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## SIGHTINGS

Please report any U.F.O. sightings to our investigation officers, Mr. Barry French and Mr. Martin Drawbridge, so that investigations can begin as quickly as possible. Tel. 6076608 or 6070615 day or night.

## EDITORIAL

At our last meeting of the ufologists on 6th April, in Adyar Hall, Mr. Bill Moser, the club Secretary, showed some slides of the Moon landings, and also some slides of the Moon Rocks. These have not been shown in Australia as yet and they were very exciting.

Lunar scientists in Houston say that these moon rocks are the oldest and most complex ever seen by man. "We're dealing with a very complicated group of rock," said Dr. Robin Brett, vice-chairman of the preliminary investigation team. The complex rocks are among 92 lb. of lunar samples brought back by astronauts Alan Shepard, Stuart Roosa and Edgar Mitchell. Dr. Brett said some of the samples appeared to be "krep" — a combination of potassium, rare earth elements and phosphorus — some scientists believe may be part of the original lunar crust. They think these rocks brought back by Apollo 14 are believed to be four billion years old — older than samples returned by Apollo 11 and 12.

Seeing these slides of the rocks is a privilege and we, the members, should realise how lucky we are that we can come and see these things that the ordinary man in the street is not aware of.

You find it all the time, that when you mention UFO or Flying Saucer, people invariably say: "But how do you know there are such things?" Well, how do we know? Isn't that just why we are banded together in the search and research. We want you to show an interest in the Society by coming to the meetings, and by reading some of the literature we put out. That might mean putting your hand into your pocket. Well, why not??? Don't you pay all sorts of prices for silly magazines with nothing in them, whereas if you buy our literature, you have all sorts of exciting stories about UFO's and Space things. So, *back us up!*

The next meeting in Adyar Hall will be on June 1st, and we have a very distinguished speaker coming along — Dr. J. C. Ribes, French astronomer. He will lecture on *Extra-Terrestrial Civilizations*.

U.F.O.I.C. extends its thanks to David Scott, former *Newsletter* Editor, and though through pressure of work, he can no longer be full Editor, we are pleased to note that he is going to stay on the Editorial Committee.

What happened to the "Letters to the Editor" Section of our *Newsletter*? The answer, I think, is that you, the members, are not sending in any "letters". So how about it? Write in and let us know what you think about it all!

We had a most interesting Meeting on March 6th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blattman. About 25 very interesting, and also interested, people were there and we had a really U.F.O. discussion and informative afternoon. You should have been there to see what we saw, and if you make the effort to come to the next one, we will make it as exciting.

## NEW JERSEY, U.S.A.:

Not everything unidentified in the sky is a flying object. In August 1970, residents of Caldwell, N.J., discovered what seemed to be a giant "spider's web" — an incredibly long, silver thread or wire hanging from the sky with its top in the clouds. It could only be seen, in fact, when the sun struck it from a certain angle. The Caldwell police tried to trace it, found signs of it, but lost it in the clouds. Two locals with fishing lines cast around in the air with fishing lines to try and snag it, and came up with handfuls of what looked like light weight nylon string. A few weeks later two lifeguards told how they found it "settling across the pool's surface. We pulled in at least 300 feet of straight line until it suddenly snapped as we reached a tangle."

**FEES:** Members who have not yet paid their 1971 fees are reminded by a conspicuous red mark on their Newsletter. Please forward your fees to the Hon. Sec., Mr. Moser, Box E170, St. James, Sydney, 2000.  
Full Membership: \$5.00. Senior Citizens and Students: \$2.00.

## SAUCER THEORIES

Can we believe theories of communication with aliens? There are probably hundreds of groups or individuals in the world who claim to have learnt at least some aspects of "Universal Truth" by contact with spacecraft, either by direct contact with Saucer occupants or by some sort of "medium" — by speaking while in a trance, by writing or typing something mentally "dictated" (e.g. the case described in *The Coming of the Guardians* by Meade Layne) or even through an electric machine tool as Richard Shaver. These contacts are harder to accept, of course, than the existence of U.F.O.'s which is shown by the many millions of sightings throughout history. But they are attempts to explain these sightings, and as such how can they be proved or disproved? Obviously it would be pointless trying to list and evaluate each one. Some seem to be attempts by religious groups to get on the U.F.O. "bandwagon" with wishful contacts which tend to confirm their own views. What we must look for are common features in different accounts — these do not prove they are true (they may simply have read some other accounts before making up a story) but when people like Adamski or Daniel Fry and Truman Bethurum (*They Rode in Space Ships* — G. Gibbons) give detailed accounts of contacts, many details of which match other people's accounts, even though never having had an interest in U.F.O.'s before, we must look closely before rejecting it.

