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This publication has continuously suffered from delays and irregularities of issues. It became only now possible to correct this situation through the valuable contributions of Mrs. J. Van der Vord and Mr. N. Drury, B.A. who respectively took responsibilities in the preparation of "UFOIC News and Social Events", also the "World Scene". In this way, your editor, Dr. M. Lindtner has been greatly relieved of work, which for years, he has practically singled-handedly, carried out in the production of each Newsletter. This new Editorial Committee is fully confident of fulfilling its obligations to our readers and providing them with interesting UFO data and up-to-date general information at regular bi-monthly intervals.

### WORLD SCENE

#### BRAZILIAN LANDING:

The following cases were investigated by Dr. Methodios Kalkasliel and Dr. Max Berezavsky, on behalf of Professor Flavio Pereira and the Brazilian Commission for the Confidential Investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects.

A highway patrolman, whose name has been withheld, was on duty on Kilometer 124, last November, when he witnessed, what he thought at the time to be, a plane crash. On drawing closer, to the grounded object, he noticed to his surprise that it had actually stopped in midair 50 metres above the ground, and was totally unlike any conventional aircraft. He described it as being "as high as a fifteen-storey building and elongated". It seemed to be made of aluminium, showed outward riveting and apparent hatchways, and appeared to be spinning. Just as the patrolman was about to leave for assistance from his patrol post, the strange object emitted an extremely powerful aura of lights with a glare like welding torches, only "millions of times brighter". A very loud humming noise began to vibrate also, and the patrolman, sensing a headache coming on, ran to his car. Terrified, he discovered that it would not start. In the distance the lights of the police cabin had flickered off when the object was nearby, but came on again as it rose higher in the sky. The patrolman found that he was now also able to start his car. The policeman hurriedly reported the incident to the policeman on duty, and the two drove back to the scene of the incident. All that could be seen was a very bright light high up in the sky. Two nights later, at 2.30 a.m. on November 28, the same patrolman experienced a similar sighting involving what seemed to be the same object. Seeing the object in the night sky, the policeman hurried from his car and hid himself in a bushy ditch with his loaded revolver near at hand. He was hidden from view as the object drew near and hovered about 30 metres above the ground, 50 metres away from the patrolman. He did not know whether to fire or not, and while pondering on the thought, watched as two "frogmen" emerged from a hatch on the underside of the craft. Illuminated by dull light, they wore skin-tight clothing with wide belts around the waist which glittered with lights in various places and seemed by their gestures to be aware of his presence in the bushes by the ditch. One of the beings spoke to the patrolman, telling him to put his gun away, since they meant no harm and would be returning to the spot later. After hearing this the patrolman got up to leave and found that he could not control his legs which felt weak beneath him. Meanwhile, the object took off and disappeared. The patrolman eventually reached his car and later submitted an official report to the Commandant of the Highway Police in Sao Paulo.

#### BRAZILIAN SCIENTIFIC GROUP CONCLUDES UFOs ARE SPACE CRAFT

The Brazilian Colloquium on UFOs, led by the president of the Brazilian Institute of Aeronautics and Space Sciences, announced recently that "a critical, scientific study over the period of twenty years had allowed them to come to the conclusion that flying saucers exist, and are extraterrestrial objects." The grouping which was reportedly attended by official military and intelligence personnel, also stated its belief that the UFO enigma was a global phenomenon, inexplicable by present standards of scientific knowledge, and urged increased public and scientific acceptance of the subject. Governmental representatives at the Colloquium said that there would be a constant exchange of information between private researchers and official agencies, in an effort to increase the amount of data on UFOs.

