

THE CASE OF THE FLYING RUMOR

Saucerians Land!

by RALPH R. GOMPERTZ

Strange things are happening!

A flying saucer story floated around Torrance last week of such spectacular proportions that, if true, it would have nothing short of earth-shaking effects!

In fact, it would be the most fantastic story to come out of this century! Are flying saucers a fact? Have Saucerians landed?

THE RUMOR

Saucerians have landed! Flying saucers are a fact! Not only have certain individuals contacted the Saucerians in person, but nine Saucerians are actually working with the government at present. There are even Saucerians living in our very midst.

In order to prevent mass hysteria, reminiscent of what happened following the fictitious Invasion of Mars dramatized by Orson Welles some years back, the government is using indirect means in getting the public to accept these facts.

Spreading The Word This is being done by having responsible individuals speak before equally responsible groups who in turn will pass on the information to other individuals. This information will be gradually disseminated so that the public will be ready when the government makes the news official.

The government's official announcement is to be made today or around New Year's. The president himself is to break the news to the public.

Watching For 300 Years Saucerians, who are at least 20,000 years advanced over us in every respect, have been observing the earth for the last 300 years. They have become gravely concerned over the trend life on earth is taking, and they have come to warn us that atomic explosions in case of war would set off chain reactions which would destroy the balance of nature. Saucerians, who are coming from nearby planets as well as planets outside our own solar system want to safeguard themselves and us against such a catastrophe.

Like Us The Saucerians, who have been in touch with the government for the last nine months, have landed in other parts of the world as well. They are remarkably similar to us in appearance, only having a larger

We are herewith reprinting the story which was heard as well as the facts which I uncovered after three days and nights of intensive investigation.

THE FACTS

I first heard the story of the flying saucers as I was having my morning cup of coffee one day last week. It was told so convincingly that I was as overpowered by it as everyone else who heard it.

I decided to investigate. If true, this story would be the biggest story of my life.

The story came from a reliable source who had heard it from a high-ranking executive who had been present when a speaker had told the original story to a Masonic group.

I contacted the executive who supplied me with the speaker's name, suggesting that I verify the story at its source.

This was Friday of last week. The speaker, William Thompson, an industrial engineer for a large aircraft corporation in the Los Angeles area, granted me a luncheon interview the following day.

In the meantime, I made some hectic attempts to obtain flying saucer literature. The books being so much in demand, I was unsuccessful until I got hold of one by Desmond Leslie and George Adamski called "Flying Saucers Have Landed."

This proved a fortunate choice for the forthcoming interview the next day. For the next few hours I was lost in space. I met Thompson and Ashley F. Van Order, also an industrial engineer and saucer-enthusiast for lunch.

"The story which I had heard was correct in most particulars, Thompson assured me.

They maintain beyond a shadow of a doubt that Saucerians have landed on earth and that some individuals have definitely been in touch with them.

Thompson, who was the Masonic speaker, did not know for a fact that nine Saucerians are now working with the government, but he strongly suspected that contact between the spacemen and the government had been made.

No Official Announcement

Thompson did state, however, that he never maintained that the government would make an official announcement this month. In fact, he felt that the government would simply continue conditioning the public through responsible individuals and groups until such time that the country would be ready for the official word.

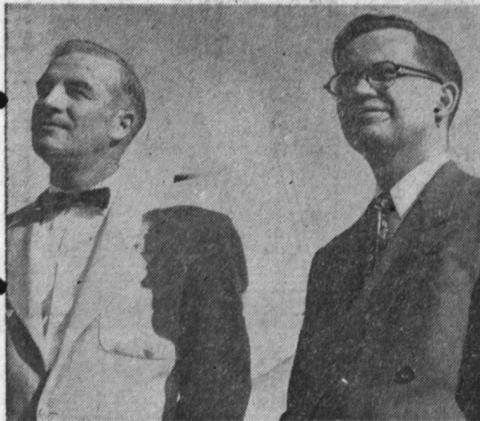
When asked whether he had been contacted by the government to act in this capacity he said "no." He did not know of anyone personally who had.

Thompson and Van Order are convinced that flying saucers and Saucerians are real. They admit that they have not seen the saucers themselves, and refer to the testimony contained in the Leslie-Adamski book.