It is unfortunate that U.F.O. watchers are disorganized and therefore always on the defensive (the reaction to

### STUDENTS, PLEASE NOTE!

If U.F.O. groups are to disseminate information as well as establishing it, we must expand our resources. I suggest, therefore, that our members who are either students or staff of Sydney Universities, Colleges or schools, could think seriously about establishing Clubs for this purpose (called perhaps just "UFO Club," "Ufology Club" or something similar). To make a start on this, then, any members who are students or staff at Sydney Uni. and are interested in starting a club can contact me, Des Bellamy, at Box 138, Wentworth Building, Darlington, 2008 (internal Uni. mail will get there). Anyone who could start a similar club elsewhere is invited to submit a notice to this newsletter.

blatant Air Force lies should be outrage that they are treating us as children rather than the present passive defensiveness) and so tend to seek "respectable" sightings and ignore the contact claimers as a "lunatic fringe" — just as they are considered a lunatic fringe by those who don't accept U.F.O.'s at all. Too often, then, U.F.O. studies become a list of (often unrelated) sightings with no theories offered as to their origin. Generally, I find, a book setting out various theories, such as Gray Barker's *They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers*, is far more interesting than a book of various sightings in any locality (especially as any such list will be out of date as soon as it is printed). Admittedly, one tends to skip over many theories of "hollow earth," 4 dimensional spacecraft, Universal Truth, etc., as too fantastic, but don't people do the same with U.F.O. reports until they read the evidence? The only reason we all accept that there are intelligently controlled, alien craft in the sky is that so many people have seen them and accept them. Yet we ignore the theory that U.F.O.'s are visiting the remaining members of an antediluvian race in caverns under the earth — the "Shaver Mystery" which created such a huge uproar from 1943 until the early 1950's. Or Layne's theory of "4D" matter, which explains why so many U.F.O.'s are seen to change their shape.

In future issues it may be possible to give details of some of the wider held and/or more interesting U.F.O. theories. What we must remember is that if even one of these many strange and seemingly incredible theories is proved to be "most likely" (the verdict most of us give to U.F.O.'s), then that is as important, if not more so, than a whole volume of sightings.

### SUNDAY MAIL, Feb. 6, 1971:

"Three unidentified flying object sightings were reported in South Australia this week. A Goolwa resident last Sunday reported seeing a circular, revolving U.F.O. which changed color from red to yellow to white. On Monday, a round, white, fast-moving object was reported from Elizabeth Grove and an oval-shaped orange object hovering out from Brighton was seen by a Pasadena resident.

"It is all because of the Apollo-14 flight to the moon, according to Mr. Colin Norris, public relations officer of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society.

"Mr. Norris said the three sightings had been reported on official A.F.S.R.S. forms which were compiled with the aid of a previous U.F.O. officer at Edinburgh R.A.A.F. base. 'Our society co-operates closely with Edinburgh and all our information is passed on to the U.F.O. officer there, who sends it on to Canberra for scientific and technological analysis,' Mr. Norris said. He said U.F.O. sightings increased during each Apollo flight. He believed the 'people' from outer space who manned U.F.O.'s kept a close watch on earth's space exploration attempts. This was only natural because they had to safeguard their interests. He believed previous astronauts had reported many U.F.O. sightings and interference, and that was why television viewers saw direct pictures from the spacecraft but heard only a censored version of the astronauts' comments. 'The words of the astronauts are treated as classified information, so we don't get the true story,' he said. 'I am sure of this conspiracy to keep us in the dark because of evidence I have received from a ham radio operator in the United States.' "

### A N.Z. NEWSPAPER, 6.3.71:

"A Waiatarua housewife says she and a friend saw an object in the sky over Auckland at about 9.30 p.m. last Wednesday (3rd March). She said: 'It was hovering about 400 yards away in front of us at a height of no more than 1000 ft. There was no noise. Its colour was an extremely bright orange and it was slightly oval in shape.'

