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Our roving Vice President's "On The UFO Train" missed the bus this edition, but he has some very interesting stories to relate in our next edition.

It looks as if one of the earth's most abundant resources could be the key to UFO sightings. WATER as it seems may be used by these units of travel for a major function, according to reports received by this society over the past year or so, which indicate that very large amounts of water are removed by UFOs, from farm tanks and reservoirs.

For a long time it has been known that UFOs have the capacity to operate at great depths in all types of water; this has given most ufologists a probable insight into where the UFOs may go after they have operated in an area of high sightings. Because of our lack of equipment able to monitor the millions of miles of ocean floor, we find it impossible to locate or track any object when it does go to sea, and this makes the oceans the most safe and inaccessible part of this earth.

It is a well known fact that if you are to operate a high flow atomic reactor, then you had better have a large supply of cooling liquids with you as you will need these to keep the core of the reactor from getting "HOT".

This interesting fact may be one of the reasons why a UFO operating on Atomic power may need every now and then, to top up with water so that it can produce the required heavy water coolant.

Another use for Water is just starting to become a possible replacement for our carbon fuels such as petroleum. The H2O CYCLE is such a clean and economic form of fuel that if you had the use of an atomic reactor to produce electric power, then you would be able to break down water into its two main, basic units of OXYGEN and HYDROGEN. By doing this, you would have an unlimited supply of breathing oxygen, and if the hydrogen was again burnt in oxygen, then the by product is again water. This makes water one of the most vital forms of fuel that can be used.

There is also the possibility the objects are controlled by Aliens composed of a Carbon Water body as we are. In this case, like us, they would need a constant supply of water just to live, and as we also do, they would need to collect this water and store it, this would require large amounts of water being taken on when levels were low.

The White Acres encounter in the Rosedale area of Victoria on the 30th September 1980, was a classic case of a UFO taking water from a tank in a large amount.

In a very short time a 10,000 gallon farm tank was emptied, and on further inspection some weeks later, it was found to have cracked as if it had been under high stress.

After Paul Norman had put this report to paper we received another letter from a member of this Society, to say that another tank from the CARDINIA RESERVOIR area had been emptied only a few days before Christmas day, and that no water leaks were found. What they want to know is, what happened to the full tank of water?

DISCUSSION NIGHTS.

The Society has been holding Discussion Nights at the ROYAL SOCIETY SUPPER ROOM - 9 Victoria Street, Melbourne at 8 pm. These have been popular because members can come and air their views without feeling they are the centre of attention, hear others opinions and discuss various aspects of the UFO Enigma. It is a comfortable room and for the small donation of 50¢, a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits makes it even more comfortable. Why not drop a note to the LIBRARIAN and let him know what books - or type of books - you read and he'll bring a selection to the meeting. The Library is available on these occasions.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS - THURSDAY 25th JUNE

The following meeting will be held there on = THURSDAY, 25th AUGUST.

DO COME AND BRING A FRIEND OR TELEPHONE - OR WRITE - THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY TO ARRANGE FOR A LIFT TO AND FROM THE MEETING!

WHY DO SOME PEOPLE EXPERIENCE UFO PHENOMENA

AND OTHERS DON'T?

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C Dr. Ian Gordon, Melbourne, 1981.

We don't have to look far for examples of people apparently seeing something while others alongside them don't. A recent edition of The Australian UFO Bulletin (1) described Maureen Puddy's third encounter with an alien - in the presence of researchers who saw nothing! The two researchers reported how they and Maureen Puddy were waiting at a meeting place to which Maureen had been summoned. One of them wrote :

"It wasn't very long, however, before Maureen grabbed my arm and said : 'There he is, I can see him in his tin foil suit.... over there! Can't you see him?' She had hold of my arm very tightly and was shaking me and asking if I could see him. I couldn't....she was giving a running commentary on the actions of the entity who was apparently coming towards the car. She said that he was so close that if I put my hand out of the car I could almost touch him...."

Then the other researcher walked around the car.

"When he came to the off-side front fender we asked Maureen what our little tinsel man had done and were told he had stepped back to allow this person to walk between him and the car.... My curiosity was really aroused by this time even though I couldn't see what she was describing".

As researchers we should now be asking the question: Why did Maureen Puddy see something whilst the other two people did not?

Some prevailing attitudes would be to dismiss the incident as fraud or hallucination - simply because the two researchers saw nothing. And according to our understandings, if there was something there they should have seen it too. But, if we dismiss the incident, we may be ignoring the most significant "fact" in the situation: some people do experience UFO phenomena when others alongside them don't. If we assume that IS a fact, we have to face up to the question : Why?

HOW IS IT THAT SOME PEOPLE EXPERIENCE UFO PHENOMENA AND OTHERS DON'T?

I guess anyone could come up with a whole list of possible answers to this question. Some of the obvious ones would be:

- (i) Some people go out of their way to do deliberate sky watching - if there is anything around, they are more likely to see it than people who stay indoors most of the time.
- (ii) Most people don't look more than ten degrees above the horizon when they are out of doors, so are less likely to see UFOs.
- (iii) UFOs seem to favour certain locations, like the so-called harmonic grid, ley lines, military bases, communication centres, electric power grids: if someone lived near such a place they may be more likely to witness UFO activity.
- (iv) Some people may have special characteristics that either attract UFOs or enable them to see UFO phenomena when others cannot.
- (v) Maybe UFO beings are able to control people's minds so that they can prevent some people from "seeing" (or perhaps remembering that they have seen) a UFO.

