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Once again the editorial staff must apologise for the late issue of Newsletter, brought about by the volume of material which had to be finalised for Review No. 10, before Dr. Lindtner's departure to Europe on 1st August. As a result of this concentrated effort, half the galleys for the magazine are made up, but it will be late October or early November before publication. This will be an excellent edition containing over seventy pages of interesting, informative articles, photographs and drawings and incorporate highlights of local and overseas events during the last two years. 4,500 copies will be printed, 1,000 of which societies in London have already ordered, in company with other organizations around the world.

## WORLD SCENE

### U.S.A.

At a press conference in Dallas, October 5th, 1968, Colonel James A. McDivitt, command astronaut for Apollo 9 Lunar Test Mission, confirmed sighting three UFOs while in space during the June 5th, 1965 orbital flight. Three unidentified objects were spotted, one of them photographed and NASA has admitted that it remained unidentified. "They're there, without a doubt, but what they are is anybody's guess," Col. McDivitt said.

(Credit FSWinsc. No. 63)

### UFO Spotlights Boat

On the evening of November 22nd, 1968 the shrimp boat "Gulf Central" was searching for a missing vessel "Bobby Charles" lost in the dense fog earlier in the day off Biloxi, Mississippi. On board the "Central" were Preston Mallette, his son Kenneth and the skipper's brother William Mallette. Suddenly, Kenneth drew his father's attention to a brightly lit round object, approximately 15 ft. in diameter with a flat top and bulge at the bottom, moving high in the southern sky and coming "straight down" towards them at a terrific speed. It levelled off abruptly, executed a 45° turn and continued descending pulsating steadily, until directly over their boat. Hovering a few hundred feet overhead, the UFO threw a beam like a spotlight over them. Frightened and uncertain, the three men were wondering what would happen next, when in an instant, the light went out, then the object shot straight up and disappeared from sight in less than a minute. Other witnesses - most of them admittedly frightened and bewildered - were the crews of shrimp boats near Pascogoula and Chandeleur Islands, who were also taking part in search operations for the "Bobby Charles". (UFO Inv. NICAP)

### SPAIN

#### Triangle Evades Jet

Hundreds of people created a chaotic traffic jam for an hour in Madrid when news of an UFO was flashed over radios at 7.30 p.m. on September 5th, last year. The Spanish Air Force sent one of its supersonic jet fighter bombers, an American built F104 to investigate the report, but after chasing the object to 50,000 ft. gave up the pursuit. Air Force radar screens had tracked the UFO to 90,000 ft. and astronomers at Madrid Observatory also saw it through a powerful telescope which photographed and revealed it to be a triangular-shaped object. Despite detailed investigation and the statements of other pilots who witnessed its presence the "triangle" still remains unidentified. (Cr. FS Win. 63.)

### ITALY

#### Tourists Buzzed

On August 22nd, 1968 at 12.25 p.m., a bus load of tourists near Terracina were paced by a sharply defined disc. Mrs. Kenneth W. Collins, one of the eyewitnesses later told interviewers, "the metallic grey UFO had a domed top, while the underside had "square" windows all around it and a small darker spot in the middle. The thing was flying over a field parallel to our bus and moved in a slow straight line". Many other reports were received from surrounding areas about the same object.

### CANADA

#### Prospecting by UFO?

Mr. Kenneth Green a CNT linesman at Destruction Bay, happened to glance out of his window at 6 p.m. on March 20th, 1967 and saw something move at the top of the mountain behind his house. "That's funny, there must be someone up there with a snowmobile", he remarked to his wife. They both stared at the object which had a relative spread of about two inches and immediately realised that the mountain was five miles away and more than 6,000

