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It is regretted that this Newsletter is again delayed, thus becoming only the third issue instead of the fourth for this year. The explanation for the irregularity lies in the fact that the Editor has been extremely hard-pressed, finalising the publication of the Review No. 10. and still is, at the same time, lacking co-workers.

WORLD SCENE

UFO SYMPOSIUM IN WASHINGTON Since the failure of the Colorado Project, numerous protests were received by USA Congressmen, urging them to form a new commission in respect to investigation of this most intriguing phenomenon. In view of this pressure, on 29th July, 1968, a symposium on UFOs was organised by the House Committee on Science and Astronautics, inviting various prominent scientists to express their views.

Dr. Hynek was the opener of the session and presented a paper pointing out the seriousness of the UFO problem. He emphasised that there has not been a scientifically adequate investigation, either by Colorado Uni. or the United States Air Force. He urged that United Nations should take up the problem and involve international co-operation.

Dr. McDonald, in his paper, urged the Committee to recognise the UFO problem as much more serious than either public or Congress has been given to believe. He emphasised that extra-terrestrial hypothesis on UFO origin fits the best to present observations and analysis. He strongly attacked inadequacies of Dr. Menzel's and Dr. Klass' meteorological, or other plasma, UFO explanations.

Dr. Carl Sagan, of Cornell University, drew the attention of the committee to recent evidence supporting the likelihood of existence of many planets in the galaxy having not only life, but intelligent life. Dr. Sagan however, felt that he has not yet obtained persuasive evidence on the realities of UFOs, but does believe that research in radio-astronomy could produce evidence of extra-terrestrial intelligences.

Dr. Robert Hall, University of Illinois, gave a discussion on some of the sociological and social psychological aspects posed by the UFO problem. He emphasised that there was no basis for regarding the UFO problem as a mere "hysterical contagion" phenomenon. He also explained various factors influencing witness-reluctance to report UFO sightings and also the potential problem reaction of the public should UFOs suddenly be announced as extra-terrestrial craft. He disagreed with the present official attitude in handling the UFO problem and suggested that the best way to avoid panic would be to transmit to the public the maximum possible information about UFOs, thus gradually educating them.

Dr. James Harder of University of California discussed some important sightings and his deductions re propulsion of UFOs. He also discussed the UABATUBA Magnesium samples which, by the purity of material and spectroscopical analysis, suggest their extra-terrestrial origin.

The final speaker was Dr. Robert Baker of UCLA and System Corporation, discussing his observations in respect to radar surveillance systems specially designed to reject any signals not coming from conventional objects such as a rocket, satellite or jets etc. He urged a setting up of radar nets aiming to detect other objects not corresponding to the previous category. An analysis was also given on photogrametic data obtained from Utah and Great Falls movie shots.

The speakers later engaged in debating sessions attended by a dozen members of the committee on Science and Astronautics, including the chairman, Hon. George P. Miller of California, Daddario of Connecticut, Hechler of West Virginia, Ryan of New York, Rumsfield of Illinois, Pettis of California, Downing of Virginia, etc.

U.S.A. ITHACA UFO takes control of a car. On 12th December, 1967, Mrs. Rita Malley and her young son, Dana, were driving home on a highway at approximately 7 p.m., when an object of about 50 or 60 feet in diameter, appeared at the side and above her car, stopped the engine and took control of the vehicle. As by an invisible force, the car was pulled sideways off the road and dragged for about twenty feet into the paddock. During the near panic experience of Mrs. Malley, the object remained hovering at the height of about 120 feet, emitting a blinding white beam and flashing red and green lights. Then a strange humming sound was heard, compared by Mrs. Malley as a sound of "voices" "like talking at once". She claims one voice only then became audible giving her a message, "Paul Donalds, Moravia, killed in Massena in a tractor trailer owned by Joe Ettinger". Soon after this, the car started, by itself, to move back on the road, took the proper position on the highway and be-

gan accelerating rapidly. Mrs. Malley attempted to steer the vehicle, but failed to take a command of it. It appeared as if the object were dragging the vehicle along the highway. When, at a distance, lights of oncoming cars were seen, the object suddenly took off and disappeared from view. At the instant, the car's engine picked up, lights switched on and Mrs. Malley regained control. Next morning she received a phone call, confirming the death of Paul Donalds.

