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The Committee of V.U.F.O.R.S. takes this opportunity to wish members and readers a Very Happy and Healthy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Unidentified Flying Objects have been recorded in the history of every country of the world, possibly for thousands of years, and described as anything from birds to balloons, whirlwinds to clouds and from stars to fiery chariots.

It might be an appropriate time to mention one school of thought which believes that the Star of Bethlehem was in fact, a U.F.O. Consider this from an astronomical point of view; one can travel for miles watching a certain star which remains in apparently the same position when you have covered some considerable distance. Not so the Star of our Religious History it actually came to rest over a stable!

Although it is not the policy of this Society to pursue the Religious aspect of UFO Research - we prefer to give the 'solid' facts of thorough investigation - just how far can we go on facts or without supposition? We have no definite proof, no U.F.O. or Ufonaut to show and say "Look here they are, man and machine"! Many have claimed contact with the entities, but few believe them.

Supposition is probably the product of dreamers and where would science be today without the dreamers who put the ideas into the heads of those with the practical knowledge to make the dreams a reality?

Until such time as these space travellers land - preferably in large numbers - explain their means of propulsion and share their knowledge with us, much of our UFO research will remain supposition.

This is not a book review, but one book which has done much for the subject of UFOlogy is "The Chariots of the Gods", reviewed by a Melbourne paper some months ago. This book gives good food for thought and coupled with the first 'moon walk' by the astronauts has made people think and think more deeply than reading the occasional press cutting article on the subject.

The late Dr. Miran Lindtner commented at the UFO Convention in Canberra in 1968, that the genuine UFO researcher must know at least a little about many subjects. He does not necessarily need to be an expert in all or any of these fields but some knowledge is essential. In any case, it does help to make life more interesting and keep one alert regarding new trends in a variety of subjects.

'CHARIOTS OF THE GODS.'

If you desire a copy of this fascinating book "Chariots of the Gods" by Erich Von Daniken. send \$4.25 to the Society, and we will endeavour to acquire a copy for you. Please allow 15¢ for postage. Book stores are selling their copies as fast as they come in and some are wondering how they will cope with the demand, SO BE EARLY! Our Library already has two copies, but it is a book we are sure you will require personally.

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We are offering a service to members, particularly those who live in country and interstate areas where certain books may not be available. A City bookseller has offered to assist the Society by allowing a percentage on books we sell. This will of course assist both the bookseller and Society as we do the 'paper work' and gain a little for the effort.

Each news letter will list a few titles which will be available at the time. We will give the price and ask that you allow at least 15¢ extra per book for postage.

If you wish copies of any of the following books send your money to the Secretary, c/o Box 43, Moorabbin. 3189.

Unidentified Flying Objects	- Robert Chapman	- \$4.25
The Humanoids	- Charles Bowen	- \$4.70
	(Editor of English Flying Saucer Review)	

Paperbacks -

What we Really Know about Flying Saucers - Otto Binder - 90¢

Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects (Condon Report) - Dr. Edward U. Condon -2.25

UFOs? YES! (Where the Condon Committee Went Wrong) - David R. Saunders & Roger Harkins \$1.20

The latter two paperbacks, when read in that order make excellent reading. The Condon Report is probably the only book written, with the conclusion at the front! Probably in the hope that you won't read any further, because if you do, holes can be picked all the way through and it finishes looking rather like a sieve, giving a very strong case FOR further investigation into the subject of Flying Saucers.

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MAPS AND CHARTS.

Also available are some excellent maps of the Moon. These measure 53½ inches by 54 inches and are labelled 'Official Maps', and well worth possessing. The bookseller comments that at the price of \$1.95 it is cheaper than wallpaper.

Another very fine chart is selling for \$2.75. This shows the Earth and satellites, and all the orbits of the space probes. Please allow an extra 13¢ for postage.

SOCIETY INFORMATION:

BADGES.

You may be interested to know that the badges have been, and still are, selling very well, so well in fact, that we have completely exhausted our supply of tie bars. There are, however, still supplies of the brooch and screw type badge at the price of 60¢ and 75¢ respectively. Address badge correspondence to the Vice President, c/o the box number.

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MAGAZINE.

