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A considerable amount of difficulties have been experienced in the production of the last two issues of Newsletter. These have now been overcome and it is anticipated that the present form will continue uninterrupted in the future.

This month was high-lighted by the Soviet announcement that an official UFO research group will study the phenomenon on a high specialised and scientific level. Our correspondent in Moscow informs us that the project will involve about one hundred scientists including university professors, post-graduate students, military and other specialist personnel. They will carry out the investigations along similar lines as the Colorado University Project in U.S.A.

It is interesting to note that USSR and USA, the two leading nations in world space research, are now taking a serious view on the UFO subject which may indicate that both nations must be in possession of some vital information concerning the reality of UFO's. It is possible to speculate that both research projects are aimed at collecting evidence in preparation of their astronauts for an eventual contact with cosmic races in future space explorations.

With the upsurge of world-wide interest on UFOs in scientific circles it is reasonable to anticipate that some revealing announcement will be made in the not too distant future. Ufologists throughout the world are awaiting impatiently this moment with confidence that their views will finally be recognised and the hypothesis of UFO's extra-terrestrial origin and technological nature confirmed.

UFO OVER DALLAS, TEXAS - On the night of September 28, 1966 at about 11.30 p.m., Mr. Fred Loven noticed from his kitchen window a bright light coming towards the house. He ran outside and saw that it was flashing not just one light but four or five white lights grouped together. They were spaced at equal distances along the rim of an object which was disc-shaped and approximately 30 to 40 feet in diameter and had a barely visible red dome on the top. "It went directly over my house, moving southward in a dipping motion. It was about three to four hundred feet above the ground and travelled with the speed of 70 to 80 mph," Mr. Loven explained.

At this point he ran back into the house to call out to his wife so she also could witness the event. She was already awakened by the humming sound - similar to that of a generator - which the object emitted. They both watched the object from the front yard while it moved along west of the downtown Dallas then turned back, swerved north - and then disappeared into the distance. The whole sighting lasted for approximately ten minutes for Mr. Loven and half that time for Mrs. Theresa Loven. It was a clear night with no clouds in the sky and the full moon was high above the horizon.

DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST-PRIEST SEES AND PHOTOGRAPHS UFOs. - "Unidentified Flying Objects do exist. They are craft manned by living beings from another world. These alien beings are currently studying the Earth and its inhabitants. And, sooner or later, they will establish formal contact with mankind." This is not a wild guess by a science-fiction writer but is an authentic and scientific conclusion of Rev. Segundo Benito Reyna, an internationally recognised astronomer and Jesuit Priest in Argentina. Father Reyna, director of the Adhara Observatory at San Miguel, Buenos Aires, has seen dozens of UFOs from his Observatory and some of them through a telescope. He photographed them as they passed across the field of the telescope range and silhouetted against the moon in the background. Six photos were obtained, of which one in particular is interesting for it shows a typical oval form, a shape common to UFOs. Father Reyna's convictions about beings from outer space does not conflict with his religious beliefs. He explained, "From a theological point of view, the existence of these intelligent visitors from beyond the Solar System is not only just possible, but is probable and likely. We would be naive to believe that God's Grace has only been given to the inhabitants of Earth. I believe that God has created rational beings on other planets in the Universe who have developed advanced civilizations, explored space, found us and eventually will communicate with us. I don't just believe in UFOs, I know they exist and that the intelligent beings on board have been watching us for some time. Scientifically, it would be foolhardy to claim that no intelligent life could exist anywhere else in the Universe," Father Reyna commented, "In our galaxy alone, there are more than one million planets where life as we know it could be sustained and where rational beings could have developed fabulous civilisations - and remember, our galaxy is only one of the millions in the Universe."

