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This is our last Newsletter for this year and with regrets, only the fourth instead of being the sixth. It is envisaged, however, that the editorial difficulties will soon be overcome and the publication will resume, in the next year, with its regular two-monthly issues.

For years, UFOIC has been distributing this Newsletter to various Australian UFO Societies, not having their own publication. Some of these groups received 15, 25, 40 and even 90 complimentary copies at regular intervals. Due to considerable financial difficulties, the Committee of UFOIC has been forced to decide, that this "goodwill" gesture cannot be maintained in 1969. Instead, each society will receive three complimentary copies - but for extra copies - there will be a minimum charge. Members of Societies wishing to obtain such copies should contact our Secretary, to be put on the special subscription list.

WORLD SCENE

COLORADO PROJECT COMPLETED After 18 months of research on UFO phenomena, the University of Colorado has completed its investigation. A report of 1700 pages has been prepared and on 14th November sent to the US Air Force. The Air Force, which sponsored the project and granted the University \$515,000, will now appoint a panel of experts to study the report and make recommendations. Although the names of examiners are not yet known, it is expected that some prominent scientific personalities will be involved. It is most unlikely however, that the "verdict" of the panel could be made known and published before March, 1969. No great contributions towards the solution of the UFO problem are expected by this Colorado project. After the 'scandal' in its research policy and 'conspiracy' in investigation methods - all hopes for presentation of truth about UFOs have faded away. It is known, and was widely publicised in the US press, that the project's co-ordinator, Mr. R. Low, has sent a confidential circular to all scientists engaged on the project, literature, instructing them how to carry out research, so as to appear objective and scientific, but which would certainly not find a flying saucer. The trick would be, to concentrate on psychic cases, namely on specific people reporting the sighting rather than on what they saw. It is no surprise then, to all those who thought that the study of UFOs is a matter for Astro-physicists and technologists - that, already from the start, five psychiatrists were engaged by the project. It is also understandable why so little attention has been paid to reports by pilots and other qualified observers. Thus, considering various factors and the "play safe" position of the University, the "verdict" could be predicted. Whatever its verbatim may be, the following ideas will be expressed: "After an extensive investigation, but with not sufficient time and facilities, the analysis of the UFO phenomena has shown that an overwhelming amount of UFO cases represent misinterpretations to science of wellknown phenomena or are deliberate hoaxes, hallucinations or imaginary experiences of psychic individuals. A certain percentage of cases could not be identified due to insufficient data, while a small number of cases however, are suggestive of an existence of a phenomenon not yet familiar to science, but which would be solved with further study. In no case, evidence was obtained sufficient to qualify UFOs as extra-terrestrial space crafts."

DR. OLAVO T. FONTES DIED A few months ago, a tragic piece of news was received that Dr. Fontes, one of the most prominent UFO researchers in South America, died from cancer on May 9th, 1968 in Rio de Janeiro. Not only was he a pioneer in this field in Brazil but also a leading figure and co-ordinator of UFO investigation in South America. Thanks to his personal engagement in many UFO cases and following the investigations to the end, then publishing the results in leading UFO journals, several local UFO cases have thus become world-known and "classics" by definition. His intelligent interpretation of findings and blending of facts with sound scientific speculation contributed greatly to the increasing acceptance of UFOs among official circles. Also, his reasoning brought to prominence some of the hypotheses we now have about the purpose of UFO visitations.

It is certain that, with the loss of Dr. Fontes, a great gap in South American UFO research will occur which will be hard to fill with a personality of similar prestige and dedication. Our Society was fortunate to enjoy personal contact with Dr. Fontes and thus to reap benefits from such a relationship. Much original information was received from him, some of it, possibly, exclusive to UFOIC and strictly confidential. His death, therefore, is not only felt by us as the loss of an authority in the UFO field, but also as a loss of an associate. We express our condolences to Mrs. Fontes and their seven children.