The first three are common sense assertions - a combination of observant people in likely places should produce more UFO experiences than otherwise. That is certainly the experience of regular sky watchers at Cradle Hill near Warminster, England (2), and my own experience at East Burwood, Victoria.

But the answer isn't quite that simple. Because, as was reported in the Maureen Puddy case, even people in the same situation at the same time don't necessarily share the same experiences. That means that we should be thinking very seriously about the last two possibilities to try to answer the question: How is it that some people experience UFO phenomena and others don't?

As researchers, we could talk about these possibilities as hypotheses and set about trying to test them. The first one would be:

"That some people have special characteristics that either attract UFOs to them or enable them to see UFOs that other people cannot".

If this were true then there would be people who clearly have multiple UFO experiences and would be expected to have some unique characteristic in common.

For many years, a common attitude among UFO researchers was that the credibility of people reporting more than one sighting was suspect. Even Dr. Hynek once indicated that people who reported multiple sightings should be ignored. Basically, the assumption was that the statistical odds for one person seeing several UFO's when compared with the incidence in the rest of the population were so great against it really happening, that it should be dismissed as too unlikely. The situation was too abnormal to be acceptable.

But there is another way to look at these sums. Researchers in the behavioural sciences such as psychology, sociology and education would in fact be looking for any 'out of the ordinary' factors - not to dismiss them, but to apply other statistical tests to find out whether they were likely to have been significant in the situation.

In UFO research it may well be that the people involved in multiple UFO phenomena should in fact be given special attention rather than dismissed as cranks. We need to know whether there is anything unique about their background, beliefs, experiences, or the circumstances of their involvement with UFOs. To date I'm not aware that researchers have collected the sort of biographical data needed to test this hypothesis. But there are people around who claim to have had more than one UFO experience. A good beginning would be to find them and decide whether their experiences seem valid. If so, they should be followed up to see whether they do have anything in common with each other that may be relevant.

If there were positive results, this line of research could be immensely important. It would be possible to predict which people would be more likely to experience UFO phenomena. Such people could be used to seek out more UFO involvement.

It's always easy to speculate about outcomes in the early stages of research. But what if the unique characteristics, instead of meaning simply that those people were more likely to see a UFO really meant they were able to "summon" one? Is it that far-fetched? How often have UFO witnesses said they knew beforehand that they were going to see a UFO? Anyone reading Stuart Holroyd's startling record of contact with UFO people (3) must seriously wonder whether people like the medium Phyllis, as well as being able to summon dolphins, may also be able to seek out contact with alien beings.

But no matter how mundane or exotic the outcomes may prove to be, this first hypothesis is something which warrants investigation.

We should also think seriously about the second hypothesis:

"That UFO beings are able to control people's minds so that they can prevent some people from "seeing" (or remembering that they have seen) them or their UFOs while allowing others to do so".

If we were to do this, we would need to make an exhaustive search of documented reports to find the sort of situations which could be explained in that way. Then it may be that hypnosis could be used to look for indications of memory blocks or other controls which had been imposed on people involved in such incidents. The following are some of the situations which are typical of the sorts of information that I think should be considered.

After the Freedom of Information Act was passed, the 'National Enquirer', a United States newspaper, conducted research into previously classified airforce documents and reported: (4)

"Mysterious UFOs flew near or hovered over nuclear bomb storage areas of two Strategic Air Command (SAC) bases and near at least ten missile sites during a three weekend period in 1975, the 'Enquirer' has learned. Several times the Air Force scrambled jet fighters and helicopters to chase down the UFOs but failed to intercept them.

One pursuing helicopter was guided to within 1000 feet of a UFO hovering over a SAC base, but the men aboard said they couldn't see the intruder object - even though men on the ground could see both craft.....

On October 27, 28 and 31, 1975, a UFO invaded the security of Loring Airforce Base in Limestone, Maine, hovering over the weapons storage area. The first night the UFO was seen visually for 35 minutes and tracked on radar for 40 minutes more. The next night the object hovered only 150 feet over the weapons storage area. A helicopter was sent up and flew to within 1000 feet of the UFO but the crew could not see it".

Reports of this type suggest both that the perception of the pilots may have been interfered with and a possible motive in the situation for that to be undertaken - survival.

Andrija Puharich is a medical scientist and psychic researcher who worked closely with Uri Geller in an effort to evaluate the strange powers associated with him. Puharich believed he and his associates were subject to 'mind control' by UFO beings on several occasions in Israel in December, 1971. In his biography "Uri", the scientist reported that on one occasion he and two friends were visiting Geller at his home. While they were there, Geller's secret lover made a phone call from the Sinai and the three visitors were apparently introduced to her on the phone as 'Yaffa'. On the following day Puharich was shocked to find that Geller denied the phone call was ever received. When Puharich checked with the other two guests, one recalled the details clearly, the other incredulously denied the situation had ever occurred.