CHICIAYA IN PERU On February 2nd, 1968, Captain Oswaldo Sanvitti, a veteran pilot with 22,000 flying hours, announced over his plane's loudspeaker, "Everybody, look out the windows to our right. There's a strange object there and it's watching us. It's a UFO!"

Fifty-two passengers and six other crew members on a DC4, travelling over Peru at 7,000 feet, all observed a luminous cone-shaped object flashing a variety of brilliant colours as it skimmed along beside them. The plane's radio went dead and the cabin lights dimmed.

After an hour's weird manoeuvring during which they all watched in fear and wonder, at the UFO cavorted around their plane, the strange object suddenly vanished with an incredible flash of speed. Then the radio and lights began to function again, at the same time Captain Sanvitti was able to report the incident to the Control Tower at Lima Airport.

However, the UFO appeared out of nowhere once more, this time accompanied by a second. The two hovered around the plane and then disappeared for good with another blinding burst of speed.

When the plane landed at Lima Airport a few minutes later, the shaken, frightened passengers all agreed on the details of what they had seen - and that it was something strange and very terrifying, which they could not understand.

Later, Captain Sanvitti said that he estimated the diameter of the broad top-side of the UFO to be 230 feet, and the bottom was funnel-shaped and its brilliant colours had ranged between blue and orange, according to its gain or loss in altitude.

U.S.A. JENNINGS Peter Bardon, a truck driver for Southern Pacific Transport Co., was on duty on 5th April, 1968. At 6 a.m., while driving on the highway, he noticed in the sky, over the town of Jennings, a circular and transparent object. While stopping the truck and switching off the engine, he could hear a humming sound coming from the direction of the object. The UFO appeared as a round ball, separated in the middle, as two discs joined together. Then, suddenly, both parts completely separated and independently shot off in a north westerly direction. Bardon watched the whole event for about 45 minutes.

NEW ZEALAND - TAURANGA A UFO was tracked by radar of the Department of Civil Aviation at Auckland on 6th June, 1968, from Waihi to Tauranga. The object described by observers, members of the Tauranga Aero Club, resembled a long white cigar, travelling at a speed of between 70 and 90 m.p.h.

The Auckland airport, while registering blips on the radar screen, contacted various airports along the itinerary of the object, in an effort to establish its identity. None of the airports reported aeroplanes in the area at that time. The radar officials then attempted to explain the phenomenon as "a flock of birds picked up by radar". The night before, at 10.45 p.m., a bright red object was seen hovering over Hospital Hill, Napier. During the 25 mins. of observation, the light varied in intensity, shooting off bright clear flashes every twenty five to thirty seconds. The light which appeared to be low in the sky, rose, then shot off and disappeared in the distance.

AUSTRALIAN SCENE

CAPIO - Third National Convention in Canberra. From 8th to 10th June, 1968, the third annual convention of Australian UFO groups was held in the Federal Capital City. Eleven delegates, representing 15 respective societies (4 by proxy), attended the conference, aiming to co-ordinate UFO research in Australia. Various views were discussed, stressing the necessity of joint contributions, and co-operation. A considerable understanding was reached on several issues, however, some of the important matters were to be referred to the Societies' committees, so as to be tabled for resolution at the next CAPIO conference.

Considerable publicity was given to the convention by the local press, resulting in well-attended public meetings, culminating with a lecture night at the National Academy of Science. On the later occasion, the Guest Speakers were Dr. M. Lindtner and Mr. M. Miller, F.R.A.S. (Mt. Stromlo Observatory) respectively presenting the themes, "The Implication of Science in UFO Research" and "The Techniques of Visual Observation".

The evening was chaired by Mr. Peter Norris, LL.B. and President of CAPIO, assisted by the President of CUFORS, Mr. Harry Zwankhuisen.

At the other meetings, papers were presented by several delegates covering various aspects of Australian UFO research. All talks and precis of the agenda were tape recorded and will be transcribed in due course. Great credit must be given to the Canberra UFO Research Society for their organisational abilities, arrangement of social functions and UFO Exhibition which accompanied the Convention.

It was unanimously accepted that the offer of the Canberra UFO Research Society to act again as a host society for the convention in 1969, which it is hoped will further contribute to co-operation and common aims of Australian UFO groups.