USA. Florida On 7th April, 1967, at about 10 a.m. children of Crestview Elementary School were thrown into chaos by an object which appeared in a field behind the school. Mrs. Virginia Martin, a school teacher was trying to lineup 200 children after the morning recess, when they broke ranks and ran yelling and pointing towards the fence. She called two other

teachers, Miss Marian Waters and Mr. Bob Apfal, who followed the children and spotted an object hovering behind the pine tree in the open field. The object was oval-shaped, apparently metallic and silent. It seemed to move towards the school for a few moments and then returned to the pine tree. It rose after a few seconds and then departed with terrific speed. Three Air Force investigators from the Homestead Air Force Base arrived later to the school to interview the staff and a few selected pupils. This was for them the second consecutive day when students had reported strange objects in the sky over the area. Only the previous morning, Andy Cohen and a company of school boys and girls saw two metallic, cigar-shaped objects flying north over the schoolgrounds. Some of the girls became hysterical and one of them ran back to the classroom shouting for help. On the same day, late afternoon, another witness, Mrs. Mary Troesser enquired at the local newspaper office as to whether any "strange sightings" had been reported that day, for she too had seen, from her backyard, a strange object. The UFO she saw was oval-shaped with red lights and it hovered over the trees in the direction of the Crestview School. It then shot off and disappeared in a westerly direction.

REMAINS OF CRASHED UFO IN COLOMBIA On February 12th, 1968, a strange disc-shaped object was seen speeding across the sky over Orocué, Colombia. Seconds later, three ear-splitting blasts resounded through the area. Debris was seen falling from the sky and some of the local residents immediately set out to search for them. Finally, at Pitipui, six hours driving time from Orocué town, a piece of orange-green metal was found. It was 10½ feet wide and 18 feet long, generally smooth but covered with minute grooves. When struck, it resounded with a sound several times magnified. Because of its hardness, efforts to cut the metal in pieces to facilitate transportation, failed. Later in Bogota, scientists from several countries examined the strange material which in shape resembled a gigantic mud-guard off an automobile. No information however, was released about the results of their investigation.

SOUTH AFRICA, Cape Province On March 24th, 1967, Mr. S. J. Beard, a bus service supervisor, and C. Intronny, a bus inspector, were returning home late at night from night shift. When walking along the Douglas-Smith Highway near Duncan, East London, a colossal, round, orange-red light suddenly appeared and hovered in front and above of them. It was stationary for a few seconds, then shot off in a coloured streak, red on the outside and bluish-red on the inside. Mr. Beard was dazed and frightened by the sudden encounter and Mr. Intronny admitted later that the incident caused him "Goose flesh" when realising that it wasn't a plane. Already, earlier in March, on the 14th, Mr. Paul Trigg of Beaconsfield reported seeing, in the same area, an object similar to that which Mr. Beard saw, hovering over the radio tower. Again, on March 17th, Miss Lynd Lund reported seeing a large light hovering in the same locality.

MEXICO. Airliner's near miss On 11th February, 1968, a Guatemalan Airliner piloted by Col. Alfredo Castaneta, narrowly missed a collision with a "Flying Saucer" over Oaxaca. Both the pilot and his co-pilot, Capt. Carlos Samayoa, veterans in commercial flying, said that the object, seen from the cockpit, was speeding at a terrific pace towards the plane and passed it at a distance of 66 feet. It was silvery in colour, about 33 feet in diameter and had a sort of red ball on top. The stewardess and several passengers also watched the "saucer" for about ten seconds. The airport of Mexico City excluded the possibility of a weather balloon or any other conventional aircraft being involved.

ENGLAND. UFO frightens truckdriver It has been reported only recently that back in April, 1966, Mr. Peter Rushton and his co-driver, Mr. Derek Robinson, had an extraordinary UFO experience. Early in the morning they stopped the truck at the side of the highway near Sawtry to snatch a few hours sleep before resuming their journey. At about 5 a.m. Mr. Rushton was suddenly aroused and he experienced a great difficulty in breathing and an acid taste in his mouth. He stumbled to the back of the van to throw open the shutter. While doing so, he saw a large, spherical and orange object moving in the air away from the vehicle. Immediately he awakened his co-driver and they both watched the object which was now hovering motionless about half a mile away. Then this UFO was joined by a second identical UFO which began circling in a clockwise-direction around the first one. After that, both UFOs started to move in a circular path appearingly exchanging their respective positions. Gradually, they moved away and faded out of sight. Mr. Rushton also reported that the event had left such a deep impression on him, that he had since relived the whole episode, several times, in his dreams.

SWEDEN. Lapland family now believes in UFOs. On 4th March, 1967, the Soderstrom family of Vilhelmina, southern Lapland, was aroused at about midnight by a shouting from their sons, Tommy and Lenny, just coming home. The whole family rushed out on the courtyard to see two strange objects in the sky about 110 yards away and 100 feet high up. Mr. Soderstrom went to the car and turned the car's searchlight in the direction of the objects which were glowing red and were approaching the River Vojman, just below the house. When hit by the light, the objects revealed a disc-shaped form and a size of about 90 to 120 feet in diameter and about 15 feet in height. One of the UFOs was slightly smaller than the other. It seemed as if the "saucers" intended to land, so Mr. Soderstrom turned off the car light. At the same instant both discs rose to a height of about 120 feet and stopped there motionless for about a quarter of an hour. Suddenly they departed with a tremendous speed and a whistling sound.

