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28 July 1969

Mr. John Macrae III  
President, E. P. Dutton & Co.  
201 Park Avenue South  
New York, N. Y. 10003

Dear John Macrae:

I enclose two notices concerning a national convention of amateur astronomers to be held at the University of Denver 20-23 August 1969. I would think it would be extremely desirable to make sure that the University of Denver bookstore has a display of the hardback edition of the Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects at that time. It still seems to be a pretty closely-held secret that such an edition was ever published.

On 12 July the new book by John Fuller was being prominently displayed at the newsstands in the San Francisco airport, but this same newsstand has not handled our book at all, ever, in either paperback or hardback. The book will not sell if it is not available!

Sincerely,

E. U. Condon

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cc - Pres. Eugene Wilson

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Mr. Oscar Dystel  
Bantam Books  
271 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y. 10016

Dear Mr. Dystel:

Am disappointed not to have received any reply to my letter of 8 July. I hope this does not indicate intent not to push the sale of Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects.

I enclose a copy of a clipping from the Boulder Daily Camera of 27 July. This convention is also the subject of an account in Sky and Telescope for June 1969, p. 367. Copy enclosed.

Here is a complete panel of antagonists who will criticize the book to an audience most of the members of which have never seen it! Could it possibly be arranged to have your Denver distributor set up a special sales booth or at least make sure it is stocked in the University of Denver campus bookstore?

On 12 July I saw the new book by John Fuller prominently displayed at the airport newsstand of the San Francisco airport. I go there frequently and have asked the clerks for the Bantam SSUFO but they have never handled it! This situation is extremely hard for me to understand.

How about an advertisement in Sky and Telescope, 49 Bay State Road, Cambridge, Mass. 02138?

Sincerely,

E. U. Condon

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Boulder Daily Camera

27 July 69,

## Panel Of Critics Of Condon Report Set In Denver

Six scientists who disagree with the conclusions of the Condon report on unidentified flying objects will take part in a panel discussion of UFO's during the National Amateur Astronomers convention in Denver in August.

Those taking part will be Dr. James A. Harder, University of California — Berkeley civil engineering professor; Dr. J. Allen Hyneck, director, Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center, Northwestern University; Dr. James E. McDonald, senior physicist, University of Arizona Institute of Atmospheric Physics; Dr. Frank B. Salisbury, head, plant science department, Utah State University; Dr. David R. Saunders, psychology professor, University of Colorado and former investigator for the study headed by Dr. E. U. Condon; and Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, counselor, University of Wyoming.

All the speakers are expected to say something on how they feel science should approach the problem of UFO phenomena in the future.

The panel discussion will be held Aug. 22. A limited number of tickets will be available to the general public and will be offered for sale a week before the vent.

Information on convention registration is available by writing: Registrar, NAA, 1591 S. Cherry St., Denver 80222.

# Amateur Astronomers

## DENVER CONVENTION PROGRAM

A FOUR-DAY meeting of amateur astronomers from all over the country is scheduled for Denver, Colorado, August 20-23. Early registration begins at 3 p.m. on Tuesday the 19th, with an evening social hour and observing at Chamberlin Observatory.

Registration reopens at 8:30 the next morning, at the Student Union of the University of Denver. The official convention opening is at 10 a.m., and at 11:30 a group of 40 delegates will leave for a tour of NORAD. This trip costs \$5.00 and is limited to U. S. citizens over 18 years of age. Wednesday afternoon will be devoted to amateur papers, and that evening there will be a special showing at the Gates Planetarium in downtown Denver (\$1.50).

Amateur talks occupy morning and afternoon sessions on Thursday. In the evening as many as 200 delegates will journey to Elk Falls Ranch for a mountain picnic and star party (\$6.00). Friday morning's sessions will precede an afternoon outing to Boulder, to tour ESSA and NCAR installations (\$2.00). In the evening two events are scheduled: a star party at Chamberlin Observatory and a special panel discussion of the Condon Committee report.

The regularly scheduled papers conclude on Saturday morning, but the afternoon is open for meetings by special-interest groups. At 6 p.m. the banquet formally closes the convention (\$4.00).

Advance registration at \$7.00 includes a copy of the convention proceedings and also covers members of the registrant's immediate family. Checks made payable to National Amateur Astronomers may be sent to NAA Registrar, 1591 S. Cherry St., Denver, Colo. 80222. If the NORAD trip is desired, include \$5.00 additional per person.

Housing will be in the University of Denver residence hall, at \$9.25 per person

a night for a double, \$11.25 for a single (breakfast and lunch included).

Exhibit arrangements may be made with H. D. Fiske, 2273 S. Fillmore St., Denver, Colo. 80210. July 20th is the deadline for papers; they should be submitted to A. R. Gassmann, Box 625, Castle Rock, Colo. 80104.

