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# Sighting UFO Sparks Two Teen-Agers Into Publishing Flying Saucer Magazine

By SELIG ADLER

Two Cleveland-area youngsters saw an Unidentified Flying Object as they returned from a Scout trip two years ago, and they've been talking about it ever since.

For it was that first sight of something that looked like a Flying Saucer which inspired Alan Weston and Raymond Keller, who are now both 15, to write, edit and publish a magazine which has now firmly established itself with six issues so far: The Flying Saucer Report.

It looks as if Alan and Raymond have found themselves not only a cause but a profession.

It takes all the time they can spare from schoolwork to put out their magazine, which sells for 35 cents a copy and has a subscription list of over 200, stretching right across the nation.

And their cause is to tell the sober, balanced truth about UFOs — neither scorning all reports as crackpot nonsense, nor believing everything they hear.

It is a rather adult, conservative attitude for two such young men. They didn't arrive at it all at once. Their first issue, in September 1968, was rather wild, and billed itself as "The World's Most Authoritative and Truest Account of Today's Great UFO Invasion!"

Nowadays they are more cautious — but they're still hoping to be convinced, and ready to study the evidence of each report.

They still remember that first glimpse which pointed their lives in this direction. It was on Oct. 7, 1967.

Weston recalled in a recent interview, "The sighting was not dramatic. It was a disk-shaped object, silver in color. It made no sound and it flew at slow speeds, about 1,000 feet overhead, for about 20 seconds."

Both boys live in Cleveland suburbs, Weston in Maple Heights and Keller in nearby Bedford.

There is a Cleveland club devoted to UFO information, the Cleveland



**OPEN-MINDED PUBLISHERS:** Keller (left) and Alan Weston, both 15, hold several issues of their magazine "The Flying Saucer Report," which generates correspondence from all over the world.

Ufology Society, and they reported their sighting to it.

Weston wrote a story about it in his school paper, and Keller did several pieces for his local paper, the Bedford Times Register, which led to doing a regular UFO column there.

Before they knew it, the two boys,

who had no interest at all in UFOs before they saw one, were collaborating on plans to bring out a magazine about them.

They explained their aims to the Cleveland Ufology group, which financed them with \$30, and they've been going strong ever since. Keller

said proudly, "I think the quality of the articles and the appearance of the magazine have improved with each issue."

It now runs to 12 pages of neat mimeographing, with some illustrations, book reviews, editorials and news reports.

Keller said, "Our publication is aimed at the student of UFOs. So many other magazines in this field deal with unsubstantiated reports. We use a scientific approach. We want to be objective, not only to believers in UFOs but also to those who want scientific evidence."

Weston added, "One of the reasons UFOs don't get much respect in America is that they haven't been reported on a scientific basis. We won't report or publicize hocus-pocus."

"Our articles are controversial, but we give both sides of the controversy."

What do the boys themselves believe? Keller said, "We believe UFOs exist. But we're not willing to say they are from another planet, because we have no scientific evidence. I have an open mind. I really have no opinion, but I would listen to any reasonable and scientific explanation."

Weston said, "We can't dismiss any theory."

The boys have been featured on a radio program, and a story about them has appeared in Current Events magazine. It has upped their circulation, and their fan mail, which now arrives from many parts of the world.

They are not sitting back, but plunging ahead. They have collected 500 reports of UFO sightings in the Cleveland area, and are preparing a special report on them in a future issue.

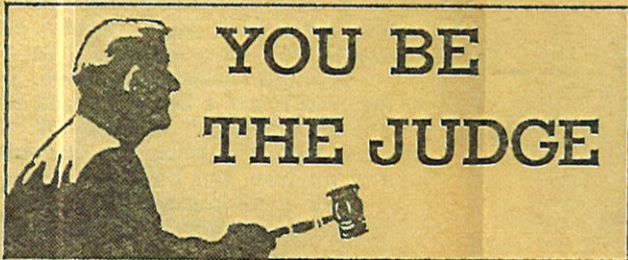
Their latest issue, dated September 1969, leads off with an article on "Contactees," the people who claim to have been in contact with alien beings.

It quotes a few, and then winds up with a blast from Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, author and investigator of aerial phenomena, at the "carnival approach to the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects," which he says "is sure to cause public ridicule, offsetting the work done by reputable organizations."

Another piece, called, "Don't Look for Martians," suggests: "Many people today unfortunately equate the words Flying Saucers and Martians." But, after looking over the scant evidence for intelligent life on Mars, the article notes:

"There seems little reason to occupy one's time by looking for men from Mars. To completely reject the possibility of Martians would probably be a mistake, however. Martian space-men buzzing the earth in Flying Saucers is still a conceivable possibility. Let us not, however, confuse possibilities with probabilities."

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By WILLIAM DONALDSON

When Red Lewis came back to his parked car, he found that a big truck had parked so close that its rear bumper almost touched his front bumper. Not only that but a car owned by Don Pflugg was parked less than a foot behind Red's car. This was in defiance of a city ordinance which required drivers to allow a minimum of three feet clearance for a car parked ahead.

As there was no policeman in sight and it was impossible to pull away from the curb in the usual manner, Red, by repeated and forceful backing, succeeded in knocking Don's car far enough to the rear so that he had room to maneuver.

Just then Don returned. He saw the front of his car bashed in, had the damage repaired and sued Red for reimbursement.

"Red repeatedly and deliberately rammed my parked car. The fact that it was parked in violation of the

city ordinance is neither here nor there. That's between me and the city," he complained to the judge. "As it cost \$150 to repair the damage he did, I'm entitled to judgment in that amount."

"Don apparently expected me to sit and wait for him to come back and move his car so that I could drive off. The damage I did to his car in getting mine out of the trap he put it in is just what he deserved."

**IF YOU WERE THE JUDGE, WOULD YOU AWARD DAMAGES TO DON?**

YES ( ) NO ( )

**YES.** One takes his chances on resorting to self-help. If Red could have pushed Don's car back damaging it only slightly, he might have been justified in doing so. But he went too far by repeatedly backing into it, inflicting substantial damage. He should have phoned the police to come and tow Don's car away. Decision of the District of Columbia Municipal Court of Appeals.