Well, there it was. Four people seemed to experience something together. But on the following day it was 'real' only to two of them. However, out of that situation there were two pieces of information that could not be ignored. Somehow, that night Puharich learned that Geller had a secret lover in the Sinai and that her name was Yaffa. As the bewildered Geller said: (5)

"I don't believe there was a phone call, but how did you find out my secret love's name is Yaffa?"

In his biography of Geller, Puharich describes the relationship he and Geller had with UFO beings whom he called IS. He documents an amazing catalogue of such events and came to the conclusion that they were being given proof of mind control by IS. Puharich reflected: (6)

"I could never again know which of my experiences were directly imposed on me by IS and which were not".

Some extraordinary photographs surface occasionally. At times what were expected to be photographs of a family group turn out to have an unknown 'person' prominently in the picture. When the image looks distinctly non-human we should at least be open minded enough to recognise another possibility apart from fraud by double exposure or the photographer failing to notice another person in the viewfinder. That is, an alien, while being able to exercise 'mind control' over people - such as the photographer - so that he wasn't seen, was nevertheless 'exposed' by the camera.

I saw such a photo a couple of weeks ago. It shows an apparently non-human person in front of a house at Apollo Bay, Victoria. The photographer insists he saw no one when he took the photo, which was a general interest shot taken to use up the last frame on a roll. On looking at it, anyone's natural reaction would be to say: That's not normal. There's something wrong with the photograph. It's a practical joke with someone using a rubber mask....

In the past I think we have been so conservative that we have been our own worst enemies in research. We have forgotten that we are dealing with the abnormal. Instead of dismissing such photos out of hand, we should be sending them to Ground Saucer Watch Inc. to undergo the same computer analysis used on UFO photos to determine their genuineness. If we were to find a genuine photo of that ilk, it would of course, lend support to the idea that the photographer's perception was being blocked; i.e. mind control may have been at work.

On 18th February 1978, I was bush walking in mountain country in the north east of Victoria. That evening I was camped out near the summit of Mount Feathertop. The combination of clear sky and mild evening inevitably meant sky watching.

About 9.30 pm that evening I was watching one of the major stars almost overhead, Canopus. It moved. Not in the minor sort of shimmer one may expect through temperature differences in the atmosphere. And no other star was affected. First it moved in a tight wavy line for a short distance, then in a larger wave motion of several degrees before returning in a straight line to its usual station. This sort of movement was kept up for about twenty minutes. After that there was an intense 'light pulse' in the area followed by the appearance of a moving white light which streaked towards the heart of the Milky Way. But that wasn't Canopus - it was back where it belonged.

What happened really? Did I imagine the whole thing? No; my bushwalking companion also saw the apparent movements of the star. Was it really Canopus? At the time I was sure enough of my astronomy to be confident that it was - and I double checked the star charts afterwards. Canopus was definitely supposed to be in that position (but not migrating across the galaxy). So what happened? Either the star Canopus did move or something made my companion and I believe that it did.

Strangely enough, Arthur Shuttlewood reported a similar incident in one of his books about the Warminster UFOs (7). He told how an associate of his, Colin Ebdon, an amateur astronomer living in Essex, wrote to him about seeing a moving star. It was in August, 1963 that he and a friend watched a bright light emerge from behind the roof of his friend's home. It happened just at the time when Ebdon had been puzzled by two faint stars in the south

which he couldn't identify. He realised that the constellation Aquila should be in that position, but there was no sign of its first magnitude star, Altair. He watched shocked and disbelieving as the light from behind the house rose twenty degrees, soared high into the sky and stopped in the position where Altair should have been to complete the familiar constellation.

It's quite an option, isn't it? Are stars able to move? Or can something/someone so control our perception that several people witnessing the same event all believe the stars moved but in fact they didn't?

Then there's the whole field of contactees who seem to have had some sort of mental job done on them. Often the details of their experiences have been blocked from their memory. There are now many reports which document how the people involved have been subjected to hypnotic regression to reveal the often bizarre nature of an abduction, examination and return. Among the most recently published of the professionally documented such cases are The Andreasson Affair (8) and the Janos People (9).

Such studies as these raise the inevitable questions about the source of the information. Is it superimposed by the hypnotist? Is it imagination or deceit? However, since the signs of the encounter are already there before the investigations are commenced and since lie detector tests document the major statements in such cases as the Andreasson incidents, deceit cannot always be the explanation, even if the odd charlatan does exist.

So we are again faced with a relevant possibility: that the minds of some contactees are so controlled that they cannot recall incidents that really happened.

The sort of situations that I have mentioned do not prove that the hypothesis should be accepted as a fact. They give it face validity: that is, it seems a reasonable enough assertion to go on and investigate thoroughly. The possibilities associated with some of my own experiences confirm this, for I have personally experienced something spectacular which people alongside me didn't see. The spectacular sight was a panorama - a tableau of people filling a twentieth of the sky - which moved from the southern horizon to the north in about five minutes. It came to rest in a place where a few minutes later I was to see three UFOs converge. Although the family was with me on the lawn in a deliberate evening skywatch, they were oblivious to what I was seeing.

The implications of that experience for me are the same as the basic problems raised in this article. Either something controls individual minds OR there is something unique about some people which enables them to see or otherwise experience things that other people in the same situation do not. Either option is, to say the least, uncomfortable.

