

Saucers Stacked Against Him—or, Dizzy on a Disc

Prisoner on a What-Is-It from Mars Rides Sky with Mr. Nightmare as Boss

(The following manuscript by Hal Boyle, who was last seen two days ago reading "Tom Swift" on the steps of the New York Public Library, was found in a bottle in a perambulator in Central Park. The empty bottle apparently had fallen from a great height.)

By HAL BOYLE
Aboard a Flying Saucer Over Picher, Okla.—(AP)—Don't tell me these flying discs are imaginary. Here I am in the middle of one, zooming around the American landscape like a boomerang.

These things aren't discs or saucers. They're built like a cowboy hat seven-stories tall. The reason you folks below have been agreeing about the sides is you haven't seen the whole thing. All you have seen is the reflection of the sides where patches of the infra-visible paint were burned off these huge space ships as they passed too close to the sun on their way from Mars.

Yes, Mars! I am a prisoner on a 1947 model "flying saucer" from another planet. Let me explain: I left the New York Public Library at dusk the other day and dropped into a quiet bar to wash down a warm vitamin pill. Finishing it, I turned to a silent figure sitting next to me—the only other customer there—and all but fainted. I saw a thing some eight feet tall, covered with thick green hair, with one eye like a hard-boiled egg in the center of his forehead, and no visible mouth. He was naked, his hands were three-clawed and big enough for a Brooklyn center fielder.

The green man's yolk-yellow eye burned menacing red, one hand twisted one of a series of knobs on his chest marked "Slang, American," and noiseless words drifted to me:

"Scram, Mac. You're going on a long ride."

Then I found myself lifted and tossed sprawling. There was the sound of a door closing and a sense of lifting rapidly into space.

I scrambled to my feet and looked out the window—its infra-visible paint is only invisible when you look at it from the outside. Manhattan was falling away beneath us like a toy town.

"Well, how do you like your first ride in a flying saucer, Orson Welles?" leered the green man. "You're on the way to a place where there are more Martians than there ever were in New Jersey."

"Look, this may be a flying saucer," I complained, "but I'm not Orson Welles. I got this high forehead from wearing a tight hat."

"Then who are you?" "I'm his cousin, Artesian Welles," I countered, "and who or what are you?" "I'm Balmiston X-Ray O'Rune from Mars," said the green man, and you have probably ruined



(Cartoon by Mill Morris of Associated Press Newfeatures)

my chance to win the sweepstakes.

"What sweepstakes?" "Why the sixty thousandth centennial running of the Universal Martian Treasure Hunt Sweepstakes!"

"crossly grunted the Green man. 'This time there are 500 space ships coming. To win I have to bring back 12 rare objects, including Orson Welles. Now somebody will beat me. It's all your fault for looking like somebody else.'

He tossed some peanuts on top of his head. To my mild surprise it opened and a double row of teeth chomped down on the peanuts. Now I know where his voice had been coming from.

"What are the other items on your treasure hunt list?" I asked. "Oh, I've already got a slice of moon cheese, a burning spark from the sun, the fingerprint of Mother Machree, a record of Gargantua singing 'Mammy,' and an autographed smoke ring from Winston Churchill's cigar," said the green man.

"I've just got a few things to do in this country—like buying a new motor car, getting a good 5-cent cigar and plucking a hair from the eyebrow of John L. Lewis."

"Balmiston, old boy," I said, "I think you and the other flying saucers are going to be here a long time. Your search is only beginning."

"I'll keep you as a hostage then," he said. "You steer while I catch a little sleep."

So here I am wheeling this blasted flying saucer back and forth between The Bronx, Santa Fe and Seattle. I have scribbled this story and twice tried to smuggle it out in a bottle through the gravity exhaust tube. But

each time the green man woke up and caught me.

Somehow I'll manage to get the bottle out. You must believe what it contains. Bigger tales than this have come out of smaller bottles.

If I succeed I'll send out more details on the flying saucers tomorrow. If, however, the green man catches me again, well—"Look out below, Peoria!"

Army Speeds Up War Bride Travel

London—(INS)—To speed up the departure of nearly 1,500 British GI brides still in England, the U. S. Army Transportation office in London recently began to fly them to America.

With a Congressional grant of \$1,000,000 at their disposal, transportation authorities hope to send as many brides as possible to the United States.

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They are things out of other dimensions of time and space.

Discs in Sky Reported Back in 1839

R. DeWitt Miller, one of the world's foremost authorities on psychic phenomena and author of "Forgotten Mysteries," has spent 15 years accumulating authenticated case histories of inexplicable happenings. In the following dispatch he shows the mysterious appearance of objects in the sky dates back to 1839.

By R. DEWITT MILLER
Los Angeles—(UP)—There have been thousands of reliable reports during more than 100 years of strange things seen in the sky. There are at least 100 cases in which the queer objects were said to have a "disc-like" form.

Never have reports of strange sky phenomena been so widespread and so uniform as the "flying saucers."

Mar. 22, 1870, a flat, light-colored disc was observed by the ship Lady of the Lake, then in mid-Atlantic between South America and Africa. The disc appeared large and seemed intelligently controlled. A report of it was made in the journal of the Royal Meteorological Society and a sketch included. The sketch is strikingly similar to sketches made by observers of the flying saucers.

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They Were So Big



Patrolman Frederick Schlauch, Elizabeth, N. J., shows the size of flying saucers he says he saw in the sky just as he looked up after changing an automobile tire. They were diving and fluttering on their way North-east, he said.

Jews Halted in Italy

Rome—(AP)—The Italian news agency Ansa reported today from Bolzano the arrest of 105 Jews said to have crossed the Italian-Austrian frontier illegally. The agency said the Jews told authorities they were trying to get to Palestine.



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Plane Safety Device Urged By Board

Washington—(AP)—President Truman's special Air Safety Board proposes airlines be required to install at once electronic "eyes" which will enable pilots to see obstructions through darkness or cloud.

The board also suggested planes be required to fly at 2,000 feet—twice as high as under present rules—when flying at night or in overcast above dangerous terrain.

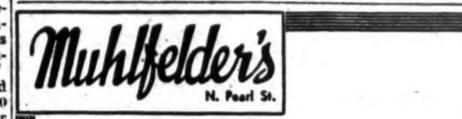
Those recommendations composed the third interim report of the five-man board filed with Mr. Truman yesterday. It appeared to have been based largely on information developed during investigation of the Capital Airlines crash in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Leesburg, Va., June 13.

The board said the airlines should "be required to install as soon as possible approved absolute terrain proximity indicators operating on electronic principles as a secondary aid to aneroid altimeters presently required."

That means a device, such as the Hughes aircraft radar recently demonstrated to the special board in a Trans World Airline plane, which will signal the pilot when he is within a specified distance of an obstruction or the ground.

General Munson, Army Inventor, Dies at 78

New Haven, Conn.—(AP)—the former Marta Jane Schneck. Brig. Gen. Edward Lyman Munson, 78, retired assistant surgeon general of the Army and inventor of the "Munson shoe" and other articles of Army equipment, died at Grace Hospital late yesterday following a brief illness. A military funeral will be held Thursday at Arlington National Cemetery.



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