BANYAL, VICTORIA Last July, thirteen schoolboys watched a silent object "twice the size of a house" flying over their schoolyard. It was round and flat, silvery grey in colour with a "hole in the middle like a life-saver". They saw it approaching, then suddenly change direction, streaking upwards at about 60° and disappearing into the distance. The whole sighting lasted about 30 seconds. At the same time, schoolboys Steve Smithers and David Waite were walking towards the school about 600 yards away. They, too, saw the object and were frightened as they thought the object may land nearby. The school's headmaster interviewed the boys later and asked each boy to draw his own impression of the object - which tallied in all cases.

KINGSTON ON MURRAY. SOUTH AUSTRALIA On September 27th, 1967, a highways department drilling team sighted an object approaching at a fantastic speed. It came down directly towards the drilling rig and so close that the men thought it would crash. But, the object suddenly deviated, rose and stopped in a position high above the nearby trees. It was seen there for three hours as a bright silvery body of about the size of a fifty cent coin held at arm's length. During this time, it changed continuously in shape from round to oval.

The following day, a similar object was seen by the same men and behaving in exactly the same manner. This time, however, the object rose vertically and disappeared in the sky. While still in sight, a jet aircraft appeared in the distance, passing across and beneath the line of the departing UFO. Even at that position, the object appeared five times larger than the jet. Again on the 6th October, the UFO appeared again and was seen moving slowly across the sky for about ten minutes.

KILLARNEY VALLEY, GOSFORD. N.S.W. Miss Grace Adam, a nursing sister, has a daily routine, early each morning, to swim in the local swimming pool. On 11th March this year at 7.25 a.m., just as she was about to enter the water, she noticed, in the distance and high above in the sky, a disc shaped metallic-like object, about four times the size of a small plane, which was plummeting like an eagle. It stopped suddenly in mid-air and hovered there for a minute. The object then shot off horizontally at a fantastic speed, disappearing in the distance. Miss Adam called out to a friend who also witnessed the phenomena and both agree that the object was disc-shaped or an oval with a dome. They informed the R.A.A.F. and reported the sighting to the local newspaper. The object was seen in the direction of Lake Munmorah, where the biggest power station in Australia is situated.

BRISBANE. QLD. Lying in a cane field near Cairns in Northern Queensland, children have found "flying saucer nests" similar to the 1966 Tully nests and located 200 miles south of the Tully area. The Cairns' nests are oval shaped areas of flattened cane, measuring 70' x 36' and completely enclosed by cane. The children discovered the nests on April 26th, this year.

LIVERPOOL. N.S.W. On 7th June, this year, Miss Pamela Smith and three other members of her family were observing for thirty minutes, a strange object in the sky which appeared at about 9.20 p.m. They thought, at first, that it was a plane, for the object moved in a straight line, but then slowed down and stopped. It reversed direction without turning, retracing its original path, then stopped again. It repeated this manoeuvre several times, "as if looking for something". The object flashed bright green and red lights and operated within the heights of 2,000 to 4,000 feet. It was in the area of the electrical sub-station of Rossmore near Liverpool.

PUNCHBOWL. N.S.W. On 5th August, a milk vendor, Brian Buckley, was delivering milk at 2.45 a.m. By some impulse, he had to turn around to see a bright shiny object pass over the roof of the house across the street. The object was the size of a small plane, disc-shaped and metallic looking with a bright white light underneath. It was silent and very fast. At the moment the object was first seen, it was sixty feet away and could be followed for about ten seconds until it disappeared behind the rooftops. Mr. Buckley was shaken and for a few seconds, unable to move. He felt cold with tingling effects.

SYDNEY-WOLLONGONG. N.S.W. A mysterious flying object was sighted between Sydney and Wollongong shortly after 7.30 p.m. on the 24th of last month. Peter Anderson of Caringbah saw the object from his backyard coming from the north, passing over the house and continuing in a southerly direction. It was tremendously large, cigar shaped white light moving with the speed of a jet plane. At the same time, L. Walker, saw an object of the same description at Campsie, following the same direction. Further along the itinerary of the object, David Tovey, Brian Kearney, Richard Lasek and Colin McNeill reported a similar white light seen at about 7.50 p.m. In all appearance, it seemed that all witnesses referred to the same craft, possibly a glowing mother-ship taking about 20 minutes to cover a distance of 90 miles.

VOLUNTARY WORK In view of the Society's expansion in various activities, and endeavouring to correct some administrative irregularities, the Committee decided to issue a circular printed on the back of this section in which members are asked to fill in requested information. The idea behind it - instead of always begging for volunteers for a particular work, members would be directly approached to perform certain minor duties according to their specialty and availability. Please read carefully and return completed circular, as soon as possible, to our office Box E170, Post Office, St. James. Sydney. 2000.