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"THREE SURVIVE UFO ATTACK"

From "The World Weekly News" - 24th March, 1981.

Two women and a young boy have experienced a terrifying UFO encounter near Dayton, Texas.

Betty Cash, Vickie Landrum and 7 year old Colby Landrum were travelling home from a bingo game in Cleveland, Texas. At about 9.00 pm in the evening, the sky was lit up as an object suddenly came down in front of the car. Betty Cash stopped the car and both women were certain it was the end of the world.

Betty left the car to investigate as Vickie and her son sat terrified. Betty described the object as being about the size of a water tank and shaped like a diamond. The object gave out great amounts of light, heat, and noise. The noise was likened to the roar of a tornado. Betty also recalled hearing beeps coming from the object. After approximately 5 to 7 minutes, the object rose into the sky as 23 unmarked double-rotored helicopters began to close in. Both women counted the helicopters and swore that the UFO was their apparent target. Officials at military bases in central Texas stated that their records showed no large movement of double-rotored helicopters on that night.

Apart from the visual experience of the encounter the group also carry physical reminders of that night. Betty had large bumps on her body next morning and suffered severe headaches. Since then Betty Cash has suffered extensive loss of hair from her head. Vickie Landrum suffered blurred vision, and cataracts have now formed over her eyes. She will lose her vision completely, according to the views of eye specialists. Young Colby has suffered severe nightmares since the UFO encounter.

An A.P.R.O. official, Bill English, stated that with the trio's evidence and multiple reports of a UFO over Texas on that night, this sighting was the most incredible sighting in recent years.

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FUFOR AWARDS GRANT TO INTERNATIONAL UFO JOURNAL

(Washington D.C.) - The Fund for UFO Research has awarded a cash grant to the publishers of 'UFO Phenomena International Annual Review' (UPIAR), the only international journal devoted to a scientific examination of Unidentified Flying Objects. The presentation was made at the International UFO Congress in London by the Chairman of the Fund for UFO Research, Dr. Bruce Maccabee.

"For years, UFO research has suffered from the lack of a reputable refereed journal in which to publish results of data analyses of UFO investigations and research" said Dr. Maccabee, a physicist. "However, since 1976, an Italian group (Comitato Nazionale Indipendente Per Lo Studio Dei Fenomeni Aerei Anomali) has been publishing the world's first scientific refereed journal on the UFO phenomenon. This effort merits the support of the Fund for UFO Research", he said.

The Fund for UFO Research is a scientific non-profit organization which channels contributions from the public into UFO research and education projects. Earlier this year, the Fund announced a grant of \$1,000 for the best published UFO research in 1981. The grant, in the name of Dr. Alvin H. Lawson, will be made in the Spring of 1982.

SIGHTINGSSIGHTINGS

MILLTHORPE SHOOTERS CLAIM UFO HAD HUGE SPOTLIGHT.....

Credit: "Central Western" Orange, NSW. 6th April, 1981.

Three Millthorpe youths claimed yesterday they were terrorised by an unidentified flying object early yesterday morning while spotlight shooting between Panuara and Cadia. One of the youths said he fired a rifle at the object when it started to move towards them. The youths said they heard the bullet ricochet off the side of the silver, dome-shaped object.

Chris Harvey and Dean Mitchell, both year 12 students at Blayney High School, and Kelvin Parker, employed with Blayney Shire Council, reported what they saw to the police. Mr. Harvey said the group was terrified when the object started moving towards them and when it shone a huge, bright spotlight on them before speeding away. He said they tried to chase the object when it sped off, but lost it because of its speed. The youths had left their homes at about 2 am yesterday to go spotlight shooting a in the Panuara district.

Mr. Harvey said at about 5.45 am just as daylight was breaking, he noticed what he thought was a big star on the horizon. The group were travelling along Cadia Road. Mr. Harvey said when they came to a farm called Wire Gully, they saw the object hovering in a paddock about 200 to 250 yards from the road. He said it was about two car lengths long and about one car wide. Using the telescopic sight on his rifle, Mr. Harvey said he was able to get a close look at the object.

He said it was a silver dome with a red light, two green lights and several smaller white lights, which could have been windows, along the side. The lights were suspended on what looked like small bars from the side of the dome. He said as they were watching it the object moved upwards and hovered at about 15 to 20 feet before it started to move across their path.

The three youths got out of the car to get a closer look at the object. Mr. Harvey said it was about 50 feet off the ground and started moving towards them when he fired the bullet at it. He said the object then moved back and moved upwards and started coming towards them when it turned a spotlight, two to three feet across, on them.

"I was scared stiff and thought we were finished" he said. He said the object then suddenly moved away from them at a rapidly increasing speed. The group followed it for about five miles down Cadia Road but it sped out of their sight.

Mr. Harvey said the group went back to where they first saw the object, but could find no trace of burn marks on the ground. He said the underneath of the object had criss-crossed pieces of metal that looked like a type of landing base. The group had not noticed the big spotlight when they first saw the object.

Mr. Harvey said they had the object in their sight for more than two minutes altogether. He said they would be going back to the spot to see if they could see the object again.