ft. high, so that in the dimming light a snowmobile would not be visible. This then must be something as big as a couple of railway carriages. Mr. Green got his binoculars and they studied the moving object for half an hour, "It had a wide, oval shape, was brownish in colour, with a cone-shaped light beneath. This light looked as if it was controlled by a thrusting device which changed colours mostly between red and yellow. When the object moved vertically the cone was directly beneath it and when it moved horizontally the cone trailed at an angle", Ken explained later to researchers. "At first it stayed near the top of the mountain, then after a few minutes started to descend quite slowly to about quarter-way down, seeming to fly just a few feet above the surface. Then it headed over to the next mountain, stayed a while there doing the same procedure, flew part way back, then disappeared through a notch in the mountains." Mr. Green tried to settle down for the evening but was still curious about the strange craft and its activities, so ten minutes after its departure he went outside to see if it had returned, but all he saw was a white vapour trail leading across the lake to the point where the object went between the mountains. Other technicians in the camp and Mr. & Mrs. Tom Clare, near neighbours of the Green's also witnessed the sighting and informed the authorities. A check with the transport department officials determined that there were no helicopters in the area at the time or any other vehicles. It is interesting to note that the mountains in Yukon Territory hold fabulous mineral wealth and are a miner's treasure chest - where a geiger counter jitters like a thing alive - giving some small idea of the abundance of elemental forces at work. Or, the answer to UFO activity may be found in the micro-wave stations that power messages through the atmosphere which are vital to the whole North American defence complex and for size and function must rate as one of the great communication systems of the world. (Ref. Can. Ufo)

## ENGLAND

### Thousands see strange lights over England

On November 20th, 1968 at 7.20 p.m. Mr. Charles Bowen, editor of the London Flying Saucer Review received a telephone call from Mrs. Spencer about the display of lights that had crossed London NNWest to SSEast just before 7.00 p.m. This was the first of hundreds of calls that were to swamp his and the London Evening News' telephone lines from widely dispersed places, but all with similar accounts: several glowing objects with multi-coloured tails cruising across the sky. Lieut. Commander V. J. Chown on Woodford, Essex said, "the lights seemed to be assembled as if around an invisible tube, like the old Graf Zeppelin in shape and there were two leading lights out of a total of fifteen. They kept station just like warships at no more than 1,000 altitude." Another caller, scientist John Rosevear stated that the group of lights with coloured tails covered as estimated  $10^{\circ}$  of arc in the sky, travelled on a horizontal course and passed into a high bank of clouds. He had seen satellites before but these were definitely different. Mr. Edwards of Latimer near Chesham, rang for an explanation of eight red lights which passed over his farm heading south east towards Rickmansworth, line abreast, with one of them stopping dead in its tracks for a few seconds and then catching up with the others. The Edwards family watched the lights for forty five seconds until they "just went out" before they had travelled the distance at which they would normally have been expected to pass from view. Most of the 40,000 fans in attendance at the League Cup soccer match between Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur saw the lights and heated discussions as to their origin swept through the crowds. According to Greenwich Observatory the lights were caused by a decaying satellite, while a meteorological establishment opined that a meteorite shower had been observed, while the Royal Observatory at Herstmonceux had identified them as the Russian rocket "Cosmos 253" re-entering the atmosphere. Not satisfied with the official explanation, Mr. Bowen asked Bernard Finch (MRCS. LRCP. DCh. FBIS) to check with the Russian Embassy as to whether any Russian ironmongery had re-entered the atmosphere on that evening. Their reply was a firm "NO" and this denial was confirmed by Mr. Gill who checked with the Russian News Agency. The general consensus of opinion about the official explanation is "absolute rubbish".

### FORCE FIELD OVER FLORIDA?

The night of January 1st, 1969 will remain in the memories of Manuel Lopez and Miss Kay Russell for many years to come. At about 11.15 p.m. as they sat in the front seat of Manuel's station wagon which was parked behind Food Fair Supermarket, Big Coppitt Key, Key West, Florida, they were startled by a hollow, deep penetrating sound from overhead. They both looked out of the windows just as a slow moving sheet of concentrated hail in small needle-like pieces hit a compact area of the windshield and front portion of the car roof. Manuel attempted to start the engine but it refused to turn over; then they felt a sudden warmth and a sensation of complete weightlessness as an uncontrollable force tugged at their chests and travelled up to their brains. Tingling electric shudders coursed through them as their eyes were guided upwards without their own volition and rivetted upon a brilliant silver-hued object. In recalling the experience Manuel said; "we both had the distinct feeling of being able to penetrate with our new power of vision, into millions of miles of outer distance and the source of the silver light made it possible to look through what appeared to be a deep cloud. We had no desire to fight this force field which seemed to come

from a tapering funnel-like stream of light which encompassed the immediate area of the car." Kay Russell continued relating the shared experience, "we seemed to be in a suspended state, unable to think for ourselves until we again heard the deep-tunnel, cryptic sound, when instantly the force field, ray, beam and everything we had seen disappeared, leaving us in a "Deep Freeze" chill with our hands tightly clasped without power to release them. Soon, we regained our senses, jumped out of the car and looked all around but could not see or hear anything unusual." Lt. Terry Jones of the Sheriff's department was in charge of the subsequent investigation and found small pittings on the windshield and front portion of the car roof which could have been caused by the "hail". (Cre. J.Ule.Flo.)

