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Members may note that both the previous and present Newsletters contain large sections dedicated to Australian Societies and their activities, while the world UFO scene may appear neglected. The reason for this contrast from the previous Newsletters is, that our publication serves also as a communication link for other societies having no facilities to publish their own journals. It is, however, planned that the forthcoming Newsletters will place more emphasis on international material so as to bring our members up-to-date with world UFO events.

## WORLD NEWS

### THE MYSTERY OF THE DEAD HORSE

Although the case of the dead horse from Alamosa, Colorado has generally filtered verbally through meetings of people interested in flying saucers, it is probable that a number of UFOIC members are not aware of the actual details, since the report only appeared in one Sydney newspaper, the Daily Telegraph, last September.

Top American pathologists have been astounded by the death of a three year old horse, Snippy, whose owner believes he was killed by "the inhabitants of a flying saucer". An autopsy revealed that it's abdominal, brain and spinal cavities were empty, and in addition to this, the pathologist who performed the autopsy said there were no signs of entrance into the horse's body. One prominent Denver pathologist and blood specialist said that the absence of organs in the abdominal cavity was completely inexplicable. When the pathologist cut into the horse's brain cavity, he found it completely empty. "There definately should have been a good bit of fluid in the brain cavity", he said. Most puzzling was the absence of any material in the centre of the spinal column. The pathologist said he was not surprised by the absence of all of the abdominal organs and brain because he had read of similar incidents in other countries. "This horse was definately not hit by lightning," the pathologist said. That was the official conclusion of Alamosa County authorities.

The controversy over Snippy began when the horse did not return to the Harry King ranch for his usual evening drink. Two days later, Mr. King went looking for Snippy and found him dead about a quarter of a mile from the ranch house. The ranch is 20 miles south-east of Alamosa in desolate mountain country. All the flesh had been stripped from the horse's neck and head and only bare bones remained. The bones were completely clean and Mr. King said the cut where the neck meat had been peeled up from the withers, was so perfect it could not have been made with a knife. Mr. King called the owners of the horse, Mr. & Mrs. Burl Lewis, and together they investigated the area where the horse had been killed. They found areas where the brush had been squashed to within 10 inches of the ground. What appeared to be 15 circular exhaust marks were found 100 yards from the horse. Another area, where an unknown craft was believed to have landed, was punched with six identical holes, each two inches square and four inches deep. Mrs. Lewis cajoled a Forestry official into checking the area with a geiger counter. High readings were found all around the area, she said, including where the unidentified flying objects were believed to have landed. An investigating committee measured the markings on the ground and found the largest to be a circle 75ft. in diameter.

The committee returned to Denver with several samples taken from the horse and an object presumed to be a tool, found by Mrs. Lewis. Mrs. Lewis found the object on her second visit to the site on September 16th. It was covered with horse hair, and she said when she tried to wipe the hair off, her hand turned red and began to burn. The burning persisted until she washed her hands.

Additional data was obtained from a radio interview soon afterwards with one of the investigators who had been on the scene. One thing new which was brought out, was the fact that the carcass was not unduly decomposed, nor was it particularly "smelly", also the vultures or buzzards did not attack or try to eat the carcass. Again, these points highlight the mystery of the abnormal situation. A plastic type of bag has also been found on the site. It contained a greenish fluid but no more details have yet come to light. An ominously similar case to the one above has recently come to notice in Canada.

Terry Goodmurphy of North Livingstone, Ontario, Canada, age 20, and his companion Steven Griffon, 19, are still excited about their weird experience one evening during the week of November 5. At around 9.30 p.m. they were driving in a westerly direction on Highway 17 East, when they saw an orange glow in the sky as they were coming over the Maple Ridge Hill.

At first they thought it to be a fire but then they noticed that it appeared to be moving. They stopped to watch for a short time and later decided to go a little further on down the highway. After travelling approximately three quarters of a mile, they again stopped "as the craft was taking definite shape". "We were near a field and there was no traffic on the highway. The 'thing' was about 100 ft. in diameter, judging by the distance it was from us," Terry related. "It went down towards the highway, stopped for a while, then came straight up and began travelling towards us. It appeared to be 100 feet up." Just about that time, the boys' hair began to stand on end. In fact, they became so frightened that they backed the car down the highway. The boys turned the car around and headed east to a nearby restaurant. They notified the Ontario Provincial Police, but when the police investigated, there was no sign of the craft. The smell of sulphur was said to be in the air. This sighting of the alien craft by two boys, may have some connection with the death of a standard-bred mare at the Lorne Wolgemuth farm at Sowbery. The mare, Susie, was with another favourite riding horse, Fury, in the pasture field the same evening the alien craft was seen. When Fury came to the barn in the morning a long cut was noticed on his neck. Susie was not to be seen. Her owners began searching and a few hours later she was found lying dead with her throat and jugular vein cut. The same evening a horse owned by R. Boyer in Thessalon 'went wild'.