Genius

Adamski, who is given the title of "professor" by his "followers," is one of the greatest geniuses of this century, according to the two men. He is one of the most brilliant men in the

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ON THE LOOK-OUT . . . William M. Thompson (r.) and A. F. Van Order, industrial engineers, are positive that flying saucers have landed and that the Saucerians have been contacted by various individuals in the country. The men stated their views at a luncheon interview. Thompson has also spoken before various groups on the subject.

P. Loranger New Chamber President

President Robert I. Plomert, Jr., today announced the results of the election held at yesterday's regular Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors' meet-



PAUL LORANGER . . . to head Chamber

ing. Paul D. Loranger, owner-manager of Paul's Chevrolet, was unanimously elected president as were other officers which include John Ebbinghouse, first vice-president; Darwin Parrish, second vice-president, and Dr. Gerald M. East.

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M. W. Glenn Arrested On Grand Theft

Marlan Wade Glenn, 36, formerly associated with the now defunct Post Avenue Motors, was released here on \$1000 bail Saturday after his attorney surrendered him on a warrant charging him with grand theft. The warrant, issued by the

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Torrance Gets Motor Vehicle Department

Torrance will definitely get its own branch of the California Motor Vehicle Department it was revealed this week. The branch will be located here by the end of the year so that local residents will be able to obtain their 1954 license plates right here instead of having to go into Los Angeles or to nearby areas or having to send a postal money order to Sacramento.

Negotiations are now under way for a proper location. The state will lease a building for that purpose.

This confirms an exclusive article to this effect carried by the Torrance Press on July 16 this year.

The Department will give driver's tests and issue licenses. The inadequate and overcrowded set-up presently in use whereby tests can be taken only on certain days of the month will be eliminated.

Assemblyman Vincent

GOLD RUSH STILL ON!

The Torrance Gold Rush is still on. Every Saturday \$100 in cash is given away in the downtown shopping area.

This Saturday the \$100 will be given away on Sartori at 10:30 a.m. There'll be music coming from the spot where the money will be given away. Last week's winner was Mrs. Eva Hahn, 1502 West 221st street.

Tickets may be obtained without any obligation from many of the downtown merchants.

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GANG RAPES WOMAN, 34



WAITRESS FORCED INTO CAR

Six to eight youths forcibly shoved a 34-year-old waitress into their car Saturday night and then took turns raping her.

As the Manhattan Beach woman started to enter her car outside the Farmer's Daughter, 910 Torrance blvd., the youths grabbed her and forced her into their car.

This is the story told Torrance and Redondo police. Redondo police, who are handling the case, are still searching for the hoodlums.

The gang drove around but kept the woman's head down so she could not see where they were going, she told officers.

She said the youths, some of them in their teens, finally let her out of the car in front of her mother's home, on Hawthorne Blvd. in Torrance.

Several of the hoodlums were armed, she told the officers. They threatened to kill her, she continued, saying: "We can't let you loose to go tell the cops."

Before they shoved her out of the car, she claimed, the men took \$20 and her makeup from her purse. When she reported the alleged kidnaping and rape at the Torrance police station, she was wearing a man's coat which she said belonged to one of her attackers. Her own coat was still in the late-model automobile driven by her assailant.

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LOOKING FOR A WAY OUT . . . Mrs. Jesus Mata wonders what is to happen. Her husband's farm just didn't make the grade this year. He is looking for work desperately now. There is nothing to eat and little to wear and their home is nothing more than a roof over their head. Mrs. Mata is ill, making it

impossible for her to work even around the house. The father does not want charity. He wants to be self-supporting and feels that he can be. But a little help now would look good to them.



A ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS . . . but little more. This is where the Mata's live. The house just manages to stay together. What furniture there is, is old and dilapidated. What is there needs fixing or replacing. It would make an endless list to name the things which are needed.

12 KIDS STARVE AS CROPS FAIL

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Jesus Mata only wants a break from someone who would understand his position and who would be patient with him when his back acts up occasionally making it difficult for him to work.

Mata needs part-time or full-time work where he could make enough money to support his wife and 12 children.

He was a truck driver for many years but is willing to do anything.