#### SOUTH AMERICA

##### Man sees Saucer and dies.

The London Sun published the following article on July 19th, 1969: "Bogota, 18th July, 1969 (Friday) Doctors in Colombia, South America are baffled by the case of a man who died from a mystery stickness after he reported seeing a flying saucer. Arcesi Bermudez, aged 50, fell ill after he said he saw a blue and orange flying saucer with flashing lights in his back garden. Mr. Bermudez claimed he approached to within three yards of the saucer and then went back to fetch a torch. As he was returning the saucer flew away. A week after the sighting, a doctor found Mr. Bermudez near death suffering from an attack of vomiting. The doctor diagnosed gastro-enteritis but was puzzled by the patient's extremely low temperature. Mr. Bermudez remained lucid to the end and kept repeating he had seen a spaceship.

#### AUSTRALIAN SCENE

UFO OVER COUNTRY WEIR ... At 4.10 a.m. on Saturday, 17th May, 1969, Tony Hocking, a 21 years old agricultural college student, in company with Lindsay Dillon of Calimo, were waiting for a tractor when their attention was caught by a bright light in the sky, as big as a basketball, approximately 15 miles west of Deniliquin, over Steven's Weir road.

Looked at through a theodolite it appeared as a spherical shaped object, which, when hovering, flashed red and green lights around the brilliant-yellow, pulsating middle. It rose rapidly and silently, then descended, travelling from right to left as if weaving a pattern.

The men watched these manoeuvres from time to time, hoping that the UFO would not be hidden by the gathering clouds which already covered a large area of the sky. Tony Hocking felt a tingling sensation as the sphere descended at its closest point, but far from being scared by the mysterious "visitor", was hoping for further exciting developments in the incident.

However, at about 5.15 a.m. the UFO began moving erratically from right to left, dulling to a glowing yellow as it darted off in a north easterly direction. Tony Hocking reported the sighting to local police, radio station and newspapers in large country towns around the area, so that a sharp lookout could be kept in case of further visits.

HIGH TENSION UFO ... The evening of Monday, 21st April, 1969 proved exciting for Mrs. D. Mostyn of Cronulla when she stepped out onto her front verandah at 8.20 p.m. to see if her son was coming home from work. There, 200 feet up in a clear starry sky and 75 yards distant, was a solid whitish disc about the size of a weather balloon, with transparent top and four appendages like antennae protruding from the under section.

Mrs. Mostyn ran inside to tell her husband and they both watched the object, now with a bright light emanating from it, hover silently over high tension wires near the railway line. After five minutes, during which time it pulsated and alternated between solid and clear transparency, it moved away rapidly in a straight line, north east, towards the Pacific Ocean.

Mrs. Mostyn immediately rang the weather Bureau to ascertain if meteorological balloons were in the area at that time, but the officer in charge denied its possibilities.

DISC LOOKS AT SYDNEY ... Leslie Miller, 15, was walking around the grounds of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney at 7.30 p.m. on 21st February, 1969 with other members of the C of E Fellowship, when he saw another group of people looking into the sky. Alerting his friends, they saw, coming from a north-easterly direction, a shiny, spherical-shaped object about the size of a cricket ball, encircled by a brilliant band of light. No pronounced features were visible as it ascended and descended silently in flight, travelling faster than a jet. But when it hovered overhead for two or three minutes, then sparks seemed to be completely surrounding the object which pulsated brightly. It darted away in a south-westerly direction disappearing in the distance behind city buildings. When first sighted, Leslie thought it was an aeroplane but was puzzled by the absence of the engine throb, then as soon as it passed over he realised he had seen his first UFO! In great excitement he rang a Sydney evening newspaper and was told to contact UFOIC.

MORE AUSTRALIAN SCENE ON THE NEXT PAGE ...