These cases are interesting ones because if the connection with UFOs could be established beyond reasonable doubt, it would add weight to the hypothesis that at least some of the UFOs seem to be here mainly on a scientific quest of gaining knowledge about Earth, its inhabitants and its terrain. There have been other cases reported (see Review No. 9) where humanoids have emerged from unknown aerial craft, and taken samples of the earth, snippings of plants etc. The fact that the horses were killed in the above instances should not be taken over-emotionally as indicating that UFOs are hostile and their inhabitants are out to kill both us and our fellow creatures! It is probable, rather that the aliens' quest is impartial scientific investigation.

#### AUSTRALIAN SCENE

CANBERRA - The Canberra Unidentified Flying Objects Research Society had its second public meeting on Saturday, 24th February, 1968. The guest speaker on this occasion was Mr. Peter Norris, the President of the Victorian UFO Research Society. He was accompanied by the Secretary, Mrs. Judy Magee and Mr. Paul Norman, the Public Relations Officer. Eighty-five people attended the meeting. of whom the majority were younger people, this also being the case at the first public meeting of the Society last December, when the well-known author, Richard Tambling, from UFOIC Sydney was guest speaker.

It is interesting to note that about 10% of those present indicated that they had themselves seen UFOs or had some experience with unusual phenomena. Sighting forms were distributed, one of which was returned completed before the close of the meeting. A brief report on the sightings recently communicated to the Society was read and some of the outstanding cases were discussed in detail. At the conclusion of the talk, numerous slides were shown by Mr. Paul Norman stirring up interesting discussion and stimulating question time. It was also decided at the meeting that an observation night should be held and this actually took place on Saturday, 9th March and attracted twenty-six enthusiasts. In spite of the fact that no UFOs were seen, the group had an enjoyable night exploring the sky with a telescope provided by one of the members. Plans have now been made to repeat similar excursions, which in future will be preceded by a barbeque. Any person interested in joining the Society, please contact the Secretary, P.O. Box 972, Canberra City. A.C.T. 2601.

NEWCASTLE - N.U.F.I.O.C. held its second meeting for 1968 on Friday, 28th March.

Fifty people attended, thirty of whom were members of the group. It is regretted that the first meeting in January attracted a comparatively small audience, although a large number of invitations were issued. Due to the postal strike then in force, these were received too late.

At the March meeting a considerable amount of time was allotted to discussions concerning the future plans of the Society, lecture programming, and choice of subject matter of especial interest to members.

In the near future, lectures on topics such as UFO history, ancient space contacts (with particular reference to South American civilizations) will be held as well as talks on Astronomy and other informative topics. N.U.F.O.I.C. has also established a very useful link with an enthusiastic group of amateur astronomers, the Stargazers' Club of Toronto. This link has already proved to be of mutual advantage.

It was further decided that public meetings should be held every three months. These will be advertised in the Newcastle press in order to draw attention from a larger section of the public.

The Society is also contemplating sending a representative to the C.A.P.I.O. Conference in Canberra, held during the Queen's Birthday weekend in June. Any information re Newcastle Society may be obtained from Secretary, Mrs. A. Robinson, 14 George St., Belmont. N.S.W. 2280.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA** - The meeting of the Perth Research Group held on 1st March, 1968, saw the previously vacant committee positions filled. Mr. Peter Miles was appointed Librarian, Mr. M. H. Parkhurst, Assistant Librarian, Mr. E. Lawn, Recording Officer and Miss L. Schlafrig, Committee Member. A lecture was also given by Mr. C. Jones, who dealt with various aspects of the moon from historical and biblical accounts. The presentation of this very difficult subject was well received.

On the same occasion reports on both recent and old UFO sightings in W.A. were given by Mr. E. Lawn, of which some were discussed in detail. Particular attention was given to 1968 sightings at Koorda, Collie, Hilton Park and Merredin, revealing some most interesting particulars. It was also remarked at the meeting, that the Society's membership doubled during 1967 and that this extraordinary growth may be, to some degree, credited to the publicity given to the Society through Mr. Tambling's recently published book.

Future public meetings will be held as usual every first Friday of each month, at the Protestant Hall, 160a Beaufort Street (Cor. Newcastle Street) Perth. Enquiries regarding the Society's functions, membership, etc. are obtainable from Mr. R. Powell, 14 Munsay St., Apple Cross. W.A. 6153.

#### UFOIC NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**JUNIOR SECTION** - In accordance with the UFOIC programme dedicated to the juniors, two lectures were held - one on 24th March, dealing with Astronomy and the other on 21st April, dealing with Archaeology and Anthropology.