#### UNITED NATIONS WARNED ABOUT UFOs:

U Thant has been aware that UFOs might emanate from outer space civilizations, since June 30, 1965. This warning of the significance of the subject was issued to the United Nations by a member of its Secretariats' Office, Coleman Von Kevicsky. Holder of a Master of Military Science and Engineering Degree from Budapest, and a scientific investigator into UFO phenomena for 14 years, Von Kevicsky is an expert in the subject. It was on the basis of his

1. The fundamental premise of the scientific outer space exploration must involve the security of the Earthly nations as well as extra-terrestrial beings, and not our preparedness of the war potential. This article demanded that all nations launching outer space missions, must do so in a spirit of good will and peaceful activities, and that all Earthly nations should be prohibited from initiating, conducting or participating in, any war, war action, or mission in outer space against extra-terrestrial people.

2. Only the United Nations, as the Assembly and representation of the nations is authorised to represent Earth-man in interplanetary relations.

3. Peaceful extra-terrestrial human beings, their space ships and properties within our ionospheric region, until they land, are under permanent protection and jurisdiction of the Assembly of the United Nations. In case of landing, the protection and jurisdiction belong to the authorised territorial government of the landing site, but the protection and jurisdiction have to be carried out in accordance with the constitution of the United Nations and to the satisfaction of the General Assembly.

4. The General Assembly of the United Nations is authorized to stop immediately any exploratory mission or operations in progress by the nations, in the case of offensive danger - forced or armoured action to be expected or started any time, anywhere on or around the Earth by unknown or known extra-terrestrials against the life, property and existence of human colonies, nations and Earthmen.

5. To enforce the above four Articles, the UN Secretariat in co-operation with the member nations should be authorized to establish and organise a research and analytic group to keep surveillance and file on UFOs, Unidentified space beings, its super and sub-human creatures Unidentified Outer Forces, and Earthly exploratory activities in outer space.

The United Nations' "International Space Security Pact", approved and adopted by 67 nations, incorporated several of Von keviczsky's ideas, including the following:

1. Earth and earthman security, supreme constitutional authority of the United Nations.
2. Establishment of international responsibility for damages by the exploring nations.
3. Astronauts to be considered envoys of the United Nations, (Envoys of Mankind).
4. All phenomena observed in space and on celestial bodies to be reported to the Secretary General.

In addition, the United Nations, alerted by Von keviczsky, set up two committees of study and advise the members of Unidentified Flying Objects activities. One committee, the Outer Space Group, is headed by A. H. Abdel, Ghana's Ambassador to the United Nations and reports directly to U. Thant. The second group, reporting to the U.N. Assembly is the Outer Space Affairs Committee, headed by Kurt Waldheim, Ambassador of Austria.

#### STRANGE DEATH IN NEW ZEALAND:

On February 2, 1968, Amos Miller, 39, was found dead on his New Zealand farm, following a phone call to police officials by his son, Bill. Police investigating the call, found Miller lying in a gully with half the skin missing from his head. The son, taken into custody as prime witness, maintained that his father had been murdered by the occupants of a UFO.

"We were out in the fields repairing some fences in the morning", the boy told police. "Dad and I were working away when all of a sudden we heard on a short-wave radio, a sort of high-pitch like you hear on a short wave radio sometimes. We looked around and didn't see anything at first. But then, just to the right of us, where there is this wooded area, this thing suddenly hovered into sight. We dropped our tools and stared with our mouths open. It was about two hundred yards away and maybe about forty feet off the ground. It seemed to rest there like a helicopter standing still, only it wasn't shaped like a helicopter. It was round and had a turret-like top on it. There were little portholes around it ... and all around it there was a glow lighting the thing up. It hovered there a while and then three prongs lowered out of the bottom of it. This was the landing gear, because right after that it settled down on the ground and stood on these three legs ... "

They both ran up closer to the object and then Bill stayed where he was as his father hurried closer. Amos got about halfway, stopped beside a small brook and suddenly found himself surrounded with brilliant light shining down from the hovering craft. Bill watched with his heart in his mouth as his father glanced around apprehensively, and then fell silently to the ground. His son stood rooted to the spot with fear. Meanwhile the airship lifted high in the sky and flashed away very rapidly, emitting a whining humming noise. Bill now ran up to where his father lay and found him dead. Half the skin on his head was gone.