LOOK MAGAZINE PUBLISHES A SPECIAL ISSUE ON FLYING SAUCERS - On the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the modern era of flying saucers which started on 24th June, 1947 with the report of Kenneth Arnold seeing nine disc-shaped objects over the Rocky Mountains - "LOOK" Magazine of United Press International Inc. has dedicated an exclusive issue to the subject. This is a most impressive volume containing 67 pages, several colour and numerous black and white photographs of flying saucers and portraits of leading UFO researchers. It describes the whole story as it happened and projects the reader into the background of conflicts among the leading UFO theoreticians. It is written with a positive view on the UFO subject, but is also objective in exposing doubts and problems. This volume is a must for a UFO student as well as for anyone interested in the subject. UFOIC has obtained a few copies directly from the USA but it is anticipated that the issue will also reach Australian public through press agencies.

NEAR LANDING IN NEW YORK STATE - On April 5, 1967 a noiseless disc hovered not more than 200 feet from the ground over the farm of Joseph Powers, Castleton, New York. There were blue and red lights on the object, and a short tail of blue flame spouted from its rear. It appeared to be 75 to 100 feet across and rimmed with a row of windows. The whole area beneath was brilliantly illuminated as the object moved in the direction of high tension power lines crossing the locality. It circled for about five minutes very close to the ground then rose and disappeared.

MAN BURNED IN CANADA LANDING - On May 29, 1967 Mr. Steve Michalak was prospecting in the wild country near Falcon Lake, in the vicinity of Winnipeg, Canada. Suddenly his attention was caught by a loud noise of wild geese habitating the area and when he looked up to see what was disturbing the birds he noticed in the distance two red objects approaching with great speed over the horizon. One object dipped coming down to land, blowing leaves and rock lichens from the landing spot, while the other hovered for a few seconds and then took off with high speed.

Michalak, hidden in the nearby bush, watched the object in awe while it rested on the ground. He noticed that it appeared to be made of a stainless steel which radiated rainbow colours and emitted heat. After about 25 minutes a square door with rounded edges opened and a "fantastic" purple light was seen inside, intermixed with flashing red, green and blue lights. A high pitched whining sound like that of a motor running at high speed was heard and an odour resembling that of a burning electrical coil was smelt. Michalak then approached the object with the intention to investigate it. He claims that he heard voices coming from the inside and so he called out in several languages but gained no response. Instead, the door closed and the engine stopped. Michalak then reached out his hand to touch the machine with rubber-coated gloves. The rubber started immediately to melt and slip from the surface. As he examined the glove, the machine began to rotate in a counter clockwise direction and he was blown to the left by a blast of hot air or exhaust which set his clothes afire. He received a minor burn on his face but second and third degree burns on his chest. The machine then took off in the direction from which it had come. Immediately after, Michalak ran away from the place feeling dizzy and headed back for the town. He was treated at Misericordia Hospital for chest burns which showed curious characteristics, in that they were arranged in a chess board pattern with some squares having dots and the others not.

He could not keep food in the stomach for several days after, was nauseated and had a feeling of a strange odour coming from the inside. He experienced also pronounced diarrhoea and lost 22 pounds in four days. Blood examination showed severe drop in white cells count. Subsequently the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were informed and gloves were taken for chemical examination and residue tests of which the results are not yet known.

CIGAR-SHAPED UFO OVER HEIDELBERG, GERMANY - On 26th January, 1967 at about 8 p.m. the daughter of a Lt. Colonel residing in an apartment building on a U.S. Army base was drawn from her homework by a "prising" sound. She told her father, they looked out the window and saw a cigar-shaped object about 50 to 60 feet long hovering motionless about 150 feet above the ground directly over a small shed about 100 feet away. Before long a crowd of 50 to 60 people gathered, some of them using binoculars to watch the object. It appeared to be metallic-like and shiny and displayed lights which alternated red, green and blue colours. During the 15-20 minutes, while the object was observed, local military police were informed and in turn the Air Force. As soon as the roar of jets were heard, the object's lights increased in intensity and the craft began moving away rapidly, gaining in speed, until it disappeared from sight.

