

with urgency cut in, shouting—"something's coming out of the bottom—hurry!" There was a promise to phone back, but none came. The writer's phone, unfortunately, remained busy the remainder of the evening, but we cannot help but wonder what had happened.

Case 99, Cincinnati, Akron, Ohio and General Michigan, Aug. 22, '55—At 10:00 p.m. John Kluemper and other Woodlawn residents witnessed a brilliantly colored object in the sky—"definitely not a star". In view for 45 minutes, occasionally pulsating, Kluemper described three distinct lights within the object—red at 1 o'clock, green at five and white at nine. Looking through 8 x 30 binoculars, he said the object appeared as large as a "golf ball". The stars, he said, through binoculars, looked like pinpoints—as they should. On one occasion the object's brilliance suddenly blinked out, then reappeared. Finally, it blinked and vanished. Same night over Akron, Ohio, George Popowitch and members of the GOC witnessed a bright, soundless orange ball flying from north to south reporting it to the Air Filter Center as a UFO.

Also, that evening, a flashing, luminous object was sighted in the sky over central and western Michigan by GOC and many residents in these areas. A report was sent to the Air Filter Center, Grand Rapids, and air force planes went up to investigate. The object seen over Cutlerville was described by Sgt. Earl Kirkpatrick as red and green, moving in a counterclockwise arc, blinking with a bobbing motion. GOC in Saginaw said the object had a bluish tinge. From Roseville, GOC members, Frank Gallagher and Dominic Soudy reported a strange light following a jet preparing to land at Selfridge Field. The light was "round and pure white," according to Gallagher. Calling the Filter Center, they had their sighting confirmed, and learned that other GOC posts had reported similar objects.

S.A.C. JETS "DOG FIGHT" THREE UFO'S OVER CINCINNATI

Case 100, Cincinnati, Aug. 23, '55—About midnight, residents throughout the city were jarred by the roar of jets. From S.A.C., Lockbourne Air Force Base, south of Columbus, the Air National Guard jets were alerted, scrambled and were over Cincinnati in 12 minutes—a remarkable performance. The alert began when three UFO's were sighted and confirmed by radar somewhere between Columbus and Cincinnati. In the meanwhile, Walter Paner, Supt. of Hamilton County GOC, on duty at the Mt. Healthy Post, phoned the writer of the existent alert and relayed the word that jet interceptors were due over the area. He said the UFO's had been active over Mt. Healthy and could be seen clearly by observers from the tower. In short time, the jets, at approximately 20,000 ft., roared over Eastern Cincinnati, but poor visibility prevented the writer from seeing the UFO's, which had deployed over a wide area. According to radar, the interlopers had extended 37 miles south, 24 miles north of the city, and as far as 10 miles east of Mt. Healthy. A later call from Paner disclosed that a UFO was seen hovering in pendulum-like motions directly over the tower. At about 12:10 a.m., the interceptors made contact, and swooping in, at about 20,000 ft. chased the UFO—which disappeared at incredible speed. In the meanwhile, the Forestville and Loveland GOC Posts reported the erratic flights of UFO's, to the Air Filter Center, describing them as round, brilliant white spheres and discs. The writer remained on watch from Madison Place with binoculars, but heavy clouds prevailed, obscuring the activity. However, overhead, the continuous

din of low flying jets gave the writer a familiar choking chill, one that he had known during the Pacific campaigns while waiting for the inevitable attack. Incongruously, the public, asleep or perhaps wondering about the noisy jets, did not suspect the truth.

The following morning, jet aircraft were still aloft over greater Cincinnati, but it was not until nightfall that UFO's again were spotted by GOC in Forestville. Herb Clark, Ralph Bardoff and Fred Pfeffer, on duty, described the object as brilliant white and making no sound to the Filter Center. Confirming reports of UFO activity came from GOC in Loveland and as far west as Vevay, Indiana.

Case 101, Northwest of Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 25, '55—A huge object described as "bright, round and tannish in color" was witnessed by scores of people near the Fernald atomic plant north of Cincinnati. Two county policemen in separate cruisers⁵, Sgt. Ralph Weber and Patrolman Ernest Neher, radioed dispatcher Thomas McQuinn at approximately the same time—10:40 p.m.—that they were watching the object. Sgt. Weber estimated the altitude at 5,000 ft. directly above the plant. Same night four teenagers, in the vicinity, were terrified by a "little green man."

THE CONTROVERSIAL LITTLE GREEN MEN AND THE TINGLING FACTS

Like their craft, the flying saucer, the little green men recently have come in for a public showdown. However, amid the sneers and chuckles, are a few shocking facts. Studying these, we advise our readers to stop laughing.

First, we have received numerous reports of "saucer" landings and little men from points of UFO concentration. Among these and not to be dismissed are the incidents occurring in Venezuela, Brazil and Argentina, and, from new evidence, those occurring in France and Italy in the late summer of 1954. Although the newswires have hushed the stories emanating from the USA, we know of several incidents where the facts corroborate each other. In all known incidents the witnesses, unfortunately, have been dubbed as lunatics—a subjective reason why more stories have never been related, especially so, where prominent people are involved!