Police were reluctant to accept the boy's wild ravings and put the incident down to frenzied imagination, throwing the boy into a cell for further questioning. An autopsy was held on the body while police made a check of the fatal area. At the point where the saucer was said to have landed, was a circular singed area some 60 feet across. Three indentations were found around the edge of the burned area suggestive of extreme pressure on these spots. Police roped the area off hurriedly and warded off reporters. Meanwhile, an autopsy stated the cause of death to be unknown. Dr. John Whitty, who headed the autopsy team was puzzled by the incident; apart from the missing skin of the skull, there were no marks on the body, and therefore no evidence that Amos Miller had died from a blow to the head. Neither could the doctor account for the disappearance of head tissue. A further mystifying factor was the total absence of phosphorus in the dead man's bones. Five days after Bill had been taken into custody, he was released, with no further comments from the police. The Miller family have been asked by the officials to keep silent about the case. It is of interest, in passing, to note that the bones of some cattle found dead on a farm in an Australian UFO area, last year, were also totally without the normal phosphorus and once again no marks were found on the bodies to indicate the means of death.

#### RUSSIAN ROCKET-UFO:

At 2 a.m. on April 5, 1968, an unidentified rocket-shaped object was seen streaking over Baku, U.S.S.R., a resort city on the Caspian Sea coast. It moved inland emitting a loud roar rather like a low flying aircraft and glowing a very bright blue-white colour. The object had no wings, but two huge scoop intakes were visible, one on each side of the fuselage. It was apparently some 75-100 feet long. Reported by a large number of people, the object has caused some controversial discussion because Soviet Scientists have not yet developed an aircraft that glows and flies without wings, although they have stated that what the inhabitants of Baku saw, was simply a jet airplane.

#### TORONTO AIRPORT OFFICIAL AND POLICEMAN WATCH UFO:

On 29th August last year, a local policeman and a control tower operator at the Toronto International Airport watched an aerial object with white lights around its rim and green and orange lights on top, flying over Oakville, Ontario. Seemingly about 1,000 feet above Oakville Lake and about a mile away from the shore, the object did not register on radar. However, it was seen by the constable for 20 minutes, and by flight observers at nearby Malton for 45 minutes through high power binoculars. Many local citizens also reported seeing the object, which vanished from sight at daybreak.

#### BRITISH COASTGUARD WITNESS FLYING CONE:

A total of eight British coastguardmen watched a large metallic conic object hovering over Brixham on April 28, last year. First seen by a man in the town who rang the coastguard office at 11.25 a.m., the object was visible against the blue sky, at a height of about 15,000 feet. Mr. Brian Jenkins, one of the officials, watched the cone through a pair of power binoculars mounted on a tripod, providing for a magnification of 25 times the size of the object to the naked eye. Jenkins noted that the sharp end of the cone pointed upwards and that the whole thing seemed to be constructed of white metal, shining in the sun as if it were highly polished. "Near the bottom there was a triangular-shaped opening or door with a white rim on the top that reflected a lot of sunlight. The bottom was crinkled, very white and seemed to consist of strips of metal hanging down..." Jenkins made a series of sketches of the object as it slowly revolved on a vertical axis. Although there was a northeasterly wind blowing, the cone hovered in the same position. At 12.30 a jet-plane approached the cone, and on a comparative basis, Jenkins estimated the size of the cone to be about 150 ft. wide by 200 ft. high. "The jet circled the cone once, then flew off", said Jenkins. He continued to watch until 12.45 when it moved slowly north-west against the wind and was lost in cloud. All of the coastguards present looked through the binoculars, and agreed that Jenkins' sketches were an accurate likeness of a strange phenomenon which none of them had ever witnessed before. Deputy Chief Inspector Douglas, second highest officer in Her Majesty Coastguard said, "At first we all thought it might be a balloon, but after watching it carefully, we decided that this was out of the question. But what it could have been, I don't know." Defence Headquarters in London were unable to explain the sighting, which was forwarded to them in a report, although one spokesman for the Ministry of Defence suggested that the object "may have been something like the reflection of car headlight or some kind of meteorological phenomena..." He added that he didn't know anything about the plane that flew nearby, and was unable to comment further. The coastguardsmen ridiculed this pseudo-explanation and stressed their cumulative experience as trained observers. Mr. Peter Bessell, British Member of Parliament, convinced that the sighting is well documented and therefore significant, has written to Defence Secretary, Denis Healey, about it, asking for an official explanation. The UFOIC editorial office has not yet received details of Mr. Healey's reaction.