AUSTRALIAN EVENTS

BRISBANE SIGHTING - Considerable excitement was stirred up through Newspapers, Radio and TV over the recent Brisbane report of UFO sighting and photographs by James Wallace, who supposedly took eight photos of a flying saucer hovering over the Brisbane suburb

BRISBANE SIGHTING (Concluded)

of West End. After investigating the sighting, the Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau in conjunction with the Brisbane University, pronounced the photographs as faked. The main basis for their conclusions was the discrepancies which came to light under technical examination and showed that the length and shift of shadows between the first and last photo indicated a lapse of $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours instead of 7 minutes as stated by Mr. Wallace. It is a compliment to QFSRB for its strict measures in the case, thus saving Australian UFO research groups from a great deal of embarrassment.

UFO OBSTRUCTS CAR - Farmer Alan Pool, 43 of Yerecoin, 99 miles north of Perth was driving his Landrover about a mile away from his farm at 6.30 p.m. on 15th November, 1967 when he heard a humming sound similar to that of an electric generator, he thought at first that something had gone wrong with his vehicle. He stopped the car, then suddenly noticed a strange airship speeding towards him. The object, grey and metallic like - an inverted saucer was about 12 feet in diameter and stood about 6 foot high, it landed only a few feet away from the car. There were 6 portholes of which two in the centre were square and two on either side round. He could not see through the windows. When he attempted to open the door, the object was so close that it prevented him from doing so. Still under the impression that the object was purely terrestrial he swore at it. He was shocked to hear his own voice repeated from the craft. Then suddenly the object rose vertically and with great speed disappeared in the sky. Only now he realised the significance of the event. Stepping out of the car he examined the ground but the grass was undisturbed and there were no burn marks. Arriving home in confusion he was told by his wife that she had been watching TV at the time and had noticed some interference with the picture which had only occurred before when a satellite-like object once passed overhead.

The New Norcia police were informed, investigated the case and were mystified but regarded the sighting as genuine.

NEWCASTLE UFO EXHIBITION - The newly formed N.U.F.O.I.C., which is a branch society of UFOIC Sydney, has been invited by a large departmental store to present their case before the public through an exhibition on the UFO subject. An area of 50 x 30 feet on the third floor was assigned for this purpose.

UFOIC contributed large blow-up photographs of Flying Saucers, newspaper clippings, posters, a number of books and copies of leading world UFO periodicals, tapes, slides and records. Horwitz Publishing Co. also extended themselves by despatching large numbers of UFO books for display and sale. Models of Adamski-type flying saucers and mother-ships were made by local enthusiasts, and a magnetic UFO detector was made available from Sydney. A "Theaterette" was constructed in which slides could be shown and tapes and records played for the public at various intervals. The duration of the UFO exhibition is for three weeks from 20th November to 19th December. Considerable publicity arising from the event has drawn enthusiastic gatherings; some of the people have become acquainted with the subject for the first time, whilst others reinforced their convictions that UFOs will play an ever increasing part in world affairs. It is quite obvious that the venture has been most fruitful - and congratulations are extended to the group's President, Miss R. Pendlebury, Vice President, Dr. P. Robinson, Secretary, Mrs. A. Robinson and Treasurer, Mr. J. Newham, as well as other collaborators.

NEW CANBERRA SOCIETY - In Canberra on 5th September this year, a new Society was established to investigate, collate and disseminate reports on Flying Saucers.

At the first (informal) meeting of around thirty people, office bearers were elected as follows: President - Mr. Harry Zwankhuizen, Secretary - Mrs. Vicki Klein, Treasurer - Mr. John Brooks. It was decided that the society should be officially called the "Canberra Unidentified Flying Objects Research Society".

Many important sightings have been made in the Canberra area during the last decade. One of the most significant occurred on 9th November, 1957, when at approximately 3 a.m. astronomers at the Mt. Stromlo Observatory, near Canberra, sighted a bright pink object travelling across the sky. The object was much too bright for an aeroplane and was seen for about 8 minutes, too long for it to have been a meteor.