The coming year will see the first publication of a magazine **DUPLICATED BY THE SOCIETY.** Our Aes't Secretary, Miss June Harrison, who has been in the printing and duplicating business for many years will be Publications Officer.

This 'desperate' move was brought about by the fact that committee members had endeavoured to gain reasonable quotes for a magazine, but the range was between \$630.00 and \$820.00 which, for a non-profit organisation relying solely on membership subscriptions and donations - few and far between - is astronomical and out of the question.

Our old Gestetner duplicator - which was 'handraulic' and would have exhausted operators before half way through a magazine - has been traded in for a healthy sum on a reconditioned later model.

The magazine cover will have a new design, drawn by Committee member Mr. Bill Stapleton (our Sightings Investigations Officer) and this design we hope, will be retained for some time. Our covers for one year will be the same colour, but numbered 1,2,3 or 4, so each year there will be a different colour enabling you to more easily order back copies.

We have calculated that we can duplicate at least four magazines for the cost of one printed one, therefore the price will probably be reduced making our publication easier to sell.

We request that:

1. Members, particularly those in country and interstate areas forward any press clips from their local papers, pertaining to UFO sightings in their vicinity.
We ask this, because if we have to wait for the Press Cutting Service, some of the reports may be too old to publish by the time we receive them.
2. Any members belonging to businesses or organisations who require any simple pamphlets run off, suggest our duplicating service. It may be a little cheaper, but it will be a good job. This will ensure that our machine will pay for itself in a short time and we can then buy other equipment either for duplicating or for some other section of research.

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MAGAZINE MATERIAL.

Although we can't promise to publish everything we receive, we will be continuously requiring good material for both magazine and news letters, so if you note an article worthy of reprinting, send it in to us, others may appreciate it too!

V. U. F. O. R. S.

Balance sheet as at 30 - 6 - 1969.

<u>Proprietorship:</u>		<u>Current Assets</u>	
Club A/o.	1797.69	Bank	983 85
Plus surplus.	921.30	Petty cash	8 37
		Subs owing	429 72
		Stock on hand.	
		30.6.69.	
		Badges	93 50
		Library Books	140 58
		Magazines	611 60
		Tapes	110 00
		<u>Non-current assets.</u>	
		Tape Recorder	200 00
		Gestetner	75 00
		Filing cabinets	66 37
	<u>\$2718.99.</u>		<u>\$2718.99.</u>

Audited and found correct.

C.R. Edmonds. - 17th October, 1969.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for year ending 30.6.1969.

Income.	
Profit on Mall rental	\$ 84.85
" " U.F.O. Kits	5.95.
Members subscriptions	1377.60
Supper	33.40.
Donations	18.38.
Sighting Forms.	0.30
Reading Fee	20.00
Articles	0.88.
Photographs	1.35.
Duty stamps	0.69
Bank Interest	25.07.
Total.	<u>\$1568.47.</u>

Less Expenses.

Sundry expenses per P/cash	\$ 161.54.
Postage	141.61
Copyrights	4.00
Advertising	55.50
Press cuttings.	42.20.
Box rental	3.00
Freight	1.42.
Receipt Duty Tax.	0.97.
Printing	15.41.
Hiring Charge.	5.50.
Stationery	212.90.
Bank Charges.	3.22.
	<u>\$647.17.</u>

Surplus of income over expenditure. \$921.30.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

From the B.U.F.O.R.A. Journal.
Hon. Sec. M.C. Holt, Bramhall, Claremont Road, Glaygate.
Esher, Surrey, England.

ARE UFOs TERRESTRIAL IN ORIGIN?

Some prominent researchers nowadays believe that they are. I keep an open mind on the subject but find it hard to imagine where they emanate from, if not from outer space. The Hollow Earth idea is scientifically a non-starter and Shaver's caves of the Dero are a trifle too exotic to be accepted without more proof than is presently available. It is possible to imagine small UFO bases or way-stations in such remote areas as the Matto Grosso or the Gobi Desert, but hardly entire lost civilisations possessing a high degree of scientific advancement. However, the future will tell!

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THE ADAMSKI PHOTOGRAPHS.

According to a letter from the U.S. Department of Air Force addressed to the Hon. Lloyd Meeds and dated January 26th 1969 photo analysts at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Ohio have determined that the Adamski prints contain stimuli caused by a tobacco humidor and three ping pong balls. I would myself have supposed that the controversial photographs were of a larger object, perhaps a marine mooring-buoy. One more puzzle among the many which confront us in connection with the late George Adamski.