Twenty-two and eighteen juniors respectively attended these meetings, showing considerable interest in the subjects as seen from the discussions arising from the topics.

It is interesting to note that the general level of education was of such a high standard that only the more refined themes could be presented. A further five lectures are programmed for the third Sunday of each month and will be held as usual at the home of the President, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Parents driving juniors to and from the meetings are welcome to attend the lectures instead of waiting outside in their cars.

Various activities of junior sub-committees have also commenced and the librarian group is engaged in sorting out UFO references and clippings and have already met on two occasions.

It is regretted, however, that the UFO modelling group has shown no significant progress.

During the present school vacations a number of juniors have volunteered to take roster duties at the U.F.O.I.C. Exhibition at Roselands from 9th May to 21st May, 1968. Other juniors wishing to do the same, please contact immediately, the President (642-3248) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

On 1st June, an excursion will be made to the Picton area where a large number of UFO sightings have recently been reported. Because of the excursion's night-long duration, juniors are requested to obtain the consent of their parents before contacting the Secretary. (See details on the following pages)

**APRIL GENERAL MEETING** - On Tuesday, April 2nd, a meeting for members and friends was held at the Adyar Hall, featuring Mr. Dutton and Mr. Tambling as principal speakers. Mr. Dutton dealt with the theme "Archaeological Evidence for Space Visitations" as expressed in various historical enigmas, legends and religious concepts. He supported his address with ample reference material and interesting slides.

Mr. Tambling dealt with the subject of UFO Contactees and the ensuing controversies. He ably backed his talk with taped interviews of several contactees and various UFO researchers. The effect on the audience of hearing the very voices of the contactees, and Mr. Tambling's analysis and commentary on their experiences, was clearly expressed in the never-ending queries and discussions following the lecture.

The 250 members and visitors in attendance congratulated both speakers for their well presented, interesting and inspiring talks on themes of such a difficult nature.

The meeting concluded at 11 p.m., several members continuing their deliberations in our post-lecture meeting place, the Wentworth Hotel Coffee Lounge.

**MAY SOCIAL** - On 3rd May, 65 members were attracted to the Social held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson in Killara. Of those present, at least twenty-five were junior members.

We were pleased to see several members in attendance who were absent from our socials for a considerable time, and also some new members who attended for the first time.

The evening was rich in discussion and exchange of thought, centring on themes of communication and contactees, interestingly presented by Mr. Phillips and Mr. Tambling. Amongst those present were also some members who had some personal experience in these matters.

A short film from Britain was screened, showing a cylindrical UFO overtaking a passenger plane and then rapidly swerving away and disappearing from sight.

Mr. Ronald Gunn, a science teacher, travelled all the way from Picton to Killara to present a report on the extraordinary UFO sightings recently observed in the Picton-Burragarang Valley area by himself and his pupils.

His account stirred great interest among members, precipitating numerous enquiries concerning the planned excursion by the UFOIC to this area on June 1st.

The evening concluded at 11.30 p.m. with a vote of thanks to our hosts and many compliments were expressed regarding the success of the function.

**FILMING** - In late April, U.F.O.I.C. was privileged to act as Australian hosts to a filming team from a British Company on tour around the world, collecting material for a full-length film on UFOs.

The director and producer, Mr. Itkonen and his cameraman, Mr. Korpivaara (Finns by origin), arrived in Sydney from Africa on April 26th and were received by the president. Paralleling Professor McDonald's visit last year, meetings with various key UFO witnesses were arranged and in this case, the interviews filmed.

On several occasions, the team travelled directly to the exact places where sightings had taken place, the witnesses reconstructing their experiences. In the Picton area, a whole group of school children were mobilised and transported to the scene of their collective sighting.

C.S.I.R.O. scientists were contacted and their interviews recorded on film. Four UFOIC members were brought together for an emergency executive meeting. They were filmed discussing various aspects of UFO matters in Australia relating to prominent sightings and the aims of the society.

Mr. Itkonen and Mr. Korpivaara were expected at our Killara Social, but sent last minute apologies due to an unexpected function organised in their honour by Sydney's Finnish Community the same evening.

They flew to Melbourne on Sunday, 5th May to interview Rev. Gill and then on to the Philippines and Japan. From there they will continue on to South America, the U.S., U.S.S.R., and Europe, returning to London where their material will be edited. At the completion of their studio work, (incorporating some original documented UFO films), the resulting production will be released later in the year.

U.F.O.I.C. will maintain contact with the London Studios and keep members informed regarding progress - meanwhile, however, we would like to express our honour at being chosen overseas to represent Australia in such an important venture.