#### AUSTRALIAN SCENE

A sensational contactee claim by a Sydney man whose name has been withheld, was recently exposed as a crude hoax by UFOIC investigation team.

It all began ten years ago, so the story went, when the man, at present a 45-year-old carpen-

ter, visited a desolate area about ten miles out of Goulburn, N.S.W., on a hunting trip. He claimed to have shot at and hit something which let out a terrific noise like a dinosaur. Then there was a blinding flash of light as a ray scorched its way through the sleeve of his coat, and left a wound on his arm which festered for a whole year without healing. The man did not tell his hunting companion about the wound, but kept it to himself. (The friend is unable to recall specific details about the trip, since he has a poor memory, but he says many "strange things" have gone on in the area). The wound grew in size, gradually took the shape of the planet Saturn, and measured 3" by 2½". The man told his story to eager listeners at the Annual UFOIC Christmas Party last December and was recommended to return to the Goulburn area in case anything else unusual should happen to turn up. And turn up it did! The man, who had taken a diary of events, "in case anything happened to him", sent in to UFOIC a detailed account of how he had returned to the area, stayed several days, and on separate occasions, had seen, photographed and followed a UFO, and communicated with its humanoid inhabitant. Dr. Lindtner, Dr. Herbison-Evans and Mr. Neville Drury of UFOIC went with the man to Goulburn to investigate the claim. Having thoroughly scoured the area to estimate the angles of the claimed UFO shots, and to determine photographic sequences etc., it became evident that there were some serious defects in the man's story. Not only were the snap shots in the wrong order, but they were taken at vastly different times and at angles which suggested that the object photographed was much closer than claimed at first - only four yards away. Finally, the man succumbed to pressure and admitted that the contact story was bogus and that the apparently convincing photographs had been taken using a small wooden model, trussed between tree branches with fine nylon thread. UFOIC realises the damage that can be done if a group of UFO investigators accepts as true, a contactee story which later turns out to be a deliberate fabrication. It is therefore pleased to report that another potentially ruinous story of this nature has been exposed, because this enhances the reputation of the group in the public eye, as impartial but careful researchers.

#### FLYING SAUCER FOLLOWS CAR:

On November 25, 1968, a Port Victoria, S.A. motor mechanic, Mr. J. A. W. Wyatt, was returning home from work at Maitland at about 9.40 p.m. with Christopher Bolton, a teenager who boarded with his family. As they were leaving Maitland, they noticed a bright white light high in the sky. It began travelling parallel to them as they drove south west to Port Victoria. Mr. Wyatt watched it for about nine miles when it suddenly made a half circle turn in front of the car, and came down at a slight angle very quickly towards it. "It grew larger and larger and changed from bright white to orange-red." It seemed to be about a quarter of a mile above the car, about 200-300 yards away, and still travelling parallel to the car. Mr. Wyatt was scared stiff. "I put my foot down and drove fast to try to get away from it. We were doing 95 miles an hour and I reckon it was doing between 200 and 300 miles per hour. As we rounded a bend three miles from Port Victoria, it continued straight on and appeared to be rising." Mr. Wyatt said that when he got home he watched it through a pair of binoculars but could not distinguish any clear shape. He now went with his companions to fetch Constable D. Guerim of Port Victoria, who had watched it also. The constable said that he had seen it at a distance of about 4 miles. He described it as "a brilliant light that really radiated". It had sped off to the west but had returned and remained in the sky for 3 or 4 minutes. He was entirely mystified, didn't think it was a flying saucer, since he doesn't believe in them, but he was equally sure that it wasn't an aircraft.

