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## EDITORIAL :

"U.F.O.'s are serious business", according to most sincere researchers throughout Australia and the world. With this belief, researchers have, over the years, banded together to form the various groups and clubs, most of which would incorporate in their respective constitutions the following aims :

1. To promote U.F.O. research.
2. To facilitate the study of U.F.O.'s by the exchange of data amongst members and other clubs.
3. To interest the general public and scientific circles in the U.F.C. phenomena.

Yet within the framework of these clubs we see internal rivalry and ill-feeling. Overseas many U.F.O. organisations have wound up; even N.I.C.A.P. has drastically cut its operations because of large loss in membership numbers.

Surely the time has come when Australian U.F.O. clubs must unite to form a solid body of serious researchers in order for U.F.O. research to progress. This would not mean that each club would lose its individuality or its constitution. However, it would mean that as an amalgamated body we could speak with some authority. Moreover, U.F.O. data could be much more successfully catalogued and exchanged.

C.A.P.I.O. failed. From the failure of C.A.P.I.O. could come a better organisation. This matter would have to be carefully planned by correspondence between every U.F.O. group and society in Australia before the initial discussions could be held.

Unless this vital move is made soon, Australian U.F.O. research will almost undoubtedly follow the overseas trend.

(These are the views of the editor and not necessarily those of U.F.O.I.C.)

## WORLD SCENE

JAPAN : Twenty fireballs, each with a long tail, were observed by more than 100 people as the objects moved silently over central and eastern Japan at 8 p.m. on Jan. 7, 1969.

Among the witnesses were the tower operator at Niigata Airport and A.T.C. men at Osaka International Airport. A Northwest Orient Boeing 707 and 7 other aircraft also reported sighting the objects.

An official at Tokyo Astronomical Observatory stated that the objects could not have been artificial satellites or meteors. The objects were very bright and moved faster than conventional jet aircraft.

"UNDERSTANDING" Vol. 5. No.1. Jan. 1970.

FINLAND : After being woken from a strange dream in the early hours of August 19, 1969, Mrs. B. Bofarull, 28, observed a bright star-like object through her bedroom window. At the time Mrs. Bofarull was visiting relations at Kotka but was unable to wake other members of the family.

On taking a closer look at the object, Mr. Bofarull established that the light was emitted by a saucer-shaped object in the eastern sky. The "saucer" was at an approximate altitude of 500 metres and several miles away. Mrs. Bofarull watched the phenomena for about an hour, from 3 till 4 a.m.

According to the witnesses, the "saucer" executed a spiral downwards, later moving closer and becoming bigger. The object disappeared "at a dizzy speed, shooting perpendicularly upwards."

Meanwhile, 15 kilometres from Kotka, a Mrs. S. Kluge, 30, was experiencing a similar phenomena. She was woken at round 4 a.m. on Aug. 19.

After opening the window, Mrs. Kluge observed a bright, bluish light in the eastern sky. The U.F.O. moved rather slowly, "swaying to the right in the direction of Kotka."

Mrs. Kluge was eventually overcome by a strong sensation of fear and was unable to remain at the window.

"VIMANA" No.3. 1969.

STOVER, MO. U.S.A. : A round, baloon-like U.F.O., three or four feet in diameter and with green, red and blue lights, was sighted by a farmer sitting in the drive-in restaurant of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Smith.

The object was about 7 feet above the ground and was observed to be moving in a straight line across the highway, then suddenly disappearing.

Mrs. Smith said later that there were no flashing lights but a glow which made the colours stand out. At the time of the sighting, Oct.18, 1969, it was overcast and raining slightly.

"SKYLOOK"

BOURNEMOUTH, HARTS., ENGLAND : A "fluttering" light outside the drawingroom window attracted the attention of a retired Lieut. Commander and his family while they sat and talked on the foggy evening of Oct.21, 1969.

Moving to a sun balcony in order to investigate the source of slight, the Commander, his son and daughter found that the light was emitted from a circular object, "9-12 inches in diameter, translucent, eerie-looking and pulsating at its centre."

The object hovered silently above them at a height of 30 feet. Its centre was blue and rather darker than the outer rim. Thirty seconds after the initial sighting, the object moved away in a southerly direction, accelerating smoothly and rapidly without leaving a trail.

