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UNIDENTIFIED SPACE OBJECT

The unidentified object which was found by tracking stations just a fortnight ago has been claimed! Though at first the object, which was described by newspapers on the 11th February as an unidentified satellite, was thought to be of Russian origin. But on the following day it was reported that Mr. Sharp, Secretary of the Air Force, had said the object was probably a casing of an early Discoverer. He based his estimate on the close comparison between size of the object, which was described as "dark" and was emitting no radio signals, and of the casings of early Discoverer series.

The interest and excitement at the Pentagon was because they claim that this is the first man-made object found in space unidentified.

RUSSIAN THEORY: SPACE VISITORS HAVE STUDIED EARTH

Newspapers for the 10th February told of a recent theory put forward by Russian physico-mathematician, Mr. Agrest, in the Soviet "Literary Gazette". He believes a space ship approached the earth, at a speed close to light, and then went into orbit, while the occupants studied the earth. He thinks that they landed, possibly, in the region of the Anti-Lebanon mountains, near to the Baalbek Terrace, a platform of huge stone slabs. This platform was either a launching platform or a memorial to them.

The glass-like substances, known as tektites, which are found in the Libyan Desert and containing radio-active isotopes, may have been remains of a missile. The description of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, as described in the Dead Sea Scrolls, could not help attracting the attention of men connected with nuclear physics. The following quote is from the Daily Telegraph:

"In modern language this legend says that people were advised to leave the area of the future explosion, not to linger in the open, not to watch the blast. Those who looked back lost their eyesight, and perished." It was this explosion that turned Lot's wife into a pillar of salt.

It appears that Mr. Agrest believes that the space beings may still be observing us.

RUSSIA CLAIMS TO HAVE FOUND TENTH PLANET

Moscow reported on or about 11th February, that scientists at Kazakhstan Astrophysical Institute had found a tenth planet to our Solar System. It is said to be beyond the planet Pluto, which is

in the Russians favour, since previous claims to have found a planet have usually turned out to be minor planets, which orbit between Mars and Jupiter. But the Russians have given no indication of where it is, nor did they give it a name. Until this claim can be confirmed by other astronomers, it must be regarded only as a possibility.

### THE MOONS OF MARS

The following is a précis translation of an article written by G. NIKOL'SKIY, which appeared in "Sovetskiy Soyuz", N.10/1959(Pg.45).

#### "Made by Martians? "

The article describes briefly Phobos and Deimos, the two satellites of Mars, and then goes on to say that in 1945, the American astronomer, Sharples observed a strange acceleration in the movement of Phobos, which travels in a spiral. Recently the prominent Soviet scientist, I.S. SHKLOVSKIY advanced the original theory that Phobos might be an artificial satellite of Mars, put up into space some time or other, by intelligent beings, of a high standard of civilisation, and if this were so, then that Deimos might be the same. It might be, that having no natural moons, to serve as space stations, and seeing that their climate was becoming ever more unfavourable to life, the Martians built these two satellites in order to use them as jumping-off stations, to go and seek a better home on another planet.

The new theory has, of course, its supporters as well as its opponents. Among the sceptics are Soviet Academicians V.G. FESENKOV, of the USSR's International Astronomical Commission. Also the well-known American astronomer GERALD KUIPER. On the other hand, supporters of the theory include Academicians L.I. SEDOV, Chairman of the (USSR Academy of Science) Committee on Interplanetary Flight; B.L. GINSBURG, Member of the USSR Academy of Science; Professors V.I. KRASOVSKIY and K.P. STRANYUKOVITCH.

(Editor's note: L.I. SEDOV and V.I. KRASOVSKIY were two of the three Soviet scientists who attended the recent International Astronautical Conference in London. Both are supporters of the theory.)

### WARSAW "VISION"

For three out of six nights at the beginning of October, 1959, a vision of the Virgin Mary has appeared on a church steeple. On one evening, an estimated 10,000 gathered to see the vision, and so police barricades were erected. Among those who have seen it are Michigan Governor G. Mennen Williams and his wife, who were visiting Warsaw. They saw the spectral phenomena in an aureole of light and around the top of the steeple of Saint Augustine's church, on the night of Saturday 10th October, 1959. His description was: "fantastic!"

The Daily Herald was one of the newspapers that carried this report in England, but it appears that no Polish newspapers published the event. LUFORO has so far received no evidence as to the accuracy of this report or the identity of the phenomenon, but hopes to obtain a statement from Governor Williams.