#### DENTIST AND WIFE SEE UFO:

Mr. Allen Webster, dentist of Concord West, N.S.W., was watching television at about 9.05 pm when he noticed a red light through the window and ran outside to the front of the house just in time to notice a round 15 feet sphere 450 yards away, travelling east in a straight line. It was about 500 yards up in the air and was visible for a few seconds when the light that was apparently coming from the object suddenly "went out". Mr. Webster now noticed a much smaller yellowish-white light continuing in its place. This was visible for only about 2 seconds and resembled a large incandescent lamp. Mrs. Webster, coming to see what was the matter, watched the smaller light just before it disappeared. It appeared to fall to earth. Thinking back about the incident, Mr. Webster was puzzled that the red light did not appear to illuminate the countryside, but the second smaller yellow light did, in fact, light up a small area. The object was last seen in the vicinity of the Mortlake Gasworks near the Parramatta River. Mr. Webster rang the "Daily Telegraph" and they said that they would ring back if they received any more information about the object. Since they did not ring back, Mr. Webster assumes that no-one saw it apart from his wife and himself.

#### UFOIC NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** A very entertaining evening was spent at Dr. & Mrs. Lindtner's residence, and it was very pleasing to note the number of new members who attended and soon became acquainted with the Committee and others. Among the guests was Mr. Marvin W. Smith, a visiting American, who has been associated with UFO organisations in that country for over 20 yrs. Mr. Smith is a world traveller and at 88 years of age, considers himself still well able to cope with the amazing advancements in science, electronics and kindred subjects. He regretted that his stay in Australia was so short, as he found it a fascinating and challenging country. Mr. Smith dined with Mr. & Mrs. Moser at the Wentworth Hotel before his departure for home.

**FEBRUARY MEETING:** A capacity audience of 230 packed Adyar Hall to hear Dr. Herbison-Evans on the theme of "The Scientists' View on UFOs". He presented an analysis of UFO hypothesis and pointed out conclusions on which scientific scepticism for UFOs is based. Examining the possibilities of life in the Universe, he propounded various theories involving the formation of planets, development of atmosphere and subsequent evolutionary trends in different environments. From these points alone it could be understood that our Galaxy is dense with planetary systems of which some may possess life, but not necessarily based on the same chemistry as ours. His excellent talk was supported by short comments from Mr. Phillips, Mr. Dutton and Dr. Lindtner, in some respects agreeing and disagreeing with the speaker. Lively discussion followed, clarifying certain conflicting views on the subject.

**JUNIOR GROUP:** On 16th February the Group met at Strathfield and set out an active programme for 1969, which includes the building of a light modulator, completion of the UFO detector and other projects. The meetings have now been changed from the third Sunday in the month to the 3rd Saturday. Anyone wishing to join the Junior Group should contact our Secretary, Mr. Moser at 55-3833 after 6 p.m.

**A THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTARY WORK:** Some time ago Mr. Szep, a member of the Society and a panel beater by trade, undertook the task of constructing stands for the UFOIC display boards. These proved both successful and ornamental, adding to the prestige of the Society at public exhibitions. Now Mr. Szep and Mr. Doherty, a wood turner, have combined their skills to produce two beautiful models of Flying Saucers 12" in diameter, supported on elegant swan neck stands, to be used as collection plates at public meetings. Both these gentlemen are to be congratulated for the time and effort spent in this contribution to the Society.

