll be stuck. I just can't think of anything else to say. If I don't make the deadline, though, I'll be in the sixth mailing. Like, why should I postmail if I'll have to pay the 50¢ anyway?

Also in the 6th mlg. will be the N'APA index for Year I. I've started it now. All I need info on (and copies of) Hamlin's RAVING MAINEIAC #1, with the $\frac{1}{2}$ extra page he sent out with the postmailing. Can anyone help me out there?

This has been a page added onto WYOMA #5, and is counted as a column. The G.P. Press is available for work for the friends of Al Lewis. To find out if you're my friend, just write and ask. I charge low rates (like the cost) but I do like to be bribed with old fanzines to do it.
--Al Lewis