The Cincinnati Story is this month's feature not because of dearth of material. Nor is it featured because of the UFO concentrations, which alone is interesting. Our purpose is one of greater importance, for the facts show that the fringe areas of Cincinnati have been a repeated site for landings and the appearance of the little green men. The officials are aware of this new menace, and we know that more than a handful of Cincinnatians have become more than passively alarmed.

Before the Hopkinsville 'little green men' story broke over the nation⁶, CRIFO had silently gathered some unpublishable facts concerning such orgish encounters near Cincinnati. As it is our policy not to publish names in connection with many of these events we should like to cite a case involving a prominent business man, living in Loveland. Occurring several weeks ago, this person, who is a non-drinker and church-goer (we must add these virtues, it seems, for credibility) saw four "strange little men about three feet tall" under a certain bridge. He reported the bizarre affair to the police and we understand that an armed guard was placed there. A similar event supposedly had taken place near Batavia east of Cincinnati.

⁵ Later learned three policemen, in separate cruisers, witnessed the object.

⁶ CRIFO received dozens of clippings of the U.P. release from all major U. S. cities. The incident is too well known to reprint.

The Hopkinsville incident broke after these events and no two parties knew each other. But, if the Hopkinsville case is not sufficient evidence of *verdi sapiens extraterrestrialis* being now amongst us on earth, we have still another case that erases any doubt in our mind. We cannot event hint as to the identity of these people, but we can say that it involved three persons holding crucial positions in the city. The incident occurred near Indianapolis, July, 1954. The encounter was enough to terrify these people and break up their planned vacation!

But, we have more recent evidence and each story lends credence to the other for we have checked each person involved and got their personal account. One case occurring near Stockton, Ga., on July 2, 1955, terrified Mrs. Margaret Symmonds who at the time was driving to Florida. The hour was 3:30 a.m. and in the back seat of the car her husband lay asleep. Suddenly Mrs. Symmonds jerked the car away to the side of the road, almost careening. She screamed, awakening her husband and drove away as fast as she could. To CRIFO, Mrs. Symmonds explains that she saw four little men glowing green. She said their eyes were huge and piercing, their

faces dark. They wore some strange-looking garments, a "cape" and were carrying a rod that looked metallic in the reflection of the car's lights. "They did not move at first," she said, "but as the car approached, one moved one step backwards." They looked hideous, said Mrs.

THE CASE OF THE DEADLY RED RAIN

Case 102, Cincinnati, July 22, '55—Coming to light, hard on the heels of current activity, is the bizarre incident involving a low flying pear-shaped object, a peach tree and deadly red rain. The scene is near the heart of Cincinnati on the property of a person whose name we prefer not mentioning at this writing. This person, "E.M." had been mowing his terraced lawn, about 5:30 p.m. and had kneeled down near a peach tree. "All the sudden," he recalled, "a peculiar liquid substance, dark red in color began pelting me and the tree." E.M. explained to CRIFO that, looking up he saw a pear-shaped object about 1000 ft. high, moving slowly from west to east. While watching the strange object, E.M., said that his hands and bared arms began to burn, like pouring kero-

Symmonds. Her doubting husband wanted to return to the scene, but Mrs. Symmonds said she was "too petrified." Mr. Symmonds admits that his wife was terrified by something and was awakened by the car spinning to the side of the road.

The most recent "little men" episode occurred near Greenhills, August 25, the same evening when the huge object was seen hovering over Fernald atomic plant. Four teenagers, interviewed by CRIFO told of their harrowing experience with a little green man, standing by some bushes. All were "certain" as to what they had seen, explaining that the car's lights shown directly on the creature. They all agreed that the little man, about three or four feet tall, had large, bright "yellow" eyes, a dark face behind, and a "sort of shimmering greenish body." The creature wore an odd garment and they saw a "claw like hand." One witness said that the biped took "three steps toward the car" but no one waited to see what would happen. The driver of the car, Bill Wallace, 18 years of age, drove away in a state of terror. Without hesitation they informed the police department of their encounter and the area was later investigated, but nothing

of the way of evidence was found. Wallace's mother, whom we later interviewed, claimed that her son had never been so frightened. He was shaking when he came home and "locked all the doors". One of the girls of the group became hysterical.

sene into an open wound. A quick washing, however, eased the pain. The next morning, E.M. went outdoors and examined the peach tree, finding to his amazement that it was dead! Overnight most of the leaves had turned brown and had fallen. The twigs and limbs were as brittle as when frozen to the roots. And, even more startling was the fact that the crop of peaches had become petrified, and, just as mysterious, the main trunk, so hard that E.M. had difficulty driving a nail in it. Below, the grass, too, had died. In all, it was like something from Edgar Allen Poe, and perhaps soon we shall be able to tell more.

Ed: We wonder if this sinister event has any bearing on the "red spray" cases, mentioned by Major Keyhoe occurring in 1948 near Albuquerque.

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