

DANGER FROM THE STARS

A Warning from the Space Administration

ACCORDING to a report in the *New York Times* as quoted in the *Vancouver Province* for February 7, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has warned that discovery of intelligent life on other stars could cause earth civilisation to collapse. This was followed by a recommendation that the world should prepare itself for such an eventuality. The report, prepared by the Brookings Institution, said, "while the discovery of intelligent life in other parts of the universe is not likely in the immediate future, it could nevertheless happen at any time." The report continued by stating that discovery of intelligent beings on other planets could lead to an all out effort by earth to contact them, or it could lead to sweeping changes or even the downfall of civilisation.

Even on earth, the report added, "societies sure of their own place have disintegrated when confronted by a superior society, and others have survived even though changed. Clearly, the better we can come to understand the factors involved in responding to such crises the better prepared we may be."

The rest of the report deals with recommendations for further study of other space activities, including the diplomatic and propaganda effects and the implications of communications and weather satellites. On the question of life in outer space, the report said that if intelligent or semi-intelligent beings were discovered in the next twenty years

they would probably be found by radio communications with other solar systems. Evidence of such existence "might also be found in artifacts left on the moon or other planets."

The value of this report

This report is of extreme interest and importance to students of flying saucers. Here, perhaps, is the first intimation of the real reason why it has proved so difficult to gain a wide public acceptance for the reality of the UFO and its inter-planetary origin. Whether the authors of the report realise that the saucers are proof of intelligent life in other parts of the universe we do not know, but we believe that they have discovered the real reason for their rejection by governments, the Press and the majority of the public in practically every country in the world.

The conspiracy of silence—if it exists—is sometimes explained as an attempt to shield the public from panic. What we believe is more likely is that it is a subconscious safeguard against despair. The fear that the saucers have brought with them is not that of a physical attack upon our bodies but of an almost unsupported assault upon our minds and the habits of thought built up through many centuries. When the truth of the saucers finally breaks upon the world—as break it must—the effect upon those who had previously dismissed them as nonsensical will be paralysing. Those of us who have been studying the saucers

for many years can have no idea of how the news will be received by those who have fought to remain in ignorance. The shock to public opinion could be great enough to bring down every government in the world, leaving an interregnum of chaos and mental confusion until there were discovered new leaders who would be prepared to explain and guide the world to a completely new concept of life.

As the various establishments have fought against the truth about the saucers, they will be the first to suffer a complete eclipse. Had they been prepared to keep at least an open mind on the subject, all might have been well. As it is, it seems likely that some happening which cannot be explained away will burst on the public consciousness with a truly cosmic shock. Afterwards, when the moment of reflection becomes possible, the public will address the inevitable question to every government which has kept silent: "Why weren't we told before?" Most governments, through some undisclosed fear, have allowed a number of excellent opportunities to pass: there have been several occasions when partial revelation could have been safely vouchsafed. It is, of course, not too late even now, but all the signs are that the public at large will be allowed to ignore the saucers, or treat them as some sort of joke, until the news can be contained no longer. When that happens what the government says or does not say will matter no more.