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The last issue of Newsletter carried the tragic news of Dr. Lindtner's untimely death in Frankfurt, whilst on his way to present his paper and chair a session of the World Veterinary Congress in Yugoslavia. UFOIC committee wish to thank all those people in Australia and overseas who sent messages of condolence to the Society and his family. Mr. Fred Phillips, former vice-president and a member of the Society for sixteen years is now President and the committee are sure that, under his talented leadership, the UFOIC will continue to function as a foremost scientific UFO-Research group of world-wide renown.

## WORLD SCENE

### MANILLA - VALLEY LANDING

Three Filipino farmers have submitted eyewitness reports on what may be the first sighting of UFOs and their mysterious passengers - in the Phillipines. The reported sightings took place at 4 a.m., 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. on November 1st, 1968, within the vicinity of the Phillipines Communications Satellite (Philcomsat) ground station inside a valley in Rizal Province, 32 air miles east of Manilla. Colonel Aderito de Leon (Air Force Rtd.) former manager of the station wrote a detailed report on the sightings based on interviews he and former assistant station manager, Rufino Santiago (Army Corps Rtd.) made with the three farmers. Their separate accounts were more or less identical about seeing a white, lowslung, saucer-shaped vehicle landing and taking off near where they were, and of two passengers seen inside. One of the farmers gave a more detailed description of the occupants as being Caucasian looking, with one about six feet tall and wearing white flying suits without identification, and glass-like or plastic headgears. Colonel Patterson (United States Air Force) visited the station recently after learning of the incident from another embassy official who had been there earlier. Asked by UPI about his impressions on the stories, Patterson said, "as you know, we (the US Air Force) have an interest in this type of thing, apart from satisfying my own curiosity." He also said he had no ready explanation about the detailed sightings and added, "we just don't have enough information to make a decision or an investigation."

### U.S.A. - WEIRD UFO BEHAVIOUR

One of the weirdest sightings was in Lakeland, Florida area in October, 1968. Early one evening, Mr. & Mrs. W. L. McMullen, Miss Sharon Burgess and two school students saw a mysterious object heading towards the McMullen home from a nearby hill. The disc-shaped UFO, approximately 13 ft in diameter and 8 ft high, hovered 7 ft above a palm tree, 150 feet distant from the house. Two occupants dressed in white tight outfits and with headgears, were seen through its transparent dome. Prior to the incident and during the twenty minutes the "saucer" was present, Mr. & Mrs. McMullen noted audio and visual interference on their TV - also they complained of a smell, like ammonia, that burned their noses and eyes. During the excitement, the McMullen's dog knocked a hole in the screen porch in an effort to get away from the UFO. Lakeland police were called, but the "visitors" had left by the time the police cruiser arrived. (Cr. Orlanda Sent.)

### U.S.A. - LIGHT BEAM ON CAR

A housewife, who wishes to remain anonymous had a frightening experience at 10.30 a.m. on March 10th, 1969, while travelling in her car east from Glenwood, Mo., on Highway 202. The speedo was at 50 mph when she noticed a bright beam of light on the roadway ahead. Looking for the source of light, she saw a charcoal grey disc with a dome of the same colour at an estimated altitude of between 1000 ft and 2000 ft. with a funnel of light coming from underneath, narrow at its source but nearly the width of the highway as it focused steadily. The witness' dog, who had been lying quietly in the back seat, suddenly leapt over into the front and cowered on the floor in a high state of agitation. As the young woman drove into the beam, the car slowed to 8 mph, but as it passed through, it began to function normally again. Bewildered and frightened, the young woman's only thought was to leave the area as soon as

possible. She reported later that her eyes hurt for a couple of days following the incident, presumably from looking at the bright light.

#### ENGLAND - SAUCER SWOOPS OVER BRICKYARD

At 11.47 p.m. on 29th June, 1969, Mr. Jack Cook, a kiln firer at Midland Brick Co., Ansley Hall, was standing on outside steps 100 ft above ground level when he was startled by an object, swooping down from the sky at terrific speed. It was "like an oval butter dish" glowing bright yellowish-orange with brilliant green light surrounding the bottom. Orange flames and white smoke poured out from the rear with a hissing noise, tremendously loud. As the UFO swooped lower, Mr. Cook observed vertical lines running down its side where were like windows and appeared to light up as the object moved away, to disappear in the direction of the NCB workshops. Though extremely shaken by the incident, Mr. Cook sketched the UFO onto the back of a matchbox and showed it to his workmates who were sceptical - until four other witnesses in nearby areas reported the same sighting.