Later the Commander described the U.F.O. as something like a jellyfish, while his daughter said it appeared as a legless octopus.

"U.F.O. LOG" Jan.1970

NEW ZEALAND : Mr. J.D. Cudbey, a security officer at Waipukurau aerodrome in Te Wairoa, observed a U.F.O. carrying out a routine inspection of the aerodrome on Oct.30, 1969, at 3.10 a.m.

While trying the locks of the clubhouse, he noticed three lights, green, red and green, reflected in the glass panel of the door. On looking up, he observed a large, saucer-shaped object, slowly swinging from side to side. The object was at a height of about 50 feet and 300 feet distant; its length was an estimated 60 feet while the object was about 12 feet thick. Green, red and green lights emanated from the upper surfaces of the object through poles which were evenly spaced about the dome-like structure.

Becoming frightened, Cudbey ran to his vehicle where he was able to turn on his spotlight and scan the object, three times vertically and three horizontally, the duration of the scans being about 3 seconds.

Finally, the sound of the object increased to a high pitch, the beams of light brightened and the object tilted 15°, climbing at that angle until it disappeared from sight.

It is interesting to note that before reaching the clubhouse, Mr. Cudbey's dog began to growl and continued to do so throughout the duration of the sighting.

The ground directly beneath the place where the object was hovering was warm and dry, whereas the surrounding area was extremely wet because of a heavy dew.

A passing motorist is also believed to have seen the object.

A.P.R.O. BULLETIN. Nov.-Dec. 1969.

ANOTHER SOLAR SYSTEM?

An American astronomer, Dr. Peter van de Kemp, Director of Swarthmore (Pennsylvania) College's Sproul Observatory, has detected the first planetary body of Barnard's Star which is only six and a half light years away from Earth. The nearest star, binary system, consisting of Alpha Centauri A and B, is only 4½ light years away but no planets have been detected about this system so far.

Dr. Kemp believes there may be many more planetary bodies orbiting Barnard's Star, although as yet he has been unable to confirm this.

Three other stars besides Barnard's Star, are known to have at least one planetary body in orbit about them. Thus Barnard's Star represents another possible place for the existence of extra-terrestrial life relatively close to Earth.

"Science Horizons", June, 1969.

AUSTRALIAN REPORTS

A number of reports have been received by our sightings officer, Mr. T.V. Homan.

1. Early in the morning of March 5th, 1970, Mr. Michael Davis, of Blackheath, observed a star-like object which he described as "a point of light, approximately 1/8" in diameter and diminishing."

It was 4.50 a.m. The night was clear and starlit although no moon was visible. At the time Mr. Davis was walking south down Station St. to the Railway Station when something made him look up.

The object was a steady, brilliant ball of light, well defined and apparently solid. At the initial sighting, the object was at approximately 50,000 feet and ascending, travelling through an arc of 80° per sec., for 15 seconds before vanishing. The object followed a trajectory from an estimated 290° W to 120° E, changing course to approximately 90° E and ascending at an angle of 60°.

Mr. Davis could not estimate the size of the object, nor was it possible to determine any prominent features as the object was about 7 miles away.

2. Chester Hill was the locality of another sighting on May 15, 1970 by a Miss Janice Gray of Yagoona. It was 8 p.m. The night was clear and stars, as well as a half-moon, were visible. Only one object was seen and "appeared as a round shape with a vibrating white light." It appeared to be as large as a ten cent piece held at arm's length and was "very bright white and suddenly changed colour to pink, then faded to an orange amber colour." Apparently well-defined and solid, the object moved from West to East, gradually losing height but retaining a steady speed until disappearing. Perhaps the most interesting feature of the sighting was, as Miss Gray emphasised, that the object left a vapour trail which was "spiralling upwards - not trailing behind", as one would expect.

3. Two sightings occurred on May 21, 1970. The first was reported by Mrs. B. McGuinness, of Eastwood, who, along with Mr. Boyce Ewer, also of Eastwood, observed a "red and white flashing light which looked like an over-sized evening star seen through binoculars." It was dark and cloudy at the time.