USSR Soviet astronomers watched UFOs through a telescope on several occasions. One of the latest reports comes from Kazan, where they tracked an object, crescent shaped, 1,000 - 1,200 feet in diameter and travelling at about 10,000 miles per hour at a height of 30 - 65 miles. Another telescopic observation refers to a disc about 300 feet in diameter surrounded by three star-like objects.

U.S.A. UFO stops car, driver temporarily paralysed On the morning of March 3, 1968 at 6.15, Mr. Nick Sgouris of Siracuse, New York, has just begun driving to work. A few moments later he noticed, through the windscreen, a cigar-shaped, luminous object about 50 - 60 feet long, approaching from the sky. As the object came closer, numerous multi-coloured lights could be discerned spreading all over the surface with one front one large and brilliant. When at close range and the object passing over the car, Mr. Sgouris noticed that although he was pressing the accelerator, the car came almost to a standstill. He wanted to get out but somehow he could not move. He felt as paralysed. After the object has disappeared, everything returned to normal, the engine picked up and he regained the use of his legs. (APRG Reporter No. 67)

FRANCE. UFO Landing and occupants seen by children On August 29th, 1967, Francois and Anne Marie Depleuch, 13½ and 9 years old, brother and sister, were looking after a herd of cows in a paddock near the village of Cussak. At about 10.30 a.m. Francois climbed onto a pile of stones to see what was happening on the other side of the hedge about 150 feet away, for there he saw what seemed to be some children playing. There was, also, a large, extremely brilliant sphere which shone with such intensity that it was difficult to look at it. What he had thought to be children, turned out to be four small figures dressed in black with a silky sheen. One of them was actually bent over as if looking for something on the ground, while another was holding an object in his hand reflecting the sun, like a mirror and with it waved to his companions. At this point, Francois called out to the creatures inviting them to play with him. Instead, the beings, apparently realising that they were being watched, suddenly reacted by the first one "flying up" vertically and diving head first into the top of the sphere, the second following him in the same manner and the third one, after standing up, did the same. The fourth figure also rose off the ground but came down again to pick up something from the ground and then only took off, catching the sphere which in the meantime had begun to move away. As the sphere rose, a hissing noise was heard. The object described a few circles while gaining altitude and its luminosity increased immensely. The noise then stopped and the sphere made off at tremendous speed towards the north-west. During all this happening, a smell of sulphur was detected by the children and the cows became very noisy and excited. The dog too was barking in the direction of the events. At a subsequent interrogation the children revealed that the sphere was approx. 6½ feet in diameter and was probably supported on four legs. There were no inscriptions, nor protusions or openings to be seen. The creatures were about 3½ - 4 feet tall, but were not all of the same height. The black colour could not be discerned as being the colour of the skin or that of some kind of spacesuit. The arms were unproportionally long and slender but the legs were short. The head appeared to be slightly larger than normal and the skull was pointed. Both children said that the little creatures sported a beard. This was situated on each side of the head with a little tuft under the chin. No eyes or mouth were noted. At the moment when the fourth creature jumped about 50 feet to catch the departing sphere, the children said that they believed the feet of the creature, as they saw them, were webbed. As much as the whole incident seems incredible and children being involved, the cross-examination of these kids in an attempt to confuse or to trick them, failed. Both Francois and Anne Marie persisted in their account of what they had seen and never contradicted the details. (Phenomenes Spatiaux G.E.P.A.)