When she returned home she mentioned it to her husband, a U.F.O. enthusiast. There was the same object, hovering over Henderson, moving slowly in a north-south direction towards the Manukau Heads. He telephoned a friend in Henderson who also saw the object, which passed over his house. The enthusiast managed to take two quick photographs. He estimated the object to be nearly 100 ft. across. He plans to send prints to the D.S.I.R. and to America.

"A 10-year-old girl at Manurewa also saw the U.F.O. the same night. When she told her parents, they said: 'Don't be silly, dear.' "

### BOOK REVIEW

*U.F.O.'s OVER THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE* by Michael Hervey, F.I.A.L., B.E.M.

(Hampton Press, Henley, N.S.W., 2111. — 80c. per copy, posted 95c. per copy.)

This book has been rightly acclaimed by the press in this country, also in the U.S.A. and Europe, etc., as the best volume to be published on the subject during the past decade or more.

Unlike a great many books dealing with U.F.O.'s, it does not make use of sensationalism or fantasy, but relies on hard facts based upon 20 years of intensive research. An absolute must for all serious Ufologists.

(Note: Book can only be obtained from William Moser, Hon. Gen. Secretary, U.F.O.I.C., 19 Hurlstone Ave., Hurlstone Park, N.S.W., 2193.)

## U.F.O.'s : ANIMALS?

This article is about one of the most fascinating theories of U.F.O. origin. The theory states that U.F.O.'s themselves could be animals. In other words, a Living Flying Saucer. At first glance this theory may be hard to digest, but really it could explain many (not all) sightings. There have been many cases where the objects involved behaved like little animals. The Foo Fighters of World War II are a good example. But there have been other reports, too. U.F.O.'s have been reported as curious or playful in their movements; producing little U.F.O.'s (eegad!); and doing other things just like animals.

But, to fully grasp this theory, a comparison between life forms in the oceans and life forms in the atmosphere must be made. The facts are: life exists at all levels of our oceans, the deeper you go the smaller and slower the life forms get (there are always exceptions). But when we look at the life forms of the atmospheric sea, we find that they are only known to exist at the very deepest depths. Man, animals, and plants all exist on the ground. We know of no life forms that live in the air itself. But if life did exist above our heads, we would conclude that they would probably be larger, faster and probably lighter than us. They would be made up of a highly tenuous (light, filmy, thin) material, and might feed on pure energy. If this were true, they would tend to live at the edge of the Earth's atmosphere where the concentrations of cosmic rays and photons are the greatest. The appetites were probably the main factor in their appearance during World War II. With all the power and energy created by the Atomic Bombs and power plants, they probably started to come down to investigate another source of food. Many U.F.O.'s are reported hovering near power lines and plants.

These atmospheric fish, being very thin and fast, would tend to change shape as they speeded up or slowed down. Travelling at moderate speeds they would appear as a saucer or spheroid. But when they accelerated, they would become stretched out and form a cigar or spindle shaped object (most U.F.O.'s are reported as one of these shapes).

We must stress the point once more, though, while I believe this theory to be true, it certainly does not account for all U.F.O. sightings.

### MOON ROCKS LIKE CHEESE?

*Allen Benz sent Skylook magazine a clipping from the Daily Standard which quotes British geologist Professor George Malcolm Brown in telling the British Association that he had analyzed some moon rocks and finds they have a lot in common with a cheese called Swiss emmentaler. He says: "The nearest thing on Earth to the moon as far as the transmission of seismic waves is concerned is cheese."*

*Mr. Benz writes: "The question is, how did the notion that the moon is made of cheese get started in the first place?"*

*Comment, anyone?*

## CASSIUS CLAY SEES STARS!

Perhaps it isn't unusual for a fighter to see "stars" of one kind or another, but Cassius Clay said this one was a U.F.O. He spotted it as he was doing roadwork in Central Park, New York, in December last year. Clay said he often saw U.F.O.'s when he did early morning roadwork, according to a clipping from the Chicago Daily News. "They're up there all the time and the government are keeping it a secret," he said.