They were also interested to know if anyone else saw the object, because a utility was seen in the area when they returned to the spot after the object sped away.

More Sightings reports on next page..

CHECK YOUR SUBS. -
YOU MAY BE SUNK!

STRANGE LIGHTS IN THE SKY

Credit: "Herald" Colac, Vic. 15th April, 1981.

Three people have reported seeing strange lights in the sky to the south of Colac in early Sunday morning, in two independent sightings.

The two sightings, at Birregurra and Meredith Park, were about the same time, but descriptions differ. A Royal Australian Air Force spokesman said yesterday that if requested by the people who made the sightings, the RAAF would investigate them. The first reported sighting was by a 28 year-old man and a 15 year old boy at Birregurra. The man, who did not wish to be named, said they had seen three lights in the southern sky for about 30 minutes between 12.30 am and 1 am Sunday.

He said they saw two long, cigar-shaped objects, about 20 metres long, and a third object, similar to the first two but with a glowing end.

All three were glowing red, and were stationery. The first two were parallel, with the third some distance away. Eventually, all three objects faded away.

The man said he had never seen an unidentified flying object before, but had believed they might exist - he was now sure they did.

SAILORS REPORT HUGE

UFO

Credit: "Pix-People"
8th April, 1981.

The crew & passengers on an English cruise ship watched astounded as a gigantic saucer-shaped craft hovered above the deck.

Philip Taylor, of Jilmax Court, Nunawading, Vic. reports: "It happened in Oct. '77. I was working with a mate named Brad Maxwell on the SS Arcadia. "We'd just sailed from Latoka, Fiji - & because it was hot we went on deck to look at the islands. "Just before dusk, Brad said: 'Look up there - in the sky'. I did, & saw a really huge mass of bright red lights in the clouds. Then one immense, saucer-shaped ship descended & hovered.

"I judged it to be just under the length of two Jumbo jets. It was metallic, with a dome & red lights all around it. "We were too amazed and frightened to move. But there was no mistaking what we saw. It was as plain as we could see each other. Then the saucer started to move away, & headed inland. What impressed us most was its utter silence".

It was in the Octobers of 1934, 1935 and 1978 that aircraft vanished without trace over Bass Strait.

The second sighting was by a Melbourne VicRail employee, fishing on Lake Colac. Mr. Gerhard Loechert, of Hampton, said he saw lights in the sky to the south-east of Colac about midnight.

He said they remained in the sky for most of the time until about 2.30 am. But his description of the lights was different from the Birregurra sighting.

Mr. Loechert said he first saw a bright light in the sky to the south-east of Colac, but this had faded and seemed to reappear further to the west.

He said when it had "reappeared" it had been extremely large. He said while the second light was still in the sky, a light had appeared about the same place in the sky where he had seen the first. Mr. Loechert said other people fishing on the lake had also seen the lights.

There have been several UFO sightings in the sky over Apollo Bay and Bass Strait in recent years.

The most celebrated report of UFO activity was about the time a light plane went missing off the coast two years ago.

Neither the pilot nor wreckage from the plane was ever found.

*** CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS? TELL US !

.....'THEORIES!.....

"SPACE : WE'RE ON THE OUTER"... "Herald" Melb. 27/5/1981

LONDON...The men from Mars must have grown tired of us. Sightings of their fabled "flying saucers" have nose-dived in the past two years.

Statistics show the space invaders have stopped doing precisely that. The leading theory is that our inter-planetary visitors have finished their research here and are leaving us to our own devices.

This is one of the latest tidbits to emerge from the second international congress of the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association in London.

According to the association's national investigations co-ordinator, Mrs. Maureen Hall, last year was "absolutely terrible for sightings and 1981 so far has been just about as bad".

"There is a lot of theorising among us that whatever has been going on is over", she said. "There may well have been a 30 to 40 year period of research being done by aliens which has now finished".

The good news for those worried about an interstellar invasion is that the decline probably means the war is off.

"I think we would have known by now if they were going to take over the world - or if their purpose in coming was to save us from blowing ourselves up with nuclear weapons", Mrs. Hall said.

Large-scale sightings of UFO's started during World War 2. They peaked in the seventies with more than 200 reports a year in Britain alone. The fall-off does not make a bright prospect for some earthlings.

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'THE THEORY OF RELATIVITY'...."Herald" 27/5/81

LONDON...His Grace William Brinsley le poer Trench, the eighth Earl of Clancarty, has this theory about his ancestors:

"They came from outer space 63,000 years ago. It was then that the earth was colonised by space travellers and we are all descended from them. This accounts for all the different color skins we've got here. We all came from different planets".

Lord Clancarty, 69, vice-president of the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association, was at the London conference today. The aim of the conference is to influence scientists into taking UFOs seriously. Lord Clancarty, who is very serious about the subject, subscribes to what he calls the "hollow earth" theory.

Not all the UFOs came from outer space, he explained. Some originated from civilisations "quite a few miles down", under the earth's crust. They come out through tunnels. There were seven or eight entrances. One was at the North Pole, another at the South Pole and others are in remote spots like Tibet.

"I haven't been down there myself, but from what I gather they are very advanced", he said.

Lord Clancarty said that one expedition had managed to reach just such an underground settlement and discovered a modern city.