AUSTRALIAN SCENE

UFO over UFOIC Headquarters It is quite accepted by the residents of Woodward Avenue, Strathfield, where the President of UFOIC lives, that some UFO activity should always be going on. In fact, they are used to seeing scores of people coming and going from lectures, socials, junior meetings, discussion groups, etc. held at Dr. Lindtner's residence. This time, however, UFOs were not anymore only a talking subject but became a reality. On the night of August 10, at 10.08 p.m. Miss Hetty Miller, a wellknown social worker and her visitor friend, Miss Lecie Smith, both convinced that UFOs are complete nonsense - were preparing for accup of tea on the first floor verandah. Suddenly their attention was caught by a brilliant, orange-red and round object descending from the sky towards the tree behind the President, Dr. Lindtner's house across the street. From the distance of 150 yards, the object was big as a plate at arm's length and was at first pear-shaped but then stiffened itself into a perfect sphere. It passed behind the tree which is about 40 feet high and in the process filled up half of its crown. The object was seen shining through the branches. Then it passed along the clearing descending to about 20 feet and moved in the direction of another tree 50 feet away. It swerved gently behind it gradually rising and turning towards north-east. While still large in size, it was seen speeding away and suddenly disappeared as a light being switched off. Trigonometrical measurements showed that the object must have been at least 30 feet in diameter. Thorough examination of the case revealed that there was no moon and the object silhouetted clearly "as a gigantic neon light" in a dark sky. No protrusions or other appendages were seen. The colour

was cherry red-orange, beautifully brilliant and of a type never seen before by either Miss Miller or Miss Smith. The light, although evenly distributed over the object seemed to be slightly stronger at the lower part of the sphere. No sound was heard throughout the observation of 1½ minutes. Enquiries around the neighbourhood showed that nobody else saw the object. Mrs. Biggs, however, said that about that time she was aroused by the strong barking of her dogs, but she did not look outside the house. Unfortunately also, Dr. Lindtner was not home, otherwise he would have seen the object from a distance of 60 feet through the panoramic window of his sunroom. Miss Miller later commented that they were both frightened at the sight and that they both now think that "there is something in this UFO business!"

Sighting and UFO photo back from 1935 Only now, a report and a negative of a UFO photographed in 1935 have been received and investigated by UFOIC. As the case was, the person concerned wondered at the time what the object might have been but has only recently become aware of the extraordinary nature of his experience and the significance of the photograph which he took. That year, Mr. Patrick A. M. Terry of Mosman, Sydney, was stationed with the military at Newcastle and on the night of 10th October he went fishing to Nobby's Head. The sky was overcast and there was no moon. At about 10 p.m., while sitting on the rocks, he noticed a flash of light in the sky out over the sea. Then a steady light appeared. It was brighter than a full moon and was hovering about a mile away and possibly 10,000 feet high. It was yellow-bright on the lower part gradually diminishing through three dark bands into grey. The whole complex appeared actually as a tremendously large mushroom-shaped object, consisting of three floors, smaller supporting the larger one, and the light from the bottom floor illuminating all three upper sections. The object then suddenly descended to a height of about 5,000 feet and remained stationary for a few seconds. It then moved quickly back to its original position. At that time Mr. Terry's curiosity and surprise were fully aroused and while he had a Kodak Brownie box camera with him, he took a snapshot at 1/25th sec. exposure. After about 10 minutes of hovering, the object began revolving with increased speed and moved away, disappearing towards the north and out of sight in 3 seconds. The photos later showed a definite circular object with details seen well at enlargement. (The photo will be published in the next Review).

UFO near Orange, N.S.W. Mr. Gordon Brandon reported on 23rd September, he saw an object 35 miles west of Nyngan which looked like a "full moon with green-blue iridescent light tapering behind it like an ice cream cone". While driving home to Orange about 8.25 p.m. he noticed the object about a mile ahead of the car floating across the roadway. It was travelling about 80 - 100 mph and was about 8-10 feet above the ground. The most peculiar feature of the object was its weird angle at which it was travelling. It was skimming above the ground at an angle of about 30° to the horizon. The object was seen for 10-15 seconds and there appeared to be sparks flying from the end of the tail.

Cigar shaped UFO over Belmont, N.S.W. Mrs. Ann Robinson, a former secretary of the Newcastle UFOIC is only one of the many witnesses reporting strange objects seen recently in the skies of Newcastle area. On 25th August, 1968, it was a clear sunny morning and children were playing in the garden. Suddenly great excitement overcame the kids and they called Mrs. Robinson to come out and have a look high in the sky. What they saw was a cigar-shaped object coming from the north and moving towards the ocean. It looked like a huge tadpole drifting towards the sea. It seemed semi-transparent and what appeared to be an enormous neon light tube, shone brightly in the centre, throughout the entire length. It must have been of tremendous size for, at arm's length it was few inches long and when binoculars were brought out and the object observed through them, it appeared as big as a "rubbish tin". The UFO gradually became lost in the distance.

There have been a number of reports from the Lake Macquarie area and on 29th September, 1968, several people saw, from various points on the lake, what they described as a pulsating orange ball, which "gave off sparks" and was viewed for several minutes before fading into the distance.