STRANGE LIGHTS & OBJECTS OVER AND AROUND SYDNEY & ENVIRONS Numerous reports were received during July and August referring to strange lights hovering or performing manoeuvres over various parts of Sydney. Only a few days ago, on 30th August at about 6.30 p.m., journalists watched from the roof of the Sydney Morning Herald building, two shapes of pulsating red, green and white lights passing silently a few hundred feet above, then hover at a height of about 2,000 feet for thirty minutes. Other witnesses were called and they too, watched the lights disappear in the distance.

On 17th August, again at 6.30 p.m., a whitish metallic and cigar-shaped object was sighted flying slowly over the harbour in a westerly direction. The same object was then reported hovering over the Blacktown area, changing direction with a short burst of speed and then suddenly disappearing vertically. Again, on 10th August, at about 6.11 p.m., a signalman with the NSW Railways, Mr. John Blatman and his assistant, Stephen Pepper, watched a strange combination of lights manoeuvring in the area about their signal box. The red lights formed different patterns of triangles, changing repeatedly as "a performance of precision flying". It is worthy to note that John Blatman, ex-RAAF Second World War veteran and could not associate the formations with any aircraft.

Further back in July, Neville Beckett, an electric train driver, watched in consternation, two brilliant lights, as joined together by an invisible bond, hover over the Channel 9 and Channel 2 TV towers at St. Leonards. From his cabin window, the lights were seen to swing from one position to another about half a mile distant at repeated intervals. The powerful lights seemed to be attached to an object, hardly perceptible and of indefinite shape. At the station, he called a porter on night duty to witness the phenomena. Never before or after were these lights seen again, although Mr. Beckett watched carefully every time he passed the area on his train driving schedule. After several more observations of a similar nature were reported, R.A.A.F. and Observatory were contacted, excluding the possibility of aircraft or meteorological phenomena being involved.

UFOIC NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Eleven members with professional electronic qualifications have, so far, offered their services. Following a pre-conceived plan for research activities in this field, the group has adopted steps towards construction of the necessary equipment. Two, four-foot-diameter parabolic mirrors were acquired, around which the instruments will be developed, serving to explore the possibility of communication with UFOs by means of light, ultra-violet and radio waves. The designs are in the hands of a professional senior electronic engineer and are expected to be completed in about a month. Also, the construction of a geiger counter is in progress. The first enquiries have already been undertaken for the acquisition of land in the vicinity of Sydney for the building of an UFOIC observatory. It is hoped that a co-operative plan on research policies with the Picton group, will be achieved so as to join both groups towards common aims.

VOLUNTARY WORKERS TEAMS Since the success of UFOIC Exhibition at Roselands, several requests for similar displays were received. In view of deficiencies arising from that experience and lack of proper equipment, the Committee undertook a project aiming for permanent UFO Display facilities. Four large display boards, two of 8' x 4½' and two 6' x 3½' elegantly worked out and provided with proper metallic stands were envisaged. Through the voluntary work of our members, Mr. Blatman, Mr. Szep, Mr. Schiffrer and Dr. Lindtner, the project was carried out and is, except for minor details, finished. Mr. Schiffrer, as a carpenter, worked several week-ends on the woodwork, while Mr. Szep did the metal work. Mr. Blatman undertook the painting and Dr. Lindtner provided the designs, co-ordinative work, tapestry and plastic materials. On these boards, enlargements of UFO photographs, newspaper clippings and important UFO literature will be affixed, thus providing a permanent display. With the progress of years, as more of the pictorial and documented evidence becomes available, further boards will be made. The photographic work for this purpose is carried out by Mr. Raymond De Cusack, who also engaged himself to provide slides and black and white photographs which will later become available to our members for acquisition. The final effort of this joint team of volunteers, may be seen at the Daily Telegraph Exhibition - the date of which will be announced in the near future. Again our thanks to all those who have contributed towards making this project a success.

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SKYWATCH NIGHT ON 1st JUNE This function was organised in conjunction with the Picton Ufological Society and 28 of our members travelled by car to Picton. The evening started with a lecture in Picton Shire Hall attended by an audience of over 100 people and was preceded by an exhibition of UFO photographs, models and literature. Mr. Moser, Dr. Lindtner and Mr. Tambling were the visiting speakers and Mr. Gunn, as president and main speaker for the host group. The meeting concluded with approximately 50 members of both groups departing to observation points in the vicinity of the Sydney Water Board Catchment Area.

