

# DAILY PLANET

## ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING OF SCIENTIST AT CONFERENCE

By Lois Lane

A daring kidnapping attempt against Dr Johann Brecher was thwarted by the Superman and a group of out-of-town superheroes at the International Scientific Conference. A supervillain identified as Professor Spyder was responsible for the kidnapping attempt, with the assistance of a robotic aide disguised as a policeman. Dr Brecher, originally of German birth, has been working for the Soviet government since the end of the War. This conference marks the first time he has left the USSR since he moved there from Berlin.

Dr Brecher was being escorted to the conference from the Russian embassy by the Black Swan, a Soviet agent reported by government officials to have superpowers of her own. During the attack by Professor Spyder a hero known as Direwolf intervened, and was mistakenly believed by the Black Swan to be an ally of Professor Spyder. When the Superman arrived on the scene he was just in time to see Direwolf fighting against the Black Swan, and in the resulting confusion the two heroes ended up fighting against each other instead of against Professor Spyder.

Several other heroes arrived on the scene during the battle, including Dr Dixie Hill, the child-hero Fire Angel and the Russian ex-patriots Nightdancer and the Wall. Comments between the combatants indicated that there was a history of animosity between Nightdancer and the Black Swan, which may have been one of the contributing factors to the misunderstanding.

After defeating Direwolf the Superman attempted to capture the escaping Professor Spyder and his robotic henchman. It appears that the Professor was able to escape, however, due to the delay caused by the case of mistaken identity that led to the heroes fighting against the Soviet agent and each other.

Dr Lex Luthor, the guiding light behind the conference, expressed regret over the incident, and his confidence that security was tight enough to prevent a recurrence of this event.

Dr Brecher was escorted by the Black Swan into the conference, and has been unavailable for comment. The reason for his presence at the conference has not been explained, although several biochemists have been heard discussing recent reports in scientific periodicals indicating that Dr Brecher has been continuing the research of his father, Dr Karl Brecher. The elder Dr Brecher's research was the basis for the work of Dr. Jonathan Pollard's brilliant wartime work, leading to the invention of the supersoldier formula that created Captain Liberty.

## DIXIE HILL UNVEILS CAR OF FUTURE

By James Olsen



One of the most popular exhibits at the International Science Conference is the flying car built by the beautiful and brilliant Dr Dixie Hill. The gorgeous genius, who easily gained as many admiring glances as her specially modified Thunderbird, happily showed off the atomic power plant and efficient jet engines that can transform the road-hugging powermobile into a hawk-like futuristic flying fortress. The brainy bombshell then had an opportunity to demonstrate the terrific T-bird's incredible properties when she took it out for a spin to assist the Superman in his fight against the monstrous Professor Spyder.

## MEETING OF WORLD'S GREATEST MINDS

By Clark Kent

The first International Science Conference has begun, and shows every sign of being an enormous success. Scientists from all around the globe have flocked to Metropolis to share information and research findings, in the greatest free exchange of ideas in human history. The administration of President Ferris Farfield is to be congratulated for their dedication to the principles of freedom and human advancement demonstrated in this conference.

Researchers in every field of scientific endeavor are present, and the discussions overheard while walking through the halls of the conference are enough by themselves to raise a layman's IQ by several points. Esoteric discussions of the development of ever-more efficient atomic fission reactors, and the promise of nuclear fusion vie for attention with demonstrations of lasers and sonic drills, only to be overshadowed as a lovely model piloting a personal hover platform weaves her way through the crowd.

Excited voices discussing the latest advancements echo through the halls in English, French, Russian, Chinese, and other less easily identified languages. Even Japanese and German can be heard, past differences forgotten in the heady excitement of brilliant men, and women, too, planning for a better future for all mankind.

The excitement is contagious, and it is easy to be swept up in the utopian view of the scientists. Forgotten are the examples of science perverted for personal gain or military advantage, and questions about these past crimes are swept aside with dismissive gestures and avowals that humanity has finally learned enough to use knowledge for the right purpose, and to turn away from evil and cruelty.

Let us pray that the scientists are right.