The Muswellbrook area boasts of its own UFO and has been reported to have been seen by two girls, Miss Sandra Noble and Miss Pam Cuneen who were walking on Denman Road on 28th October, 1968. The girls reported seeing two rectangular objects travelling together and emitting an orange glow. The colour turned to red as the objects got closer. A bright white light shone from the object, which first appeared near the Greyhound Racing Track, and this light followed the girls as far as the Subway.

UFOIC NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER SOCIAL Due to the postal strike, the previous Newsletter informing the UFOIC members about the September Social at Killara was delayed - so only 27 members attended that function. An interesting lecture "The Moon" was given by Mr. W. Robertson, the Deputy Director of the Sydney Observatory who illustrated his talk with slides, some of which were taken by the space probe just before crashing on the surface of the moon. A lively discussion followed and many controversial issues, involving the possibility of the Moon being used for bases by the UFOs, were debated. The evening concluded with a buffet supper provided by Mrs. Simpson and our Ladies' Committee. We are grateful to the Guest Speaker and the Lady of the house for a very interesting and pleasant evening.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING 130 members attended the meeting in Adyar Hall, featuring the review of recent overseas and local UFO events. Among other highlights, the papers of Dr. Hynek and Dr. MacDonald presented at the UFO Symposium last July, before the Committee on Science and Astronautics of the U.S. House of Representatives, were read and discussed. An analysis of recent

Australian sightings then followed and several UFO witnesses from the audience reported their own experiences. The speakers for the night were Dr. Lindtner, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Moser, who also participated extensively in the discussion that followed. The meeting concluded at 10.15 p.m. with a few new members joining the Society.

JUNIORS' MEETING On October 20th, fourteen juniors attended a Sunday afternoon get-together at the President's residence. The meeting was directed towards co-ordinating various student UFO clubs recently formed at two high schools, Manly and Randwick. It became clear that, with the enthusiasm these groups have, they could play a great role in the future study of UFO phenomena. It was agreed that one of the first activities should be the collection of information on sightings witnessed by the students themselves, their mates, parents and friends, and as such, be recorded on uniform forms. Subsequently, the true UFO cases would be passed on to UFOIC for filing and eventual publication. All attention should also be directed towards the extension of similar activities in other schools and the formation of other clubs. In this manner, practically the whole Sydney metropolitan area could be covered. The UFOIC president informed those present at the meeting, that the Society's UFO report forms will be available to all groups and any other assistance will be gladly given. He also expressed the hope that the students would join UFOIC and participate in research programmes when the construction of electronic equipment is completed.

NOVEMBER SOCIAL On 1st November, a Social was held at Dr. Lindtner's residence in Strathfield with fifty-two members present. Mr. Paul Smith, an Electronics Engineer and a long-time member of NICAP and APRO, just arrived from the U.S.A., gave an extensive review of the UFO situation in America. It was interesting to note that the leading overseas Societies follow similar policies in presentation and study of UFO phenomena to our own, thus making our international relationship very appreciative and constructive.

It was encouraging to see many of our old members, who were for a long time absent from our UFOIC activities. Abundant and exquisite supper was provided by our Ladies' Committee, making this side of the evening also, a great success. Although the meeting officially concluded at midnight, several members enjoyed a stimulating discussion until 2 a.m.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING On 3rd December at Adyar Hall our Annual General Meeting was held with an attendance of one hundred and twenty members and friends. A general review of the Society's activities during 1968 and plans for 1969 were given by the President and the Secretarial Report presented by Mr. Moser. The election of officers for the committee for 1969 then followed and through an absolute majority, the present committee was re-elected as a block. The meeting continued with an illustrated lecture by Dr. Lindtner, Mr. Dutton and Mr. Phillips, dealing with the theme of "Archeological Evidence of Space Visitations". The meeting concluded with an absorbing discussion and reports on UFOs from various witnesses in the audience. The representatives of High School UFO clubs attended the meeting and gave reports of their activity. The evening closed at 10.30 p.m.

NEXT SOCIAL On Saturday, 14th December, the UFOIC Christmas Party will be held at Dr. Lindtner's residence, 33 Woodward Avenue, Strathfield. The evening will be a purely social event and will feature a Barbecue starting with, possibly, the screening of a few short humorous films. All members intending to come along must note that they must provide their own steak and drinks. The evening will start about 8 p.m. and is expected to finish not earlier than midnight. It would be advisable to inform our Secretary if you intend to come.