Although the night did not culminate in an official UFO sighting, it allowed members the opportunity to acquaint themselves socially and to gain astronomical experience. On the beautiful night sky, they had the opportunity to familiarise themselves with various constellations and to observe celestial bodies through a six inch telescope kindly provided by our member, Mr. Raymond De Cusack. Groups were in constant contact through walkie talkie provided by the Picton group, thus informing each other on the progress of the situation.

Although the majority of members left between four and five a.m., some remained until daylight. We thank the Picton group for the background work in organising the outing, involved publicity, and extending the hospitality to UFOIC, including a hot buffet before departure into the field.

JULY SOCIAL Sixty-five members attended the Social at Mr. Blatman's residence at Wentworthville. A lecture was given on the present world UFO situation by Dr. Lindtner, supported by a verbal account of UFO trackings by USA radar screens, given by a former member of the USA Rocket Tracking Stations. Highlight of the evening was however, a practical demonstration of apparatus, up till now produced by our electronic group headed by Mr. Ray Stone and Colin Dawson, involving transmission of messages by modulated light. Vivid discussion followed the meeting together with a most generous supper provided by Mrs. Blatman and helpers. Many thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Blatman for their hospitality.

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING The meeting in Adyar Hall was attended by 122 members, featuring the latest overseas and local UFO events, together with an analysis of recent photographs. The audience had also the privilege of hearing Mr. Bryan Buckley, presenting his personal experience with a UFO seen from about sixty feet distance. Several members from the audience also stood and reported their personal UFO cases. The meeting concluded at 10.30 p.m. with several people joining the Society.

NEXT SOCIAL This Friday, 6th September, commencing at 7.45 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Simpson, 41 Warwick Street, Killara, will be hosts to UFOIC members. The evening will feature Mr. W. Robertson, Deputy Director of Sydney Observatory as Guest Speaker on the theme "The Moon". All members are requested, and this is meant in general for all Social Meetings, not to arrive at the residences before 7.30 p.m., as many inconveniences are caused to the host and hostess by early arrivals. It is also called to the attention of the visitors, that ladies should bring along a plate for supper and that the gentlemen provide drinks.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS - LIBRARY All members using the library facilities are requested to return borrowed books within the prescribed period of a fortnight. Should they not comply with these regulations, an additional charge of 20¢ per week will be imposed. In the case of the loss of a book, the user will be charged the full amount of expenses incurred by the Society for replacement. The Committee's decision of this nature was necessary because some members keep the books for several months, thus depriving others from a privilege, and others omit to return books supposedly lost.

NEW CONTACTS WITH OVERSEAS GROUPS Since the publication of our last Newsletter, the Society has established eleven new contacts with overseas groups. Thus bringing the total number of our international links to 176. Several of these Societies issue their own publications, which are available for subscription and can be obtained through the UFOIC office. Members are invited to view these magazines at our meetings and refer the matter to our Secretary.

VACANCIES IN THE COMMITTEE In view of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers in December, any member wishing to stand for election should make himself known to the Committee as soon as possible. These members are also requested to contact the President or Secretary immediately, so as to be co-opted straight away into the present Committee, for several positions have become vacant. These members must keep in mind the obligations they will have to the Committee which include regular attendance at meetings held in the city every third Tuesday in the month and commence at 6 p.m., also acceptance of particular responsibilities in the Society administration.

COUNTRY MEMBERS An invitation is extended to country members for their co-operation in forming sub-groups in places of their residence aiming to relay sightings and other UFO events to UFOIC Headquarters in Sydney. They are requested to express their willingness by notifying the Committee so that particular arrangements could be undertaken and relevant forms supplied. Such members are also encouraged to contact their friends in other districts for the same purpose so that eventually we could cover the whole of N.S.W. with an efficient communication system.

MEMBERSHIP FEE Some of our members are still outstanding in their membership subscriptions for 1968. Although the Committee is very understanding, in this matter, and the members are still receiving the privileges, the tolerance in this respect cannot continue forever. A red cross in the square below indicates your unfinancial status (Members (ordinary \$4.00 p.a. Students, Juniors & Pensioners \$2.00 p.a.)). Membership fees are due on 1st January each year.