The Stolen Tully Colour Film ... A report in the Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau's Nov-Dec 1968 Newsletter states, "let us take the case of the Tully colour film, stolen we suspect, after its arrival at Kodak, Melbourne, in March of this year (1968). Mr. Stan Seers, President of Q.F.S.R.B. suggested that because of the seeming relationship between geo-magnetic solar activity and the UFO, a monitor equipped with an 8mm. cine camera, be installed at a spot known to have been previously frequented by UFOs. This was done because of the coming sunspot maxima and the subsequent expected UFO activity. The instruments were in place and operative for several weeks before being triggered. This happened twice, on the 2nd & 4th March respectively, on each occasion the camera was operated and a total of 40-45 feet of film exposed. On both occasions UFOs were visually observed in the area, the first time being by an airliner flying between Cairns and Iron Range (news flash from local radio station). After the second triggering, the film was removed in the presence of witnesses, placed in the usual Kodak container, conveyed to the Tully Post Office, where it was mailed for a charge of 14 cents to Melbourne. On the 13th March, the sender received a letter stating that the container (returned to sender with 14 cent stamp intact) had arrived at Kodak EMPTY. After some correspondence, the matter was referred to the police. Many weeks later a CIB detective, who shall remain anonymous, informed the sender that the film was now with the Dept. of the Interior, and the best thing he could do, was to forget it as he would not get it back etc. Mr. Seers then personally referred the matter with copies of all relevant correspondence, statements, etc. to Colin Bennett, M.L.A. the wellknown Brisbane barrister, who made representations on their behalf. The Minister for Air, Gordon Freeth, sent a letter to C. J. Bennett M.L.A. : "I am unable to offer any explanation as to why the Flying Saucer Organisation is under the impression that the Dept. of Air could be instrumental in the disappearance of the films." With regard to Mr. Freeth's statement, "as far as Governments are concerned, it has never been precisely determined where Science Fiction ends and where these objects begin to be related to reality" Mr. Seers finds it exceedingly difficult to believe that Mr. Freeth is the confidant of Governments: - therefore it becomes necessary for him to replace the words - "Governments are" with "Mr. Freeth is", and urge him to quit reading science fiction, of which he appears to have more than a passing knowledge; to state that these opinions are based on factual evidence, not on guesswork. He is quite convinced that neither Mr. Freeth nor the Kodak Management is aware of the underhand skull-duggery which is possibly rife in both departments. He is of the opinion that an employee of Kodak is also on the pay of a Government Department, not necessarily Mr. Freeth's. All colour film arriving at Kodak is logged on arrival, therefore, the thief could not just toss it away, he had no option but to claim that it arrived empty. His mistake was to leave the 14 cents stamp on it, of course, he was not to know that it would be returned to the sender. It was very quickly established at the Tully Post Office that an empty container only required a 5 cent stamp. Mr. Seers gave his sincere thanks to Mr. Colin Bennett, M.L.A. for his representations on the Q.F.S.R.B.'s behalf.

#### UFOIC NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MEETING ADYAR HALL, 3rd June, 1969. An audience of almost 200 attended a short, interesting film "Critical Path" and the feature film, "Earth versus Flying Saucers". The meeting closed at 10.30 on a disappointing note. Unfortunately, "Earth versus Flying Saucers" proved an unsuitable film for UFOIC audience and many visitors left during the projection. It is regrettable that practically every UFO film shows the space visitors hostile - or as for that matter, is mankind too immature yet to understand their cautious approach.

JUNIOR MEETING, 21st June Only eight juniors were present but these few were amply rewarded by the coloured slides which accompanied Mr. Moser's excellent lecture on astronomy. Dr. Lindtner gave a review of the most common misinterpretation of UFOs and their scientific explanations. During Dr. Lindtner's absence overseas, the junior meetings continue as usual each third Saturday of the month at 3 p.m. at 33 Woodward Avenue, Strathfield.

SOCIAL, 5th July was held at Wentworthville, where Mr. & Mrs. Blatman were hosts to fifty members. Many new faces were noted and welcomed by Committee members. Those present wish to thank their hosts for the wonderful buffet provided and their warm hospitality. Dr. Lindtner spoke on the weaknesses of present UFO research and reasons for the subject not having been solved yet. It was emphasised that only with the availability of more scientific data, the subject may become attractive for study by competent research bodies. It was also brought to the notice of the researchers the escalating cost in production of UFO Review. Mr. De Cusack, UFOIC committee member expressed his confidence in the Society members to understand the financial commitments in the production of a first class publication and to this effect he generously offered to shoulder considerable expenses. Discussions then turned to the departure of Dr. Lindtner for overseas, for presentation of his paper at the World Veterinary Congress where he will also be Chairman for one session. He will be absent for approximately three months, during the trip he will also meet various UFO researchers and discuss with them pertinent questions. A report was presented referring to the recent St. Michael's Golf Club landing. UFOIC in conjunction with Sydney University, carried out examination of the site, checked reaction, took away samples of earth and grass for laboratory tests. Radiation was proved negative. Samples are suspected to contain kerosene. This leads UFOIC to believe that a hoax was involved. The

meeting concluded well past 6 p.m. in the same friendly atmosphere that marked the whole afternoon's social occasion.