## U.F.O. SIGHTING AT DENILQUIN

*Following is an edited version of an interview on radio station 2QN conducted with John Walsh, Secretary of the Denilquin Bowling Club.*

Thursday, 18th March:

WALSH: "We happened to look up in the air and noticed this object flying across. It would be a cylindrical object, possibly 2 to 3 feet long, possibly a foot to 18 inches in diameter, with a naked flame going up the centre around about 3 to 4 inches high. It would be about 20 feet above the clubhouse, which would make it roughly 50 feet in the air, travelling at possibly one to three miles per hour."

INTERVIEWER: "Did it make any noise?"

WALSH: "No — soundless."

INTERVIEWER: "How many of you were there that saw this?"

WALSH: "There were 64 people on the green. I couldn't see whether they all saw it. Someone called: 'Look up there' and our rink saw it and possibly another four or five people I know of."

INTERVIEWER: "What time was this?"

WALSH: "Roughly between 9 and 9.15 or 9.30."

INTERVIEWER: "The obvious question is: Were you all drinking?"

WALSH: "No. Not at that stage of the night."

EXCERPT FROM LETTER by Mrs. L.C. Hall, 209 Georges River Road, Croydon Park, 2133, dated 16/3/1971:

... before my marriage I lived in the western suburbs at Fairfield, where many sightings, I believe, are reported. Therefore, I should like to relate three sightings of strange objects I have observed in that area. I have made no notes on the date or times I saw them, but they all occurred in 1969. It is too late now to do anything about them, but I will describe what I saw in case somebody else has seen something similar.

The first sighting was in the South East skies and I can be accurate to a degree in the time I saw it as it was winter and I was coming home from work, walking down Gibbs Street, Smithfield at 20 minutes to seven in the evening. The sky was almost dark. Through some trees I spotted a small orange ball of light (about the size of a pea; I do not know how far away it could have been). I thought at first it was a plane of some sort, but kept watching it. It glided away slowly towards the South and then stopped and hovered. This made me stop also as I thought it may be me just moving. However it began rising and falling gently, then lowered itself down past the horizon, and it did not appear again.

The second one was one night in summer, while I was watching for such happenings as U.F.O.'s. I suddenly caught sight of a speeding blue light with red flashes streaming from its tail. It was in the South-West sky and was roughly in the middle of the evening. Admittedly, this one could have been a meteorite, but the strange thing about it was that it did not burn itself out but lasted for at least 2 minutes while it headed for some trees in the distance and disappeared behind them. Again I could not say how far away it was.

The final sighting was also that summer, while I was watching the skies one evening. At first I thought it to be a satellite, but I watched it for at least half an hour until it disappeared. It was a tiny white dot in the sky and was directly above me. It was definitely at a very high altitude. There was no sound whatsoever. It was travelling towards the East and was moderately fast, but it would suddenly stop and go into the other direction towards the West and then stop again and go to the South and the North. Its behaviour was too erratic for a satellite. Finally it stopped, as it would seem, and then began to get smaller and smaller until it was no longer visible. This happened while it was stationary. . .

FROM Brian Kindness, 48 Ramsgate Road, Sans Souci, N.S.W., 2219:

On the night of Monday, March 22nd, 1971, at approximately 9.45, myself and two members of my family observed for about four or five minutes an orange coloured bright light travelling slowly in a straight line and moving across the sky from a South-east to a North-west direction.

At first sighting, the object was almost directly above us and appeared to be three to four thousand feet up in height. We first thought the object was a satellite. However, after a couple of minutes' observation the object, after passing underneath a cloud bank and still quite visible, changed its course . . . and continued slowly in a westerly direction. We watched until we lost sight of the object on the horizon.

We considered the possibility that the object was perhaps an aeroplane. However, we did not hear at any time anything resembling engine noise nor did we observe any red navigational lights which are mandatory on all aircraft. . .