"There were people down there and also robots, but of course no publicity was given to this - it's all part of the cover-up".

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR
SUBSCRIPTION
RENEWAL DATE?

OVER AUSTRALIA MAN MADE HIS FIRST REPORT
 OF A UFO IN SPACE.

Mercury 9 (Faith 7) blasted off with Leroy Gordon Cooper Jr. heading for a 22 orbital flight to evaluate the effects of space on man. The mission started on the 15th May 1963 and lasted a total 34 hrs and 19 minutes and 49 seconds. It was during Cooper's 22nd orbit over AUSTRALIA that he reported that he was observing a green UFO with a red tail out in space. After he had returned from space & underwent a debriefing the UFO report was officially denied, but not only by NASA but also by Cooper. Even though the sighting was heard all over the world the explanation for the report was merely that it was the result of a garbled story of something sighted from the ground in AUSTRALIA.

GOOD OLD OZ FIRST AGAIN...page 166 'NO EARTHLY EXPLANATION' Spencer.

STRANGER THINGS TO SEE

In the Topkapi Palace Istanbul, TURKEY, there is a map in the Library of Admiral Piri Reis who made 215 maps in the year 1513. One of the maps when studied by Cartographers and projected onto a modern day map using the grid reference points was found to produce a virtually identical copy of the world seen only from a position that has to be in space. Areas of the then unmapped Antartica show not just the ice flow but reveals the land mass under this ice that can only be seen by a modern day echo sounder. All this seems too good to be set down to luck but what makes this more interesting is that this all was made 380 years ago, from a point over CAIRC looking down at the Earth.

...page 135 - "IN SEARCH OF ANCIENT GODS" Von Daniken.

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(Book No. 84)

"NO EARTHLY EXPLANATION" by JOHN WALLACE SPENCER.

Ed. 1974; 8 chapters, 178 pages, 16 photographs.

This book is written to try and answer the questions asked about the disappearances of ships boats planes and people, without the slightest warning and without logical reason and with no earthly explanation, tragedies and UFO sightings continually occur.

John Wallace Spencer said: "I hope to prove using scientific data that UFOs really do exist. Where the extraterrestrial visitors come from, what they are doing here on earth, and where their hidden laboratories and facilities are must be up to you to decide".

This book is written in the form of an information and educational report. Not hard to read, well layed out so that each report is well defined and easy to recognize with excellent story names and date headings. The book would only be 40% about UFOs, the rest is scientific data from basic Astronomy to Biology and space flight. You might say it is a book about HISTORY and not about stories. The book offers the reader more than just the good old normal sightings that we seem to read a lot about; there is an overall view of what has happened to man since the start of time to his present awareness of UFOs.

From Adam and Eve, to Stonehenge, Easter Island to Tiahuanaco, he looks at the UFO subject, the Air Force cover-ups and the long history of UFOs. Chapter 5 is very well done as he looks into the Hows and Whys of the many strange and unexplained things this earth has gone through. The Bermuda Triangle is well covered in this chapter.

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John Spencer the author, is quite an interesting person in his own right. He began his study of UFOs just after the end of world war two, and continued to gather UFO data during the ten years (1952-1962) he was on active duty with the USAF assigned to the NORTH AMERICAN AIR DEFENCE COMMAND - NORAD. After this he became an investigator for the well known group THE NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA (NICAP). He now runs his own Publishing Company and is the author of the book "LIMBO OF THE LOST". One of the best sections in this book looks at the USAF cover up of the UFO question and this extract from his book is well worth looking at in this review.

"A massive new UFO wave of sightings began in the late 1964. In December, UFOs were being reported over the southern portion of the USA and spreading northwards up the Mississippi and Ohio Valleys. By March 1966 the UFO subject was a national sensation and there was a public outcry for action. The USAF found itself faced with a problem that had to be done away with once and for all. A contract was made with the University of Colorado to set up a special UFO study project. The half-million dollar study was to take two years and to be conducted by a team of non-government scientists under the direction of Dr. Edward Condon, Professor of Physics at the University of Colorado, former chairman of the National Academy of Science and the former chief of the US National Bureau of Standards. One fact not made public at that time was that the team of scientists: a dozen astronomers, physicists, psychologists and others were to be chosen from the ranks of non-believers in UFOs.

Earlier in 1965 Dr. J. Allen Hynek, head of the Astronomy Dept. at Northwestern University and for twenty years chief scientific consultant on UFOs to the Air Force UFO investigating projects came up with a plan for a computer study program for the entire worldwide UFO situation. Needless to say the Air Force did not want to prove that UFOs existed so the proposal was rejected in favour of the supposedly unbiased Condon Study. Professor Condon did not go into the UFO investigation with an open mind. That statement can be easily proved by examining a few of his quotes: "The one thing I don't expect to prove is that UFOs don't exist because it is impossible to prove a negative proposition"; "I won't believe in outer space saucers until I see one, touch one, get inside one, haul it into a lab and get some competent people to go over it with me".