**CHANGED TELEPHONE NUMBER:** Mr. T. Homan's, (UFOIC Sightings Reports Officer) telephone number has been changed to 660-2729. KEEP THIS NUMBER HANDY and inform Mr. Homan of any UFO sighting you may witness as soon as possible. All reports are investigated and you may witness evidence the UFO research is waiting for and has been seeking for over 20 years.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:** Since the January Committee Meeting, a re-distribution of official responsibilities has been carried out and for membership office the following members have been appointed: Mr. & Mrs. Sayers and Mrs. Vandervord. All telephone enquiries will be handled by Mr. & Mrs. Sayers at 38-6607 until 9 p.m. and definitely not after that hour. The correspondence regarding membership will be dealt with by Mrs. J. Van der vord, Hon. Membership Secretary, P.O. Box E170. St. James, Sydney. 2000. Mr. W. Moser will now be acting as General Secretary.

**LADIES COMMITTEE:** Mrs. L. Lindtner, 642-3248, will volunteer information to those wishing to make enquiries in reference to Social activities. It is hoped that members will bring the social side of the UFOIC into more direct contact with more members.

**FLYING SAUCER REVIEW & SPACE LINK:** These two English publications may be obtained from our General Secretary, Mr. W. Moser, on application. Space Link costs 40¢ per copy over the counter - 50¢ posted. This book is published 4 times a year, therefore if more convenient for members, \$2 per year may be forwarded to ensure delivery. Flying Saucer Review now has a new price. Direct from England it will cost approximately \$3 per year posted. These two magazines in company with our own REVIEW are among the best flying saucer publications in the world. A number of American, Canadian and New Zealand magazines are also available from the secretary.

**UFOIC ON T.V.:** It seems that Committee members are in demand for television appearances in popular time slots. Dr. Don Herbison-Evans was interviewed by Dianne Ward on Channel 9's To-Day Show on 28th January at 8.30 a.m. He explained the use of a miniature polariser and spectrograph which may be carried conveniently in a handbag or pocket. These kits are available at 50¢ from UFOIC office. Dr. Herbison-Evans also stated his views on UFOs in general, but assured Miss Ward that until Science was presented with irrefragible evidence of their existence, that the authorities would not recognise them officially.

Dr. Miron Lindtner appeared the next day in the same time slot but on Channel 7. He showed photographs which had been exposed as fakes by himself and other Committee members and warned other hoaxers that it would be very difficult to outwit the professional members of the Society who are always alert to the people who wish to obtain publicity or selfish gain at the expense of the UFOIC.

Dr. Lindtner's next interview was with Tommy Leonetti, Channel 7 To-Night Show on Wednesday, 5th February. Dr. Lindtner assured the Compere and audience that there were hundreds of confirmed UFO sightings throughout the world, but that the authorities would not recognise the existence of UFOs until they had material evidence in their hands. He discussed the division of scientists in the matter and stated that an increasing number of prominent professional men were supporting the extra-terrestrial theory, even though the Colorado Project had failed to find any evidence in favour of UFOs. Three photographs were screened - two from the Brazilian Navy during the Geophysical Year and one from Wilcannia in 1966. These interviews are arousing the public's interest in the subject of UFOs and the scientific approach to the problem generally.

**UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS:** The books still reveal a number of unfinancial members and it is hoped

that 1969 will see them financial again. The publications to members are included in the fees of: Regular Membership \$4.00 per year.

Juniors, Students and Pensioners \$2.00 per year, and may be paid to: Hon. Membership Secretary, Mrs. J. Van der vord, P.O. Box E170, St. James. Sydney. 2000.