**SKYWATCHING NIGHT** - It was decided by the committee that the Picton-Burragarang excursion, in co-operation with the Picton Ufological Society, would be held on 1st June (Saturday), 1968.

For all those interested, the meeting place will be at the Picton Shire Hall at 7 p.m. where a meeting will first be held followed by a departure to the Sydney Water Board Catchment area. Members are advised to bring along, if possible, a powerful torch, binoculars and/or cameras and to accommodate themselves with warm protective clothing and blankets/sleeping bags, as a skywatch extending for the duration of a cold night is expected.

The Society will also provide powerful telescopes to familiarise members with fundamental astronomy.

The night's skywatch will be held only providing that suitable weather conditions prevail.

Further details may be obtained from the Secretary at 55-3833 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**U.F.O.I.C. EXHIBITION** - In conjunction with the launching of M.G.M.'s film "2001 - A Space Odyssey", Metro Goldwyn Mayer has invited U.F.O.I.C. to participate at the space exhibition at Roselands from 9th May to 21st May, 1968.

A space of 10' x 20' was assigned to our Society, in which we will display a multifarious array of UFO material, some of it especially designed and prepared for this occasion. For this reason and for the promotion of a generally widespread interest in space exploration and space technology, our members and friends are advised not to miss this unique occasion.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays, and from 10 a.m. to 7.0 p.m. on Sundays.

**NEXT SOCIAL** - Members should note - after the June Adyar Hall Meeting, the next social meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, and NOT on Friday, as usual.

This social will be held on July 6th at 3 p.m. at Mr. J. K. Blattman's residence - 15 Constitution Road, Wentworthville. Those arriving by train should alight at the second station from Parramatta and then proceed to their right at Railway Street, entering Old Windsor Road, at the end of which branches Constitution Road. (Better take a cab).

Those coming by car should proceed along the Gt. Western Highway for about 16½ miles past

Parramatta, turning off to their right at Station Street, which will then lead them over the railway line and into Railway Street, terminating at Old Windsor Road, from which Constitution Road branches off to the left.

Gentlemen are reminded to bring along some drinks and the ladies a plate.

#### FOREIGN UFO PUBLICATIONS

Members are most probably aware that our Society maintains a close connection with over 120 Societies and private researchers all over the world. Through our office, subscriptions to various publications of these societies are obtainable. Recently, a British publication "Spacelink" edited by Lionel Beer, Vice President of Bufora (British Saucer-Club Federation) and published quarterly, costing 40¢ per issue is now available. UFOIC is also the acting representative for this magazine in Australia and strongly recommends to its subscription as it is an excellent publication.

#### A WORD TO OUR MEMBERS

It is well-known that Review No. 10 should have been issued, at the latest, by February last. The main reason for this long delay is the fact that an extremely large amount of typing and retyping has to be done. At the moment the voluntary services of only one typist are available, and even then only once a week, but usually once a fortnight. The editor is most embarrassed and frustrated by this situation and cannot foresee any noticeable progress unless more typists are made available. Members wishing to volunteer their services are urged to contact the editor, keeping the following points in mind -

- (a) They should, preferably, live in the vicinity of Strathfield - or have their own transport available (the Society is prepared to pay petrol expenses.)
- (b) The work consists of typing down dictation, edited re-typing and clean-typing.
- (c) They should be available at least one night a week from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Although a major portion of Review No. 10 has been completed, the pressure of our May deadline is making it imperative that more typists become available.

Please contact the editor at 642-3248 immediately.

#### MEMO TO MEMBERS

Many members visited Sydney Observatory last year through six excursions organized by UFOIC. Similar visits are planned this year and members wishing to attend should notify the Secretary as soon as possible so that bookings can be arranged.

Another visit which may be of interest to members will be to the Sydney Mail Exchange, Redfern. It will start on a convenient evening at 7.30 p.m. and finish around 9.00 p.m. Please contact the Secretary for this evening's arrangement.

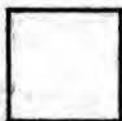
U.F.O.I.C. is hard pressed for voluntary photographic work, including the production of slides and big enlargements. Any member possessing lab. facilities and willing to contribute in this respect, is requested to contact the President, 642-3248, 6.00 p.m. to 8 p.m. to discuss the matter further.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Members are reminded that their membership fees for 1968 are due for renewal as from January this year. Those who find themselves unfinancial are prompted to fulfil their financial obligations as soon as possible. A cross (x) in the square will indicate that you are unfinancial for 1968, this is at the end of this Newsletter.

Due to the delay in the 1967 Review, the committee wishes to inform that the Society will honour its obligations to last year's financial members by issuing to them a copy of the Review regardless of their financial status for 1968.

Any members changing their address are requested to notify the Secretary immediately in order to prevent their copies from going astray.



U.F.O.I.C. Editorial Committee.