The period 1965 through 1967 produced more than 3000 reported UFO sightings - far more than any other three year interval in history. In the middle of all this furor a 1966 gallup poll disclosed over 5,000,000 Americans stated that they personally had seen UFOs. However, for the 18 years 1947 to 1965 only about 10,000 sightings had been reported to the Air Force project BLUE BOOK. During 1967 the Condon committee traveled the nation, interviewing witnesses and supposedly investigating the situation. In Jan. '68 the whole project fell apart and the investigators divided themselves up into believers and non-believers. Members were fired from the committee while others resigned in protest.

Both Prof. Hynek & Dr. James E. McDonald, a University of Arizona senior physicist, both attacked the project. McDonald said "My position is that UFOs are entirely real with the strong possibility that we are under surveillance by an extraterrestrial intelligence". In 1969 the Condon fiasco - a 350,000 word, 900 page, "Condon Report" was published and it concluded that there was no evidence to support the notion that UFOs were extraterrestrial visitors and that future UFO studies would be a waste of time and money and would not yield any useful information. On the strength of the Condon report the USAF permanently shut down its 20 year UFO projects in December 1969. But exactly how effective were the investigations in the first place?". I think the author's summation is well placed and worthy of repeat.

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"No one can prove as yet that other life lies beyond earth. Only a few years ago to even suggest that there was other life in the Universe was a sure sign of madness. The latest scientific discoveries have changed much of this kind of thinking. If just one out of every 100,000 stars in our Galaxy has a solar system with some type of life, intelligent or otherwise, then we could have over a million inhabited neighbors. Multiply this figure times the billion or more galaxies and the number of possibilities becomes astronomical. Prof. George Wald, Nobel Laureate & Prof. of Biology at Harvard and Prof. Richard Berendzen an astronomer from Boston University have both expressed a belief in other life. Prof. Wald stated 'I think there is no question that we live in an inhabited universe that has life all over it'".

Every day the evidence mounts that there is other life outside our own infinitesimal dot in the Universe. The Question is no longer IFbut rather WHERE".

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"What was the first sighting of Humanoids in modern times?"

Answer..... From 1947-1952 there were several reports of humanoids ...the first one appears to be on the 23rd July 1947 in Sao Paulo, Brazil, when a surveyor saw a disc land. His name was Jose Higgins and he apparently was confronted by three humanoids nearly seven feet (2.1m) tall. They attempted to communicate with Higgins by drawing on the ground. The beings then re-entered their craft and left.

Recently much evidence has come to light that the US Air Force has "on ice" many humanoids. Some of these beings supposedly came from a UFO crash in New Mexico in 1947. Many people have said that the humanoids did exist and were kept at Wright-Paterson and Edwards Air Force Bases. (*)

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A UFO STORY THAT MIGHT EVEN BE TRUE...

Credit : "The Australian" 25th May, 1981.

'THE ROSWELL INCIDENT' by Charles Berlitz (\$17.95)

Do you believe in flying saucers? Well, would you believe that a saucer crashed in the desert with six aliens in it? And that the US Government studied the wreckage and performed at least two post-mortems on the "creatures"? And that it all happened 35 years ago and we haven't heard a word about it? - Well, that's the claim in 'The Roswell Incident'. So there was understandably a lot of excitement on July 2nd, 1947 in Roswell, New Mexico, when the crash of a flying saucer was reported.

First reports said the occupants were about three feet tall, slant-eyed, grey in color, and not quite human. The news flashed round the world. London's Sunday 'Express' boxed the story on the front page. According to the book, a rancher hauled the wreckage into a cattle shelter with his tractor and the army picked it up.

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From that moment things got confused. Teletype operators were ordered not to transmit messages. Reporters were shown bits of material from a weather balloon and told the whole thing had been a mistake. The crash was written off - in what Berlitz calls a massive cover-up. Even now, the US Government is trying, he claims, to duplicate the strange metal of the saucer, and studying the bodies of the humanoid crew. But they've told the public nothing about it. Berlitz has found people who say they saw the original wreckage and occupants who were not human. He's also amassed a lot of fuzzy photographs.

Berlitz wrote a well-known book called 'The Bermuda Triangle', and some lesser-known ones about other famous mysteries. Sceptics might claim that as a point against him. But he's managed to make the Roswell incident highly readable and exciting - and the funny thing is it might even be true!

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THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER REVIEW IS BACK AGAIN!

The Australian Flying Saucer Review commenced as a joint three state (east coast) publication in December 1959, and progressed satisfactorily to number 7 in November 1962. After waiting for eighteen months for the non-appearance of edition number 8, and with dwindling membership, we decided to "have a go" ourselves and the Review - Victorian Edition was born in June 1964.

Some of our "old faithfuls" will remember our monthly meetings in Kelvin Hall Library, when subscription fees were £1/10 and public transport was comfortable and safe and we had quite a crowd in that small, cosy hall.

However, sentiment makes way for progress and we produced 7 "Victorian" editions and dropped the "Victorian" in the 8th edition. After having tried several printers and finding the costs going ever upward, we learned we had a lady on our committee who was familiar with the printing business. We accepted her generous offer and the Review was left in her very capable hands.

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..!"AND MORE THEORIES!".....

BEATING OFF THE SPACE
INVADERS IS PROVING COSTLY.