Probably the best-known sighting in Canberra occurred at the Airport there on 15th July, 1965. An object, said to be a "glowing white spot" was watched for 40 minutes by six of the staff of Canberra Airport control tower, as well as by two pilots flying commercial airliners. The R.A.A.F. sent a plane to try to identify the object but it disappeared before it could be reached.

With the establishment of this new Society, a number of new sightings will be investigated which might otherwise remain unknown. Already sightings are flowing in at a steady rate. Canberra's new branch welcomes any Sydney or affiliated members to its meetings and hopes that there will be a close bond between the respective societies in the best interests of UFO research in general.

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UFOIC NEWS & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

THE OCTOBER MEMBERS MEETING at Adyar Hall was attended by 120 people. Fifty-six slides of UFOs from world publications were shown. Mr. Phillips and Mr. Homan as commentators, explained that while many photos were of doubtful authenticity there was a hard core of photographs which have been examined and found authentic by various laboratories including U.S. Airforce. These caused great interest and discussion among the audience. It is clearly understood that if there is only one genuine photo among the hundreds taken (e.g. Brazilian Navy snapshot taken during the International Geophysical Year) - than the study of UFOs is justified and their existence confirmed.

THE SOCIAL ON FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER was attended by 43 members. A most interesting talk by Mr. Dutton, followed by Mr. Barnes, was given on the subject of Radionics, supported by illustrations and demonstrations. This fascinating subject created such interest that discussions carried on until midnight. We can only wonder - if we are just now on the brink of discovering the possible practical application of radionics, - we can imagine how advanced a certain cosmic civilisation must be which has developed and perfected such knowledge, maybe already millions of years ago.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will take place on Tuesday, 5th December with election of officers and presentation of the Annual Report. Also certain constitutional alterations will come up for ratification. After the official part, films will be shown.

CHRISTMAS PARTY The final social evening in 1967 for members only, will be our Christmas Party on Saturday, 16th December at 8 p.m., 33 Woodward Avenue, Strathfield. The function will take the form of a "barbecue" and therefore members are advised to bring their own refreshments along (steak, sausages, beer etc.), our wonderful ladies' committee will care for the rest. Those present at our last Christmas Party will recall its great success and we anticipate the same pleasant get-together this year.

THE JUNIOR SECTION OF UFOIC will have its first meeting on Sunday, 18th February, 1968 at 3 p.m. at the President's residence, 33 Woodward Avenue, Strathfield. This will be an acquaintance meeting from which arrangements will be made later for lectures on various subjects (astronomy, archeology etc), related to the understanding of the UFO subject. There are, at present, 30 juniors who should benefit from the Society's programme. Parents are welcomed.

FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

From time to time various members have enquired about overseas journals. UFOIC has contacted a considerable number of Editors and obtained information re subscriptions, which average about \$2.50 Australian.

Here is a list of some of the Journals we recommend:

- U.S.A. - NICAP, APRO, APRG Publications, Saucer News, Flying Saucers, Saucer Scoop, UFO Reporter, Understanding (combines UFO matters with various philosophical subjects).
- U.K. - Flying Saucer Review, Bufora Journal, Spacelink, Orbit.
- Canada - Saucers, Space & Science, UFO Journal.
- Denmark - UFO Contact.

There are also a number of journals in foreign languages (Dutch, French, Japanese, German, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese) which could be obtained through our office. Paperbacks may be obtained through Mr. Mike Duggan, (our librarian) at Angus & Robertson (Secondhand Dept.) and Mr. Thorburn (Pocket Book Shop). For any further information please contact our Secretary, Mr. W. Moser.

It is not often that we mention individual publications received from our overseas friends but we can highly recommend two of them recently received. The special 10th Anniversary number of the Canadian Magazine "Saucers, Space & Science" is worthwhile reading, price 85¢ Aust. Somehow more expensive is Jim Moseley's "Book of Saucer News", selected articles from wellknown magazine "Saucer News" Price \$4.50 Aust.

The UFOIC Committee thanks members for their support and co-operation during the past year and looks forward to their future co-operation and happy associations in the coming year, which commences in February.

The Committee takes this opportunity to wish all members a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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