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WAYNE AHO FALLS VICTIM TO THE MEN IN WHITE COATS: As reported in SAUCER NEWS #43 (dated March, 1961), Major Wayne Aho, director of Washington Saucer Intelligence, has been placed in a mental institution in Central Islip, Long Island, N. Y. The true inside story of this incident has been divulged to us by several informants who wish to remain anonymous. Their information is as follows:

It all seems to begin in Datona Beach, Florida, where a saucer group called Mark Age has been putting out a series of strange space tapes recently. This group is composed of Gloria Lee and other notorious contactees. Norbert Gariety, editor of "S.P.A.C.E." (published in Miami) decided that there was a subversive tone to the tapes, and went to the FBI about the matter. He also appears to have had the Mark Age group in mind when he wrote a rather unusual editorial in the October 1960 issue of his magazine. This editorial talks about people he calls "destroyers" or "termites," who in his opinion are making a systematic effort to undermine American morality and soften us up for the Communists. Gariety praises Aho's attitude, which has been one of opposition to these Dark Forces. Then the editorial states: "A favorite way to get rid of those who oppose the 'termites' at work is to harass them into nervous breakdowns or troubles, have them examined psychiatrically, and then railroaded into mental hospitals for the rest of their days."

On March 25th Major Aho - who claims to have been a U. S. combat intelligence officer during World War II - gave a lecture in New York City. Some of his lectures have dealt with ideas expressed in a right-wing book called "The Pentagon Case," in which it is alleged that there are Reds in high places in our Government. His topic for this particular evening, however, was supposed to have been in regard to prophecies. But instead of speaking about prophecies, the good Major went off onto a weird religious theme, surprising and disappointing his audience. Eye-witnesses state that many people walked out. We are told that Aho appeared to be "controlled" or under some sort of hypnotic influence that night.

Aho was seen the following evening, but on Monday his hotel reported that he had checked out. His friends were unable to locate him anywhere, and became alarmed. It later developed that Aho had been picked up by the men in white coats on the 29th, and taken to the mental ward of Bellevue Hospital in New York. He was kept there until April 20th. Aho was then transferred to Central Islip, where he is still being detained as of this writing - though it is said he now has the freedom of the grounds, and is not considered dangerous. Friends who have visited him recently claim he is not his "old self" but is reasonably rational. Aho is said to believe that he was drugged and railroaded into these mental institutions. Another version of the story is that he was hit on the head.

Wherever the truth may lie, it is a fact that no one was more vocal in his criticism of the Pentagon, both in regard to their saucer policy and their alleged laxity toward subversion. Aho brags about the fact that he has called upon every Senator and Congressman in Washington, trying to interest them in UFOs. His attempts to drum up public hearings on the saucer question are so well known that Aho is mentioned prominently in Lt. Col. Tacker's book, "Flying Saucers and the U. S. Air Force." Could it be true, then, that Aho was put away in order to silence him? Or was he the victim of a genuine mental breakdown? Only time can answer the mystery of the Aho case!