Credit: "Australian" 9/5/81

The Federal Government is spending thousands of dollars a year trying to track down non-existent invaders from outer space. A network of RAAF officers around the country investigates and reports on "every sighting of an unidentified flying object despite official acknowledgement nearly 20 years ago that flying saucers do not exist.

Since then, RAAF intelligence officers have reported annually to the Government that there is still no evidence that UFOs are visiting us. Yet each year the defence budget includes provision for the part-time employment of at least 14 RAAF officers and one senior RAAF intelligence officer to report the same findings.

It is 20 years since the US Air Force closed down a similar program. In 1963, the then Minister for Air, Mr. Osborne, told Parliament there was no evidence that UFOs sighted over Australia represented visitors from outer space.

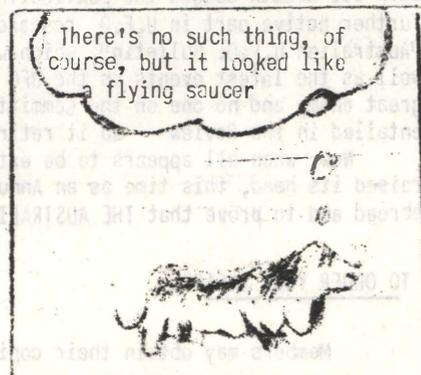
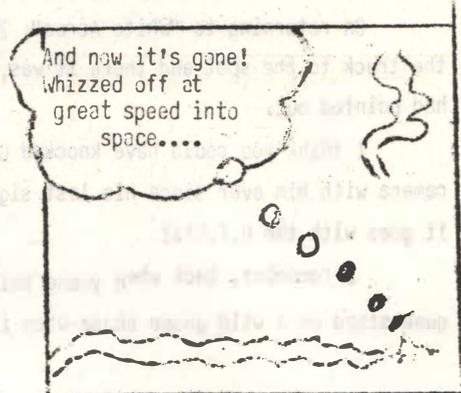
The bulk of the sightings could be traced to aircraft, meteorological balloons, or Venus. Since 1963, the RAAF has been able to refine its investigations to such a degree that it can now explain 97 per cent of all sightings. The unexplained 3 per cent is largely attributed to hoaxes. The original UFO program was started in the 1950's in the wake of post-war fears that the Russians may have developed a secret flying saucer.

The task of keeping track of the UFOs was given to the RAAF and today's UFO program is still part of the defence system. In the main, they handle reports made directly by the public. RAAF officers then track it down. To help with their inquiries they are armed with a list of aircraft arrivals and departures, astronomical occurrences, and satellite flight paths.

Usually this is enough to make a positive identification. In Perth, for example, most UFO sightings are during the early morning out to sea when the first of the day's Boeing 747's arrives.

Melbourne "SUN" - 8th May, 1981.

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THE TINAMBA CIRCLES.

Pat Gildea.

Tinamba via Maffra, Gippsland : A share farm run by Mr. Henry Gallatly April 4th, 1981.

7.10 pm.

Mr. Gallatly's son Guy was putting petrol in his car when he observed a flashing red light about 800 yards from the house, flying around the paddock at fence height. This light had been observed over the past 12 months by other neighbours in the area. Guy observed the light for a few minutes then turned his car headlights in its direction. The red light immediately switched off and a very brilliant white light replaced it as it sped off in a northerly direction.

On Thursday 16th April, Mr. Gallatly discovered three complete, burnt rings 17 feet in diameter on his property. The three circles connected, forming a triangle in the centre. Luckily, we arrived on the scene on Thursday 21st April, before the sightseers and the press. Soil samples were taken and I discovered a white substance like chalk, scattered in the burnt areas of the circles. The sheep in the paddock had broken out in panic and Mr. Gallatly stated that one was missing. The horse, a normally quiet animal, could not be caught for a few days and was visibly distressed. No unusual radiation level could be detected and the magnetic field in the area was normal.

On my way to the site, I picked up George Blackwell who witnessed a U.F.O. landing on 30th September 1980, at his property, approximately 8 kilometers away. George understandably is now very interested in U.F.O.'s. On our way back to his farm George happened to mention that he had seen a similar red flashing light one night some weeks back, but had passed it off as workers on the railway line which borders his property.

On returning to "White Acres", I decided it was worth a quick look, so off we went in the truck to the spot and there it was, another burnt circle, in the exact location George had pointed out.

I think you could have knocked George over with a feather as he had been carrying a camera with him ever since his last sighting. He was so disappointed! Well, that's the way it goes with the U.F.O.'s!

I remember, back when young Valentich disappeared a few years ago. I was up in Queensland on a wild goose chase when it was all happening in my own back yard.

The Review is back!

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The Review, in this format commenced in March 1970, and continued to number 5 in 1972, when ill health dogged the publication officer's family and prevented her from taking any further active part in U.F.O. research. During this time we were also publishing the "Australian U.F.O. Bulletin", which was supposed to give our members overseas news items, as well as the latest events on the UFO front at home. Unfortunately time seems to be a great enemy and no one on the Committee had either the ability or time to continue the work entailed in the Review - so it retired!

Now, when all appears to be extremely quiet on the UFO front, the Review has once again raised its head, this time as an Annual, to review some reports, past and current, home and abroad and to prove that THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER REVIEW is not defunct, but very much alive!

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