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THE INTERRUPTED JOURNEY.

A report, unconfirmed at the time of writing, states that Barney Hill, who with his wife, Betty, is said to have been taken aboard a flying saucer on September 19th, 1961, has died as a result of a cerebral haemorrhage. If true, a torrent of speculation will be unloosed in UFO circles. Perhaps a mere coincidence. Or possibly an exemplification of a remark by John Keel that UFO-research is not really a pursuit for teenage hobbyists.

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NOTHING LIKE PRECISION.

A Venezuelan contactee has been informed by a spaceman that a number of aliens from other worlds now living among us is precisely two million, four hundred and seventeen thousand eight hundred and five! Whew! I'm all for precision, but this is ridiculous.

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WHAT MAKES A UFO TICK?

How many readers share my distaste for elaborate schemes purporting to explain UFO propulsion? Nothing can be proved in this connection. Why not borrow a term from Charles Fort and say that the UFOs operate on the principle of Teleportation? Which is the equivalent of stating that we don't know how they work but they do - somehow.

Credit: J. Cleary-Baker. (editor)
BUFORA Journal and Bulletin.

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GENERAL MEETINGS.

The first meeting for 1970 will be on Friday 6th February at 8 p.m. and we will continue to meet on the first Friday of every month throughout the year.

The program for our first meeting will be a tape of the ACTUAL BROADCAST OF "THE WAR OF THE WORLDS" by Orson Wells which sent New York into panic in 1938.

As a lead-up to the tape, our Public Relations Officer, Mr. Paul Norman will give a brief talk on R.A.A.F. secrecy.

NEW VENUE.

It is rather unfortunate that the position of our last hall and its lack of acoustics is possibly responsible for a number of prospective members failing to return. However, this year we are going into luxurious surroundings and we hope this will bring more members and their friends to our meetings, which the Committee, endeavours to make interesting by having film nights, speakers on various subjects and panel discussions. This year we hope to have at least one person per meeting, who has had a sighting and is willing to come forward and openly discuss it.

We are also making a request of members to suggest specific aspects of UFO research which they believe should be discussed or attended to.

The new hall is centrally situated at

PRINCES GATE - 3rd Floor East Tower

Enter the building at the door opposite the Forum Theatre.

A collection will be taken at meetings towards hall rental. The Committee looks forward to meeting you at our meetings and is hopeful of your continued support for this coming year. Thank you.

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WEST. AUSTRALIAN SIGHTING.

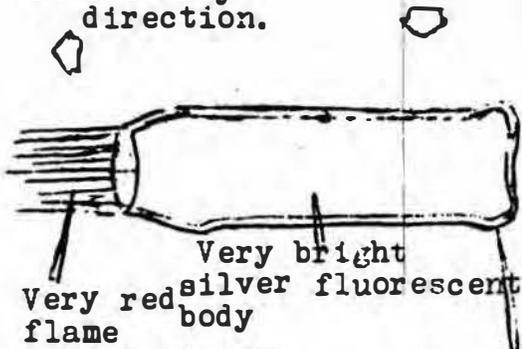
Abridged from:

"Independent", Perth W.A. 7th December 1960.

Turned and flew in easterly direction.

Came down very fast

Sighting occurred in Kambalda, Wednesday, November 12 at approximately 9.40 p.m.



Very bright silver fluorescent body
Very red flame intermittently flashing in even quick succession

Very clear glowing outline white hot.

Mrs. D.G. Dixon was leaving a neighbour's home. It had been raining and skies were overcast. Her attention was drawn to a flash in the sky overhead. The object, first thought to be a falling star did not disintegrate or disappear but continued down and increased in size.

As it came closer into her vision it suddenly appeared to spurt out a long tail of bright flame (like that of a comet) except that the flame of light was in front of the object. It slowed down, veered to her left and started to move in an easterly direction.

It disappeared behind a bank of clouds but was so bright it could be observed. There was a break in the clouds and the object could be seen travelling about the speed of a large aircraft and flashing a dark red light or flame which blinked on and off in quick succession. Several other people reported the object at the same time.

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