NEXT YEAR'S ACTIVITIES After the evening of the UFOIC Christmas Party on 14th December, all Society's activities will be suspended for a period of 6 weeks. While the new committee will be called together sometime towards the end of January, the official UFOIC opening of 1969 activities will commence with the meeting for Members and Friends at Adyar Hall on the first Tuesday in February, 1969. The programme for this evening will be communicated to members through our January Newsletter and in the Sydney Morning Herald the Saturday preceding the date of the lecture. The next Newsletter will also carry the comprehensive plan, dates and places of all UFOIC functions for 1969.

LIBRARY During the last month, all package postage rates have increased and the members borrowing books by post should, therefore, add the extra postage to ensure themselves delivery of the books. The new rates are: 25c within 30 miles of Sydney, 35c for elsewhere in N.S.W., 60c for Queensland and Victoria. The above rates apply for parcels of one or two books. If more postage is required, members will be advised by the Librarian.

FINAL NOTICE An inspection of our books revealed that 51 members are still not financial. In respect of these persons, the Committee has decided, with regret, to suspend the despatch of all future UFOIC publications. This, in fact, is their last Newsletter, unless they pay their membership fees before the New Year. If you are unfinancial, a red cross in the square here indicates your non-member status. —

AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW While many junior and senior members of UFOIC become easily enthusiastic about certain projects the Society is planning, only a few actually take some of the responsibilities and obligations involved. This certainly is not the case with our junior member, Mr. Alan Davies, a final year high school student of South Strathfield. He undertook the job to put in order UFOIC newspaper clippings. Since Alan started the work a few weeks ago, hundreds of clippings have been

sorted out, individually glued on separate sheets of paper and filed in proper order. The file will, when completed, represent a valuable reference book for UFO press reports. It will be an impressive volume in the archives of the Society. Mr. A. Davies' enthusiasm and persistence in work should serve indeed as an example to our members and remind them that much other work is still begging for their help.

DR. DON HERBISON-EVANS joins UFOIC Dr. Herbison-Evans, now a post doctorate fellow for two years with the Dept. of Astronomy at Sydney University, has accepted our invitation to join the Society and to stand for election into the Committee for 1969. Although science has not yet made the subject of UFOs scientifically respectable, Dr. Herbison-Evans himself has witnessed on one occasion, a phenomenon which defied scientific explanation. He is convinced that, if sightings would be supported with instrumental evidence, so as to render themselves suitable for scientific analysis, the mystery of UFOs would soon be solved. Since even some very simple instruments could provide valuable scientific data, he produced to this effect a miniature polariser and a spectrograph. Both apparatus appearing as a conventional photo slide, one distinguishing a true light source from a reflection while the other measures the temperature of the light source and specifies its chemical composition. If a light source is spotted in the sky and is viewed through the Polaroid, the light will dim in the case of a self-luminous object. Viewed through a grating, the distant light will split into spectral components and the bright lines in the particular part of the spectrum will indicate its chemical composition, e.g. Sodium, Neon, Mercury, etc., while in the case of a solid object, they will determine its temperature.

Such an UFO identification kit may not only clarify the case for the observe himself, but might also produce some of the evidence Science has long been waiting for. This kit is now available at 50c from the UFOIC office. We are welcoming Dr. Herbison-Evans into the UFOIC Committee with anticipation of his further contributions towards the solution of this puzzling phenomenon.

NEWCASTLE UFOIC MEETING At the last meeting held at Newcastle on 28th August, 1968, an interesting lecture was given by Mr. W. Ray an electronics engineer from the Gosford area. Mr. Ray discussed propulsion systems of UFOs and in particular two systems that he, himself, had investigated. These were Magnetic Propulsion and Electrostatic Propulsion.

The two systems were basically the same in that the respective fields interacted with the earth's Electro Magnetic Fields. Mr. Ray demonstrated how a UFO, acting as a unipole of either Electric or Magnetic fields, could use the Earth's fields for lift and propulsion.

A lively discussion followed and it was very interesting to question Mr. Ray on the Patent which he took out in America, when he submitted blueprints of a Flying Object, which was accepted merely because the authorities could not disprove his theory.

THE UFOIC COMMITTEE WISHES TO THANK ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY FOR THEIR SUPPORT, CO-OPERATION AND TOLERANCE OF MANY IRREGULARITIES WHICH OCCURED ON OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL LEVELS DURING THE YEAR - AND TO THIS EFFECT SEND GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR.

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