NEW UFO GROUPS STILL FORMING UFOIC is frequently receiving requests for information and assistance in helping other UFO groups. Recently we were glad to respond to the newly formed groups at Auckland University (NZ) and the Deniliquin High School UFO Club (NSW) which was formed after the recent spate of sightings in this area. Also, Newchapel Observatory in England sought articles from Dr. Lindtner, Dr. Herbison-Evans and Mr. Moser for their Observatory's magazine and which were readily supplied.

SECRETARY'S OUTSTANDING EFFORTS IN CORRESPONDENCE Mr. W. Moser, Secretary UFOIC was congratulated by fellow Committee members on his splendid efforts in the correspondence field. Each month he answers and writes no less than 163 and sometimes many more letters, to Australian and overseas correspondents. This activity keeps the Society in touch and to the forefront of UFO affairs throughout the world. News of new developments in science, astronomy and other scientific subjects in overseas countries is immediately sent to him and filed away as reference for members. Mr. Moser is appealing to anyone who may possess some copies of old "Flying Saucer" Magazines issued 1953 to 1955 to contact him immediately.

MEMBERSHIP FEES Membership fees of \$4 for joint membership, \$2 for Senior Citizens, Juniors and Students are payable in January of each year. Dues for 1969 have not yet been received for some members. A cross at the bottom of this Newsletter will indicate your financial status with the Society. Fees may be sent to Mrs. J. Van der vord, Hon. Membership Sect. UFOIC, Box E170, St. James. 2000.

UFO KIT developed by our committee member Dr. Herbison-Evans is gaining publicity and popularity as a scientific tool for UFO evaluation. Over soo have already been sold locally and overseas and new orders are constantly coming in. This miniature polariser and spectroscope may be carried in a wallet, handbag or pocket. It is obtainable from UFOIC at 55¢ posted in Australia and 60¢ overseas.

JUNIOR MEETING 16th August Over twelve members attended, including three new members.

Dr. Herbison-Evans discussed the Condon Report and drew attention to many details omitted in various sightings. A lively debate followed and the questions asked by the audience showed their interest in the subject. Mr. Moser also pointed out various aspects of the same Report and discussed many overseas publications.

Next meeting 20th September, 3 p.m. at 33 Woodward Avenue, Strathfield. Mr. T. W. Dutton or Mr. F. Phillips, Vice Pres. of the Society, will chair the meeting.

5th AUGUST, ADYAR HALL A packed audience welcomed Dr. Keith Bigg (C.S.I.R.O.) again as a Guest Speaker on our platform. His theme "Methods of Study of U.F.O. Sightings" brought into focus the computerising of sightings, and charts showing more U.F.O. activity when planets in the solar system are in close approach to our earth. Dr. Bigg accompanied his talk with coloured slides of the upper atmosphere and rocket research, endeavouring to photograph any objects in the sky.

7th OCTOBER - ADYAR HALL Guest Speaker Dr. L. R. Allen, of Physics Department, University of Sydney, will give a lecture entitled "Radio Waves from Outer Space". The meeting will commence at 7.45 p.m. We welcome yet another prominent scientist to our UFOIC platform.

5th SEPTEMBER The next Social Members' Meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, 41 Warwick Street, Killara at 7.45 p.m. The programme will include taped sightings from New Zealand (compliments of Mr. Claude Elmes - Napier, N.Z.) and coloured slides of the Apollo Mission.

#### EDITORIAL COMMITTEE.

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We have just received the tragic news of the untimely death by accident, of our most esteemed President, Dr. Miran Lindtner, whilst travelling in Germany. We extend to his widow, Lilian Lindtner and their three children our deepest sympathy in their sad loss.

The UFOIC has been fortunate in having a man of Dr. Lindtner's calibre as the driving force in the Society for the past sixteen years. His contributions as editor of our Newsletter and Review and his dedication to the Society in general are well-known to all members all over the world. His passing has left a gap in the Society which will be difficult to fill.