Mrs. McGuinness was washing up and noticed a light in the northwestern sky. At first, Mrs. McGuinness thought the object was an aeroplane because of red and white flashing light. However, the object was still visible some time later. At 6.25 p.m. Mrs. McGuinness went outside and observed the object with binoculars until it disappeared (6.45 p.m.)

Her neighbour, Mr. Ewer, described the object as oscillating. It appeared to be well below the low cloud cover and remained perfectly stationery for about 30 minutes until suddenly dropping about 500 feet and then slowly disappearing over the horizon.

4. The following report (also on May 21) was forwarded by Mrs. P. Davison, of Dulwich Hill, N.S.W. The object was observed from 7.00 to 8.30 p.m. It was cloudy and the object itself "formed like a cloud".

The object appeared "filmy" and was apparently not solid and travelled in a straight line in a north-westerly direction. It "instantly disappeared when it came to the blackness of the sky and only showed up on the actual clouds."

Mr. Davison first observed the object at 7 p.m. after getting off the train at Dulwich Hill. "It was like a dull cloud moving but it didn't seem like a searchlight as it didn't have a beam on it."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Davison later observed the object together.

The "Sun-Herald" also carried a small article covering numerous sightings of a similar object. The descriptions given in the article were almost identical to those given by Mr. and Mrs. Davison. For example, "It couldn't have been a searchlight because it had no tail" or, "It was like a small white cloud."

The official explanation, according to the "Sun Herald" article, was that it came from a commercially owned spotlight at Homebush.

U. F. O. I. C. NEWS and FORTHCOMING EVENTS

READERS : U.F.O.I.C. NEWSLETTER wants your opinions.

The Editorial Committee had decided to introduce a "Letters to the Editor" Section.

Selected letters will be published in each NEWSLETTER. We would like to have letters on any U.F.O. topics, ideas and constructive criticism of the present NEWSLETTER and Club.

Address your letters to :

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Members Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 7, at 3. p.m.

This meeting will be held at 33 Wybalena Road., Hunters Hill, the home of Mr. & Mrs. Irom. It is the first time we shall be at this home in the beautiful suburb of Hunters Hill and it is planned, weather permitting, to be outdoors as much as possible. It will be appreciated if anyone who can do so brings along folding chairs. Also, the usual - Ladies a plate, gentlemen for liquid refreshment. Thanks. For those using public transport - Hunters Hill ferry from Circular Quay, then private bus. Enquire of driver. A very pleasant time is anticipated.

PUBLIC MEETING :

U.F.O.I.C. was privileged to have Professor Mills, designer of the Mills Cross radio telescope, address the public meeting on Tuesday, August 4th. U.F.O.I.C. extends thanks to Professor Mills for a most informative lecture enjoyed by all.

A large audience attended the lecture which was followed by a lively question time. Following this, slides of the moon and of Mars were screened.

A summary of Professor Mills' lecture will appear in the next NEWSLETTER.

U.F.O.I.C. extends its thanks to Mrs. J. Van Der Vord, former NEWSLETTER Editor, for her invaluable service to the Club in editing this publication and our best wishes for the future - wherever it may take her.

"SPACELINK" is a U.F.O. magazine of world class, covering all aspects of the U.F.O. phenomenon including up-to-date sightings from all over the world. Priced at only 50 cents, including postage, or at \$2. for an annual subscription, "SPACELINK" is available from our Secretary, Mr. W. Moser.

Other publications available from Mr. Moser are -

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"QUEST" - gives a general coverage of U.F.O. material and is available at 50c. plus postage.

Copies of "U.F.O.I.C. REVIEW" are still available. This is a 60 page professional publication with varied articles by well-known writers and valuable sighting records.

U.F.O. KITS are available from Mr. Moser. These are an easy aid to identifying U.F.O.'s and are designed by Dr. D. Herbison-Evans, Astrophysicist of Sydney University.

Just a reminder that some members Annual Subs. are still unpaid. They are hereby warned that No. 29 is the last issue they will receive.

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A new Library listing is planned for future use. We said it's growing.

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NEWSLETTER thanks you for your support so far in 1970 and hopes to help you more, aiming for solidarity and progress in the future for us all.