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HERE IS THE INSIDE STORY as to why Kenneth Arnold will not appear at our New York flying saucer convention. Negotiations with Arnold were begun by telephone and letter nearly a year ahead of time, and it looked very much like an agreement would be reached. The basic idea was that we would pay his air fare round trip from Australia, where he was then planning to move. Arnold also asked for a fantastic fee of one hundred dollars per day, which we finally cut down to a flat \$500 figure. The negotiations came to an end when Arnold began insisting on a first class air ticket from Australia - increasing the cost of the ticket from about \$1,200 to about \$2,000. In late March, Arnold, who obviously had no interest in coming other than monetary, wrote us a letter concluding: "Unless I receive exactly what I asked for, forget the whole damn thing." We decided to do just that.

AIR FORCE WARNS OF IMPOSTERS INVESTIGATING UFOS: In a letter to all commands dated March 1st, 1967, entitled "Impersonations of Air Force Officers," and signed by an A.F. Assistant Vice Chief of Staff named Lt. General Hewitt T. Wheless, the Air Force has acted on information supplied by UFO investigator John Keel and others. (See details on Page 38 of the current Summer 1967 issue of SAUCER NEWS.) The text of the letter is as follows: "Information, not verifiable, has reached Hq USAF that persons claiming to represent the Air Force or other Defense establishments have contacted citizens who have sighted unidentified flying objects. In one reported case, an individual in civilian clothes, who represented himself as a member of NORAD, demanded and received photos belonging to a private citizen. In another, a person in an Air Force uniform approached local police and other citizens who had sighted a UFO, assembled them in a school room, and told them that they did not see what they thought they saw, and that they should not talk to anyone about the sighting. All military and civilian personnel and particularly Information Officers and UFO Investigating Officers who hear of such reports should immediately notify their local OSI offices."

NEW YORKER TALKS WITH SPACEMAN: On March 1st, a resident of Buffalo named Dewitt Baldwin claimed to have had an encounter with a flying saucer and a conversation with its occupant. The incident occurred near the town of Eden, N.Y., where Mr. Baldwin was racoon hunting, alone in the woods. Said Baldwin: "Upon hearing a low noise, I turned my flashlight in that direction, and saw that some sort of flying saucer had landed close by. I was scared. I didn't know what to do. While I watched, a door opened like a sliding elevator door - and a man walked out and down the incline of the machine. He was dressed in a sort of black, tight-fitting suit like a flier, and had on a helmet and goggles. He asked me what I was doing, as well as other questions, and also asked if he could look at my gun. He examined it and handed it back to me, but he broke the muzzle of the shotgun while examining it. The creature wasn't either white or Negro. He talked very plainly with no accent. Just before he left, he told me he would be back. He then walked up to the saucer, got in, and seconds later zoomed out of sight." Weirdly, Baldwin claimed that there was no indentation in the snow where the UFO had landed, and no footprints left by the occupant! (Buffalo Evening News. Credit: T. G. Beckley.)

SAUCER LANDING ON LONG ISLAND: The following is a condensed version of an account given on April 14th, 1967, by a witness who has asked to remain anonymous. This is only one of several UFO landing stories on Long Island which have come to our attention recently: "As I drove along, a brilliant object seemed to be coming closer, out of the sky. I pulled off the road to watch its progress. It was a saucer-shaped disc, which eased itself to the ground slowly. There was no sound at all. As I sat there, startled, I saw a small hatch open on the ship. I was scared and decided to leave. Just as I was about to start the car, I heard a sort of a sigh, and the hatch opened. I could see inside the ship at this point, and it seemed to be filled with instruments. There were lights and gadgets all over the walls. Without warning, a sort of mist started to form around the saucer. Through the mist I could see a small shape emerging through the hatch, and this scared the wits out of me. I got out of the car to see what it was, and found it to be a small mechanical scoop, like the one we recently sent to the moon. Shortly thereafter, there was a sound like the whine of a generator, and the saucer began to lift off the ground effortlessly. In about three minutes it had disappeared from view." Thereafter, an abnormally high amount of radiation was found at the spot by an expert named Dr. Frederick B. Parkland of the Delta Radiation Laboratory. (Credit: Jaye Paro of radio station WBAB, via Gladys Fusaro.)

SAUCER LANDING IN VIRGINIA: At about 9 p.m. on the night of April 21st, a ware-house manager named C. N. Crowder was driving home from work in the town of South Hill, Virginia, when he saw a UFO sitting right in the street in front of him. He obtained a clear look at the mysterious object for about five seconds before it took off rapidly with a tremendous burst of white-looking fire coming from underneath. The UFO was 12 feet in diameter, and had the appearance of a metal storage tank. It was aluminum-colored, and was standing on legs that appeared to be about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet high. Immediately after the incident, Crowder called local police, who examined an unexplainable burned spot on the street, at the exact location of the reported landing. (Richmond, Va. News-Leader, 4/22/67. Credit: M. C. Thomas.)

RECENT NEWS IN BRIEF: Roy Thinnes, star of the ABC television series "The Invaders," is a last-minute addition to our list of Convention quests. Thinnes, who is a UFO sighter and believer, will fly to New York from Hollywood especially for this event. .... A UPI dispatch from Moscow recently revealed that the Russians are having many visual and radar UFO sightings, and are taking the whole subject very seriously - contrary to their previous claims. Some Russian scientists apparently believe that the saucers are interplanetary, while others suspect that they are U.S. secret weapons.... A series of 21 color photos of a "mother ship", taken this past March by a private astronomical observatory in Uruquay, has been offered for sale for the incredible sum of \$16,000. The pictures supposedly show the "mother ship" and several smaller UFOs at high altitude in the skies over Montevideo....On March 28th, a cigar-shaped mystery object the size of a passenger car fell in a mountain near Mezcala, Mexico. Over a thousand residents of the area saw and heard the tremendous crash. An infantry brigade from the Mexican Army made a futile attempt to find the exact location of the crash....On March 31st, a farmer in Wellington, Texas, claimed that he spoke to a voice that came from within a landed flying saucer. The man, named Caroll Watt, stated that he drove to within 20 feet of the object, which was about 100 feet long and 8 or 10 feet high. The voice offered Watt a ride in the machine if he would submit to a physical examination. When he refused, the UFO eventually took off and disappeared from sight....There is a fascinating article in the April 2nd edition of "The National Tattler," written by a girl named Jean Sheldon, in which the author claims that she was forced, one night during the summer of 1966, to have sexual relations with three space beings aboard a flying saucer. She seems to have enjoyed the experience, on the whole.... A weird-looking dwarf, believed to be a UFO pilot, attacked a policeman and others with rocks, injuring the policeman, in the town of Iquitos, Peru, last April 23rd. Attempts to capture the creature were in vain.

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