

Frankly Speaking

By FRANK ROBERTS

Making the big headlines these days are the trips through space, the Mississippi problem and a host of other items. Still being suppressed by the air force and the press are the stories concerning unidentified flying objects. A series of articles on UFO's which I ran about a year ago created some interest. This important subject could actually cover pages and pages, but in the space I have I can only scratch the surface. Once again, then, I'd like to take this opportunity to help you come out from under the dark clouds of censorship, with a few facts on the subject of UFO's, or flying saucers, if you prefer that name. To start with: an air force order now decrees that all statements, quotations, etc., must be reviewed by the proper military authorities, if they concern anything the military might be connected with. This includes reports on UFO's. Prior to this order, the air force took the official stand that UFO's, as such, do not exist. Question: if they don't exist, why bother issuing orders, censoring items about them?

On another track: Despite censorship of published reports, hundreds and hundreds of sightings continue. These are sightings made by reliable people; sightings sometimes on the same object, seen miles apart by different people, sightings that cannot be described as hallucinations or hysteria, yet sightings that cannot be rationally explained in connection with anything we know of today. For one example: a globe-shaped machine, speeding over England, was seen by the crew and passengers of an Irish International Airlines plane, bound for Brussels. The captain of the plane, a former RAF pilot, was one of those who'd been a skeptic, until that UFO streaked under his 4-engine Viscount. He described the object as round, with antennae. After his sighting was reported, the RAF and the air ministry began their investigations. Another item: the Argentine government officially reported a flying saucer landing in La Pampa. Prior to the landing, numerous sightings, from five different provinces, were reported. The UFO landing was

witnessed by a rancher and his wife, who reported that two robot-like figures emerged from the machine. They noted they were being observed, re-entered their machine and quickly took off. An Argentine air force officer said that experts confirmed that the ground was scorched in an 18-foot circle. Incidentally, hundreds of sightings in that five province area had been confirmed by police and the press. In addition, reports had it that the machines flew in precise formation and flew faster than jets. Other side notes on this sighting: one UFO device descended and shone a beam of light on the ground, then swiftly rejoined the group. And... Argentine scientists are studying a UFO photo. And... still another landing was reported in that general vicinity, by other witnesses who knew nothing of the original report. From that landing, samples of a wet, grayish substance at the landing point, were scooped up and taken to a nearby naval base for analysis.

Next topic. Let's get back to the air force. Early this year, they released to the press, a statement saying that the subject of flying saucers is all washed up. The press dutifully printed this release. People read and, unfortunately, most of them believed. Now, a look at the official facts: The air force has admitted the probe on UFO's is still on, and even admitted the operation was a huge-sized one. In addition: Major C. R. Hart, the UFO Information Officer for the air force said that the UFO investigations involve hundreds of air force intelligence officers. He said that the best scientific brains available in the laboratories of all governmental agencies are working on this project, along with scientific investigators in commercial laboratories. He also admitted that the chief AF-UFO consultant, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, has conferred with the world's leading scientists regarding the UFO problem. The air force did refuse to reveal the cost of this large-scale project, but one indication has it at \$10,000 for every major sighting investigation. This was disclosed by Lt. Col. Spencer Whedon of air force technical intelligence.

Now we know that sightings are still going on. Now we know that despite denials to the public, the air force is still very interested and very concerned about the subject of unidentified flying objects. With those facts

to lead us on, we'll continue with some information about the most important, yet most suppressed story of our day. Check next week's column.

Punt, Pass And Kick Contest Is Planned

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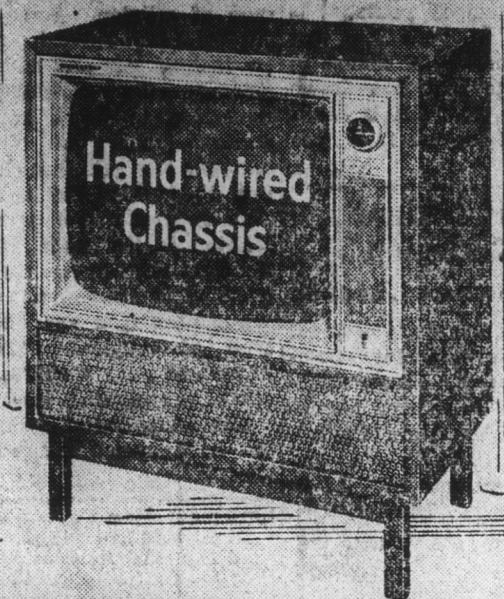
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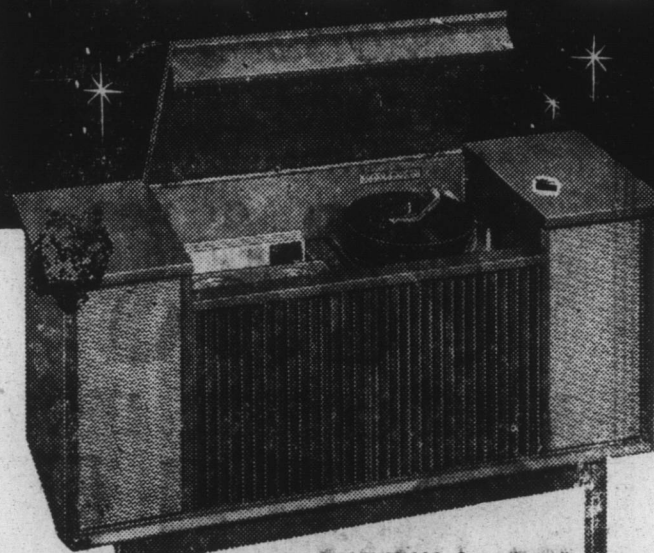
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