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We are delighted to announce that we have been joined by Mrs Ann Druffel of Pasadena, California, for 26 years a most active and distinguished UFO researcher and free-lance writer, whose work has already appeared in FSR. She was the Los Angeles field investigator for NICAP, and the originator and project-co-ordinator for Skynet, which since 1965 has served as filter centre and tracking system for UFO reports from the public in the Los Angeles area. She is currently a field investigator for two prestigious groups, CUFOS and MUFON, and is a contributing editor on the MUFON journal. She received her B.A. in Sociology at Immaculate Heart College, Hollywood, and she is a registered social worker in her state. With the psychic Armand Marcotte she recently wrote a fascinating book, "The Detective and the Psychic", and, with D. Scott Rogo, also co-authored the important UFO book "The Tujunga Canyon Contacts".

KENNETH ARNOLD

THE man generally credited with creating the term "flying saucer", Kenneth Arnold, 68, passed away on February 16, 1984, only a few miles from Mineral, Washington, the place where he had reported seeing nine strange "tadpole-like" objects on June 24, 1947. His story was widely published, and launched the first recognized UFO wave in modern history. A private pilot and president of the Great Western Engineering Co., based in Boise, Idaho, Arnold was 32 at the time of his historic sighting. Ten years later he was nominated for the prestigious post of Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Idaho, but lost the election.

Mr. Arnold refrained from granting interviews or making public appearances in relation to his UFO experiences. However, he did speak at the UFO Congress held in Chicago, Ill. in 1977, on the thirtieth anniversary of his sighting. His wife and children, he complained, had suffered considerably from the publicity that had resulted from his original report. In rare statements over the years he asserted that he felt the things he saw had somehow been "alive", and he hinted that he thought UFOs might be demonic in origin.

Mr. Arnold was also involved in the probe into the controversial "Maury Island Hoax" which, as will be recalled, indirectly resulted in the deaths of two U.S. Air Force officers sent to investigate it. He later told the whole story in a book, *The Coming of the Saucers* (Amherst Press, Wisconsin, 1952) which he co-authored with the publisher, Raymond A. Palmer.

Like Palmer, who died in 1977 from a heart attack, Arnold's death was from natural causes.

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