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## The Roundup



It was inevitable that sooner or later we would run into trouble in our space program. The remarkable thing is that we have advanced thus far without encountering difficulty; but our amazing luck seems to have at last run out. Considering the complexity of the hardware and the staggering maze of electronics that go to make up a rocket-capsule, what we have accomplished so far is an achievement beyond my puny comprehension. In the light of what happened to Armstrong and Scott, at one point a newspaper headline screamed, "Human Error Expected—On The Ground or in the Air." Later it was found to be a short circuit. But no matter what happened out there in space, it should in no manner reflect on Armstrong and Scott, two highly skilled, dedicated and experienced astronauts. In the final analysis, it is a sobering thought when we consider that no matter how many wonderful machines man builds, he still remains a puny thing indeed compared to the illimitable vastness of space he wishes to conquer, and subject to all the frailties, weaknesses and errors of all humans — and machines.

**OVERHEARD** — Woman, reprimanding child, says, "You behave, now, or this man (indicating nearby police officer) will put you in jail." Above all things, a child

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As one headline puts it, we're up in the air again. What gives? UFO's, or flying saucers, of course. This may read facetious, but to me it is a serious matter, and deserves more thoughtful and sober consideration than it is now getting. In my opinion, there is one big unanswered question that I would like to see answered. Why is the Air Force and some reputable scientists striving so hard to discredit UFO's? And why do they treat sightings of these flying objects by citizens of good repute and men with the technical knowledge and background to interpret correctly what they see, with light scorn and seemingly disbelief? Have they something to conceal? I am waiting for my answer.

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