#### CHILE - CAR MYSTERIOUSLY MOVED BY ???

Mr. Emiliano Escalona and Professor Arturo Sepulveda, while on holidays with their families, stopped overnight at "Las Francas" the famous thermal water place of Chillan. During the early hours of Sunday morning, February 9th, 1969, Mrs. Escalona woke and heard the motors of their two cars running. She listened intently for a few minutes, because the sound seemed to be further away from where they had originally parked the vehicles. Finally she woke both men and armed with shotguns they went to see what was happening. The cars had been enigmatically moved approximately 170 ft distant, without leaving any trace of wheelmarks on grass or soft ground. While the men were examining strange paint on the cars, they were startled by an odd type of explosion and a blinding light, simultaneous with the rising of a huge silver object over nearby mountains. Argentine Broadcasting confirmed the case on the following day, emphasising the fact that the motors of both cars were running while the batteries were disconnected! (Cr. Underst.)

#### FINLAND - SNOW LANDING

Nivala in the western part of middle Finland was the scene of an interesting UFO sighting on 14th November, 1968. At 5 p.m. Oili Antilla (16) went out to get water some distance from her home, when she saw a strange bright "star" appear in the sky. It was descending rapidly, so Oili, curious to see what it was, stood in the snow, under tall trees. The round object, glowing brilliant white with a pulsating red middle, emitted a low humming sound as it flew in a straight line above electric wires, then hovered over the trees, finally landing about 350 yards away from the girl. As it rested briefly the object glowed brighter, then rose swiftly into the sky and disappeared. A round, shallow mark was found at the landing place and it is interesting to note that, while the UFO was in the area, lights in the houses went out and a fuse in the village transformer was blown. (Ref. Vimana)

#### CANADA - UFOs USE FARM AS LANDING FIELD

A farmer at Chapeau, Quebec on the island of Allumettes declared in the Montreal Journal of May 24th, 1969, that for some time strange flying machines have used one of his fields as a landing strip. The farmer, Leo-Paul Chaput said the most striking incident occurred three weeks before his report to the paper. On the Sunday at 2 a.m. he, his wife and two of their ten children were sitting in the kitchen when an intense light drew their attention towards a field 400 ft from the house. Going out to see what could be producing the light, they saw 4 objects about 30 ft in diameter and approximately 16 ft in height. The projection of light was so intense that they had to cover their eyes with their hands for 6 minutes until the objects departed. The whole family was very frightened and stayed awake until daylight, then they inspected the field for any damage to crops. The ground was burned in 4 circles of 27 ft in diameter and in almost a 2 ft ring around the circumference, with indentations inside the rings as if an object with legs inside had landed. Grass was still burning in certain spots, as well as were two small trees growing inside one of the circles. Sometime later, officers from the Ontario Lands and Forest Department arrived to analyse and identify, if possible, the origin of the burns. (Ref. Saucer, Space Science No. 56)

#### AUSTRALIAN SCENE

##### UFOs SEE APPLE ISLAND

A report from Tasmania comes from Mr. & Mrs. P. Berry of Hobart who were sitting on their front verandah at 10.50 on the morning of July 17th, 1969, when their attention was caught by a dark grey, circular object with domed top, about the size of a full moon, travelling under low clouds in a N-easterly direction. As they watched, a second object appeared and followed behind the other. Mr. Berry hurried inside for his camera but by the time he photographed them, they were mere specks under the clouds. Blow ups of the photographs showed nothing, but Mr. Berry estimated the UFOs to be 20 ft in diameter.

##### BROKEN HILL VISIT

Clifford Turley, a 14 years old student and eight other boys were playing in scrub on the outskirts of Broken Hill at 10.30 a.m. on 15th June this year, when one of the boys pointed skywards and called to everyone to "look at that thing up there!" It was a bright clear day and the sun reflected off a disc-shaped object hovering high up, NE over the city. "It seemed to be hovering over one of the large silver, lead and zinc mines and looked as though it was made of very shiny metal and resembled the light of a planet," Clifford reported. The UFO remained stationary for a while, then as it started to move rapidly northwards, became very dull and disappeared in a few seconds.