## +++ Amateur Briefs +++

English observers have a new organization for variable stars. The Binocular Sky Society hopes to amend chart magnitudes and search for new variables, in addition to watching former novae for new outbursts. Apply for membership (\$2.50 per year) to James Muirden, 44d The Mall, Ealing, London W.5, England.

The May issue of the *Yakima Observer* reports: "Plans are moving forward rapidly for the 1969 Northwest Regional Convention to be held in Seattle, Saturday and Sunday, July 12 and 13. The Seattle Astronomical Society, Inc., is sponsoring the convention, which will be held at Seattle Pacific College, 3rd Ave. W. and Bertona." Subscriptions at \$1.00 a year to the *Observer* may be sent to its editor, Edward J. Newman, 509 N. 6th St., Yakima, Wash. 98901.

The 19 member societies of the Astronomical League's Middle East Region will

hold their annual convention June 13-15 at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. There is a star party on Friday evening the 13th, regular convention business and papers are on Saturday, and on Sunday there is a field trip to Pulpit Rock, where a new amateur observatory for a 20-inch reflecting telescope is presently under construction.

Headquarters for the meeting will be the Bethlehem Hotel, with the Lehigh Valley Amateur Astronomical Society as host. For further information contact George H. Maurer, Star Rte., Coopersburg, Pa. 18036.

## PLANETARIUM LISTING

The September issue of *SKY AND TELESCOPE* is tentatively scheduled to carry Planetarium Notes, a listing of installations in the United States and Canada. Any planetarium that conducts a regular schedule of showings for the public is invited to supply the following specific information:

1. Name of planetarium and address, including telephone number and person in charge.

2. Schedule of showings, including days of the week and times.

3. Admission charge, if any, and type of projector.

To insure an up-to-date compilation, this information should be sent promptly to this magazine; otherwise the listing in the September, 1968, issue (page 164) may not be reprinted.

## AN INDIAN AMATEUR'S OBSERVATORY

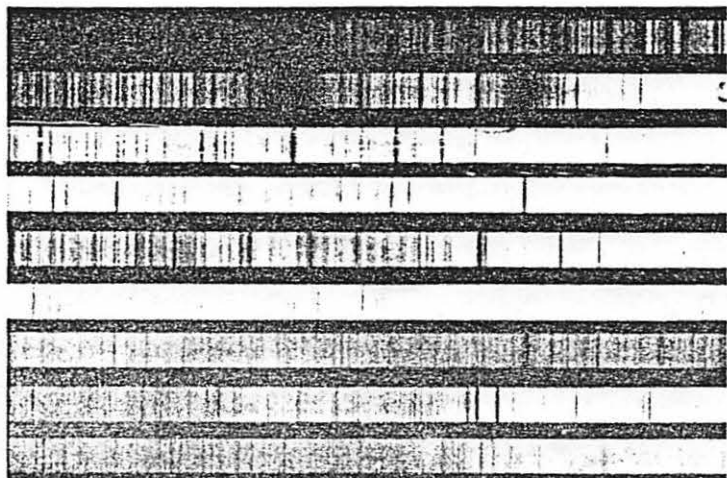
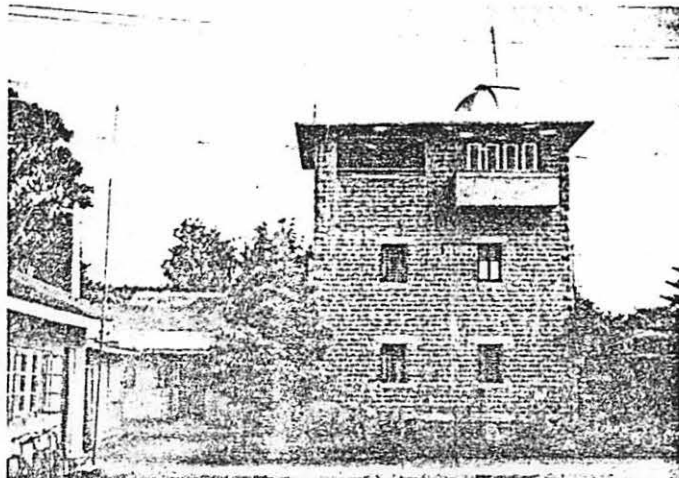
ASTRONOMY has been my hobby since 1941. I continue to enjoy it, although I have just turned 80 and have retired from regular work.

My observatory, pictured here, contains a 6-inch refractor with an air-spaced objective. The 12-foot aluminum dome of double-seam construction was made following instructions in *Amateur Telescope Making - Book II*. The shutter is of the telescoping type, and is operated with a

convenient rope and pulley arrangement.

My refractor is fitted with a Littrow-type spectrograph having a 3-inch 60° prism and a half prism (90°-60°-30°), together with two 4-inch mirrors of 90 inches focal length. The spectrum of the sun reproduced here is a contact print from one of my negatives.

N. M. ATHAVALE  
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Poona 4, India



Photograph of his house in Poona, a city about 75 miles southeast of Bom-