**NEWCASTLE MEETING:** On Friday, 21st February, Newcastle UFOIC concluded its second year of activities with the Annual General Meeting. It was regretted that several of the foundation members resigned during the year due to personal commitments, among these the President, Miss Rosemary Pendleberry and Secretary, Mrs. Anne Robinson. A new committee was elected with Mr. L. Kelly - President, Mr. M. Driscoll - Secretary, and Mr. J. Newham - Treasurer. This committee has set itself a number of targets to be achieved, so as to maintain and increase the interest in UFOs in the Newcastle area. Several brief addresses followed the business part of the meeting, guest speakers being Mr. R. G. Ray from Gosford, Dr. Lindtner, Mr. Moser and Dr. Herbison-Evans from Sydney UFOIC. Lively discussion followed Mr. Ray's hypothesis of UFO's propulsion in which Dr. Herbison-Evans as a physicist contributed considerably. Dr. Lindtner explained the present UFO situation world over and the reason for the conflict between science and ufologists. He also outlined the role UFO societies should play in future investigations with particular emphasis on collection of data suitable for scientific evaluation. There is also a general need for a revision of the UFO subject with a view to eliminating a great deal of speculative material from public lectures and to concentrate rather on well substantiated cases, even if very few. Subsequently, Dr. Herbison-Evans explained the elements of scientific investigation and the minimum instrumentation needed to make it valuable. Mr. Moser displayed some of his meteorite collection and made a commentary in this respect. The meeting concluded at 10 p.m. with members of both committees engaging themselves in an exchange of views and joint plans for future activities.

#### MEETINGS AND SOCIALS FOR 1969

7th March - Social - Dr. Lindtner's residence, 33 Woodward Avenue, Strathfield. 642-3248  
7.45 p.m.

1st April - Adyar Hall. Meeting for Members and Friends. 8 p.m.

2nd May - Social - Mr. & Mrs. Van der vord, 6 Short Road, Riverwood. 7.45 p.m.

3rd June - Adyar Hall. Meeting for Members and Friends. 8 p.m.

5th July - Saturday - 3 p.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Blatman, 15 Constitution Road, Wentworthville.  
631-7919.

5th Aug. - Adyar Hall. Meeting for Members and Friends. 8 p.m.

5th Sept. - Social - 41 Warwick Street, Killara. 7.45 p.m.

7th Oct. - Adyar Hall. Meeting for Members and Friends. 8 p.m.

7th Nov. - Social - Dr. & Mrs. Lindtner's residence.

2nd Dec. - Adyar Hall. Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers. 8 p.m.

20th Dec. - Saturday. Christmas Party and Bar-B-Q. at Dr. & Mrs. Lindtner's residence,  
33 Woodward Avenue, Strathfield. 7.45 p.m. 642-3248.

Meetings in Adyar Hall are held every first Tuesday of each alternative month and are advertised in the Sydney Morning Herald on Saturday preceding the meeting. Socials are held on first Friday of each alternative month with a few exceptions for Saturday.

We would like to bring to the notice of members that at all Social functions the Ladies provide a plate and the gentlemen drinks for supper. The Hostesses would also appreciate it if guests would time their arrival for 7.30 p.m. as much inconvenience is caused by too early arrivals. Hoping that 1969 will prove to be as popular in the social field as in previous years and assuring you of interesting, informative and entertaining evenings ahead.

**IN MEMORIAM** On 17th January, Mrs. Mary Mathieson, a foundation member of the UFOIC passed away. She will be remembered as an enthusiastic and tireless worker in the early days of the Society and to a considerable degree responsible for the present success of our organisation. Thanks to her co-operation, UFOIC has for years used her city office as a meeting place and library. Mrs. Mathieson was also a founder of the Childrens' Library and Arts & Crafts Movement, as well as being an active member of several other organisations. She was also a graduate in Psychology.

**CAPTAIN ROBERT LOFTIN DIED** The news of Captain Loftin's death, on his way to a UFO meeting in his hometown of Tulsa, Oklohoma, U.S.A. was received by this Committee at its last meeting. The fifty years old captain was a well known author and his most famous book "Identified Flying Saucers" was in such demand that only one copy could be obtained for New South Wales. His passing will be a great loss to UFO research and the literary world.

Editorial Committee.