BARALABA MAN FOLLOWED BY "VISITORS"

The Brisbane Sunday Mail carried a report in its 27th July, 1969 issue about strange happenings at Baralaba, 80 miles S West of Rockhampton, on the 25th July. Very early in the morning of that day, Mr. Adrian Reimer, a baker was driving his car between Biloela and Baralaba when he saw "this bright light in a paddock". "I pulled up. It was like an upturned tortoise shell" he was quoted as saying. There were portholes in the side of the object and a mast on top. It emitted a strange humming sound as coloured lights flashed around it and now and then a light would flash on in the trees. The "shell" was moving along in a jerking motion going close to the ground then lifting up again. Then, as Mr. Reimer sat fascinated, a second "shell" seemed to come from behind the trees. "I was a bit frightened and drove to a property a few miles down the road, followed all the way by a third one that had approached to join the others", Mr. Reimer reported. Mr. Reimer's parents and Mr. John Major saw the objects when Adrian arrived home and observed them through binoculars for over two hours. Mr. Major said that one seemed to be the mother ship and glowed with a constant yellow light, while the other two were changing colours rhythmically.

WHITE LIGHTS OVER RYDE AREA

Just before 7.30 on the evening of November 7th, 1968, Mr. Harold Reid in company with Mr. Peter Reid left their Pymble flat to walk to the local swimming pool. As they scanned the moonless sky their attention was caught by a brilliant white light in the south west sky in the vicinity of Ryde or further on. It hung approximately 1000 ft above the observed tree level. Inclined to think that it was a very bright star, both men were startled to see it descend swiftly towards the ground, dimming as it went, to disappear behind the trees. Almost immediately, an outgoing plane from the airport flew over the area and as soon as it had passed from view, the same or similar object appeared suddenly in the exact location as before. Two smaller white lights, pulsating red on top joined the larger one and after ascending and descending in almost geometrical patterns, sped off towards the south.

DISC LEAVES TELL-TALE RING

It was 11.30 p.m. on 22nd May, 1969, when Graham Longey, a resident of Moonah, Tasmania, looked out from a window in his house and received a tingling fright. Hovering a few feet off the ground was a large, solid whitely brilliant, circular shaped object with windows around the centre. As Mr. Longey watched it began to move rapidly upwards and by the time he had rushed through the house to the outside door the "disc" had gone. Shaken by the experience, he nevertheless examined the ground and found a burnt patch approximately 18 ft. by 11½ ft - definite proof that he had really "seen something".

UFOIC NEWS & FORTHCOMING EVENTSMEETING ADYAR HALL 7th OCTOBER

The Secretary, Mr. W. Moser opened the meeting and requested the capacity audience to stand for two minutes silence as a tribute to our late President, Dr. M. Lindtner. Mr. W. Dutton, vice president then spoke of the great respect that Dr. Lindtner had gained through his Veterinary Research contributions to world science, his work among youth and his training of Yugal Soccer team for some time. His integrity, honesty and capacity for hard work, as well as his kindness made a lasting impression on those with whom he came in contact. The UFOIC appreciated greatly the time and labour he expended on their behalf and it will indeed be difficult to fill his position. Mr. Dutton extended sympathy to Mrs. Lindtner and the three children.

Dr. L. R. Allen, Physics Dept. Sydney University, was then introduced and gave a lecture with the theme "Radio Waves in the Sky". This brought into focus the relatively new study of Radio Astronomy which is now rapidly expanding. It originated in 1932 when a scientist was tracing radio interference on a very crude apparatus made from chicken wire. Radio Astronomy followed Radar after World War II and radio waves from the sun were the first to be investigated. Sydney led the world in this field at the time, followed by Cambridge in England. Then the Crab Nebula, Cygnus A and other very powerful sources of waves were investigated. The larger the dish on a radio telescope, the better the results. The dish is always painted white to deflect heat. Radio telescopes have great sensitivity - a modest sized one can detect power of a hand torch while a very large one has the possibility of detecting very powerful radio sources at the outer limits of the Universe. Their shapes also differ. The Mills Cross near Canberra has such a narrow beam that it can accurately bring in sources of waves, while the Radio Heliograph near Narrabri has 96 dishes 40 ft across in a ring 2 miles in diameter. Pulsars have been checked for intelligent signals, but to date no results have been achieved. However, by operating with the unique wavelength of 21cm radiation, radio astronomers hope to range further afield in the near future. Dr. Allen illustrated his lecture with slides and drawings.