FROM B. Collard, Pacific Highway, Korakoa, N.S.W., 2259:

At 9.15 p.m. on Wednesday, the 17th March, 1971, I sighted a bright light, much brighter than any star, moving from the south-east to the north-west. My first thought was that it was a satellite, but as it came to its closest point, it was clearly seen to be an object about as wide as it was long with approximately four lights surrounding it. It did not make any noise. It was travelling at a height higher than clouds and took about three minutes to pass.

As the first disappeared from sight a second came into sight travelling in the same direction and same speed and possessing the same physical characteristics. The second was a little higher.

It was a starry night with a few clouds and the moon had just risen.

The object was sighted from in front of No. 58 Alison Road, Wyong, N.S.W., Australia.

### DATES TO NOTE

**Saturday, 1st May** — Members' Social at the home of Barry Taylor, 84 Sherwood Street, Old Toongabbie. Tel. 6316132. 3 p.m. Members are kindly asked to bring a plate or liquid refreshments along. All welcome.

**Saturday, 3rd July** — Members' Social at home of Mr. and Mrs. Berg, 36-42 Mandoon Rd., Giraween. 3 p.m.

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At our last meeting, Mr. Moser showed two photos taken with an Instamatic Camera, on 30th August, 1970, at approximately 2.30 p.m. Cloudy, bright conditions. An object appeared towards the direction of Bonegilla migrant centre and Bandiana military area.

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The following are available from the Society:

U.F.O. kits	— 50 cents )	
U.F.O. badges	— 75 cents )	All plus postage.
U.F.O. car stickers	— \$1.00 )	

— Available through the Hon. Secretary.

Owing to requests by members, more copies of Bearne's *Flying Saucers Over the West* (50 cents, plus postage) are also now available through the Hon. Secretary.

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LIBRARY: Librarian: Mr. M. Duggan, 22 Ferguson Avenue, Springwood, N.S.W. 2777.

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*Just before Easter the General Secretary had the very great pleasure to welcome Bob Easley, one of the best known younger U.F.O. Researchers and Writers in the U.S.A., at his home.*

*Bob was less than a week in Australia — he is serving at present in his country's Navy and the only port his ship made in Australia was Sydney. Bob asked to convey to everyone in Australia interested in U.F.O. matters his very best wishes and hopes to come again for longer to our shores.*

*Very stimulating and interesting discussions were held in the short hours Bob had at his disposal and good insight was gained in many problems confronting U.F.O. Research in the States. To give Bob some facts about what U.F.O.I.C. is doing, Bob was presented with a number of U.F.O.I.C. Newsletters and copies of review No. 10 and M. Hervey's book U.F.O.'s over the Southern Hemisphere.*

*Another meeting with Bob, arranged at his request with other office bearers of U.F.O.I.C. to be held the next evening, had unfortunately to be cancelled, owing to Bob's recall to Naval duties.*

*We sincerely hope to have Bob with us for longer at some future date.*

If you have sent in something for inclusion in this Newsletter and it has not been printed, please do not be discouraged, because our next Newsletter is going to be a big one, and we are trying to include some photographs. With all the new hands now handling the material it should be an exciting issue. In the meantime give the new Committee your support. Write in. Buy our Review. But Skylook. Students take note that you have a new committee looking after your interests, so be AWARE and send in your observations and sightings. Attend meetings. LOOK! WATCH! READ!

### NEWS FLASH : SECOND ANNUAL MIDWEST U.F.O. CONFERENCE SET FOR JUNE 12, 1971.

The Midwest U.F.O. Network (MUFON) announces that advance reservations are now being accepted for the above Conference to be held in St. Louis, Missouri. Host group will be U.F.O. Study Group of Greater St. Louis. SPEAKER: Mr. Stanton FRIEDMAN — noted nuclear scientist — over 11 years experience in research of U.F.O.'s. Other speakers: Ted Phillips, J.R., MUFON State-Section Director for Central Missouri and Staff writer for *Skylook* will speak on *Burned Circles and Flying Saucer Nests*. SHERMAN J. LARSEN will speak on *Documentation*.

The address for reservations or further information is:

U.F.O. Study Group of Greater St. Louis. C/o Mr. W.F. Christian, 758 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, Missouri. 63125.