Mata, who is 40 years old, is living on 10 acres of land

on undedicated Earle street near Torrance and Hawthorne blvds.

Crop Fails

He had hoped that his first year's crop would provide his family with enough food and money to eek out a meager living. But the market paid a poor price this year and the frost killed a great part of his crop.

The end of the year finds Mata \$700 in debt. His children

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COUNCIL REZONES YUKON

Emotions were close to the surface at Tuesday night's City Council meeting when the two camps of Yukon ave. homeowners waged their last bitter fight over the streets rezoning issue.

Despite stirring pleas by those wanting to keep the area zoned for single residences, the City Council voted 4-1 to change the

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... Out Of This World

Terrific! Fabulous! Fantastic! Out of this world! "I've heard of the reputation The Torrance Press classified section has for fast results, but I never believed it—until now!" Mrs. Raymond Hauge of 2606 Pacific Coast Highway glowed. "This is what she had to sell: BLEACHED OAK—Dining table and buffet; studio couch; platform rocker; TV chair that opens into twin beds; chrome table; 4 chairs, red and gray plastic. Reasonable. 2606 Hwy 101, Walteria, DA. 6-1115

"I could have sold these things many times over," she said.

Why bother about flying saucers. If you want to see something fantastic, place an ad in The Torrance Press classified section, and see the results.

Ask Gifts For Kids In Hospital

Children at hospitals are looking forward to Christmas, too, like other children. The Torrance Press is collecting gifts for the kids in the children's ward at Harbor General Hospital, and asks local residents who wish to make the children's Christmas a merry one to bring their gifts to the Torrance Press office at 1406 Cravens (near the library). The Press will take the gifts to the kids in time for their Christmas party, December 17.

There are two wards. In one are the kids from a few hours to two years old. Kids in the other ward are from two to 13 years old. Plastic rattles, soft-stuffed, cloth-covered animals, and dangling toys are especially desirable for the kids up to two.

The kids in the older ward could use metal cars, trucks, planes, water color sets and brushes, books (especially "Lit-

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P. Connett Elected President



PERRY CONNETT . . . president

The following officers were elected to the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board at an election held Monday at the home of Mrs. Grace Hinshaw, 2467 West Car-

P. V. MINE BATTLE RAGES FURIOUSLY

With three County Supervisors rejecting the Palos Verdes mining permit in a 2-1 vote, a final vote was called for December 29 at 11 a.m. for lack of a clear majority at yesterday's hearing of the heated controversial issue.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace's plea to go against the mine was joined by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn. Supervisor Ford voted "no" pending "further study."

Supervisors Leggard Jessup were absent but will be present at the final vote December 29.

Most of the afternoon

devoted to hearing testimony brought by the homeowners who have fought diatomaceous earth mine proposed by Great Lakes bit-terly.

The longest testimony of the afternoon was given by Roland Swaffield, attorney for the South Bay Homeowners Association. Swaffield did not conclude his speech for two hours.

Appearing before the County Board of Supervisors yesterday (Wednesday), for the final round in the Palos Verdes diatomaceous mine dispute, the South Bay

Homeowners group hurled two last-minute secret weapons into the fight.

Veteran's Support

Most important were letters opposing the mine permit from five different veterans' councils including a letter from the Torrance American Legion post. County councils siding with the homeowners were the VFW, AM-Vets, Jewish War Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, and the Los Angeles Veterans Coordinating Council.

The homeowners also informed the Board that the Los Angeles Medical Association reaffirmed their previous stand opposing the mine following another hearing of the controversy

Cross-Examination

Edward Harris, the corporation's operations manager, was subjected to an unexpectedly vigorous cross-examination by Ernest Hahn, Rolling Hills contractor and president of the community group there.

Harris admitted during his testimony that the firm would have to stockpile some of the

before the group Monday night. The unanimously adopted resolution states that the mining operation "is injurious to the health not only to persons engaged in the mining operation but also to people residing near the operation."

Previous Testimony

Dr. Anthony J. Lanza, former U.S. Bureau of Mines chief surgeon and expert on effects of industrial earth and dust on health, declared that, in his opinion, an insufficient quantity of dust would be emitted from the proposed mine to endanger residents of the area at the hearing a week ago.

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