5th SEPTEMBER - SOCIAL MEETING

Fifty five members enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. & Mrs. Simpson in their Killara home and listened to taped sightings received with the compliments of Mr. Claude Elmes, Napier, N.Z. Apollo slides were then shown and Mr. K. Lane related his experience with UFO sightings in Queensland. Lengthy discussions followed on all three subjects ending the evening on a very satisfactory note.

18th OCTOBER - JUNIOR MEETING

Eight members attended the meeting held at Mrs. Lindtner's residence. Mr. T. V. Homan, Vice

President of the Society played tape recordings by Bruce Cathie in New Zealand and spoke about the South Australian sightings. Mr. Moser, Secretary, then gave a talk entitled "Sighting of UFOs by Astronomers". It was decided by the Committee that for 1970 the Junior meetings would be held in various localities. So far, two members in the eastern suburbs have put their homes at the disposal of the students and any other members wishing to do the same should contact Mr. Moser at 55 3833 as soon as possible so that a roster may be made for 1970.

#### 7th NOVEMBER

Social for MEMBERS ONLY at Mrs. Lindtner's residence, 33 Woodward Avenue, Strathfield, commencing at 7.45 p.m. Guest Speaker will be Dr. Harley Wood. Ladies are asked to bring a plate, the gentlemen to supply drinks.

#### APPEAL

Anyone who can provide storage space for various property of UFOIC, please contact the Secretary at the earliest opportunity so that arrangements may be made to have it moved to a new location.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS - DECEMBER 2nd - ADYAR HALL

The Annual General Meeting will be held on the above date and all interested members wishing join the Committee should contact the Secretary, Mr. W. Moser, in writing to Box E 170 P.O. St. James. Sydney. 2000, by November 22nd, 1969. The Committee needs new blood and every member willing to work in his or her allotted duties will be more than welcome.

#### BOOK REVIEW

"Flying Saucers over the West" by A. W. Bearn has just arrived in Australia. It covers the sightings of 30th October, 1959 by the author himself and various sightings by Air Force personnel and others. It would prove of great interest to students of UFOs and may be purchased for 50c.

#### PUBLICATIONS

A number of new publications have come to hand recently, among them the well known Canadian magazine, "Saucers, Space and Science". These may be purchased through the secretary.

#### UFO KITS

There are still a few UFO kits available through UFOIC at 55¢ posted in Australia and 60¢ overseas. Developed by our Committee member, Dr. Herbison-Evans it is proving popular as a scientific tool for UFO evaluation. This miniature polariser and spectroscope may be carried in a handbag, wallet or pocket.

#### GET WELL WISHES

The many friends of our President, Mr. F. Phillips, wish him a speedy recovery from the injuries he received when hit by a car on Friday, 3rd October near Australia Square. In his absence, Mr. T. W. Dutton, will be Acting President.

#### ARE YOU A RADIO AMATEUR?

Also, are you interested in the phenomena of UFOs? DATA-NET has an information exchange programme with UFOIC as well as A.P.R.O., N.I.C.A.P. and other organisations. DATA-NET publishes a monthly report to members made up of news, information, reported sightings, articles and clippings contributed by member stations. For information on DATA-NET's on-the-air activities and membership please contact the Net Control, DATA-NET Control, WB6 RPL 624 Farley Street, Mountain View, Calif. 94040. (415) 967-6878.

#### MEMBERSHIP FEES

Some are still outstanding for 1969 and as January 1st, 1970 begins our membership year, the Committee would deem it a favour if fees could be paid for 1969, before that date.

#### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

May now be contacted by telephone. Mrs. J. Van der vord, ~~333~~ 3647.

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