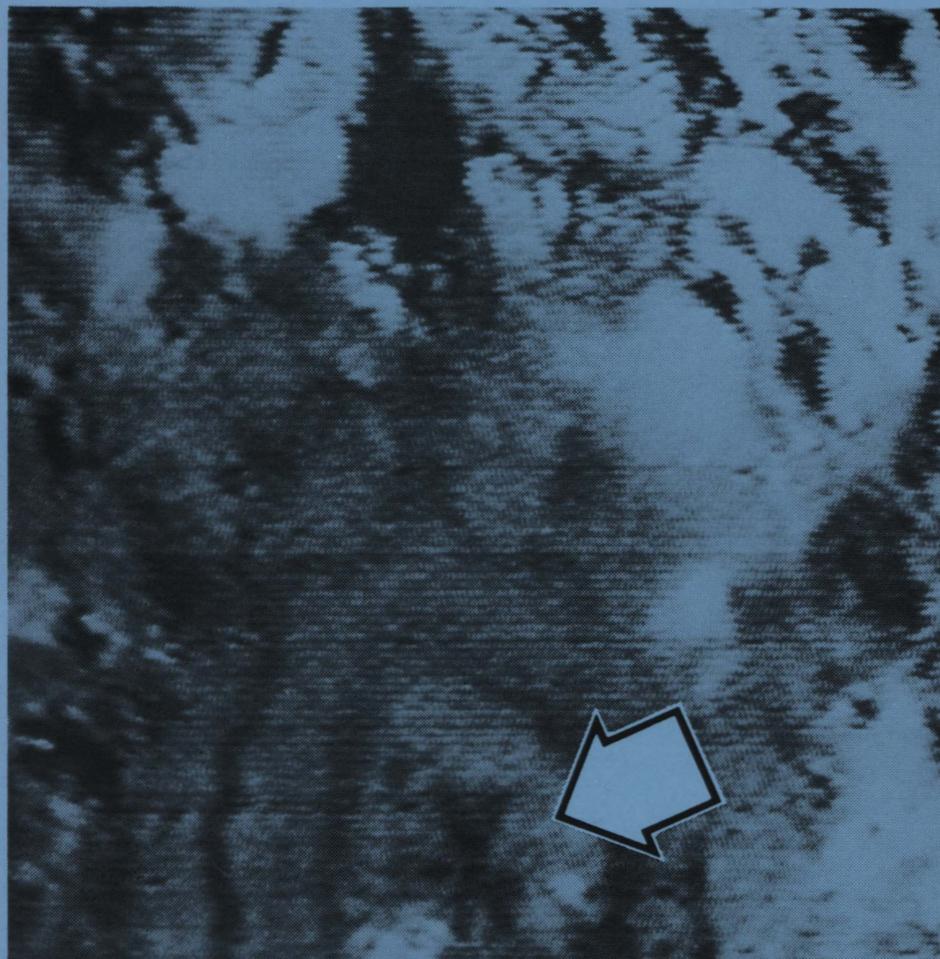


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## Again, Incidents In Holy Land

Perhaps we have said it too often already, but we never cease to marvel at the alertness with which our space visitors follow earthly affairs, and once again we have in mind events in the Middle East.

As recently as the last issue we had editorial occasion to discuss UFO interest in the calamities of Iran, man-made and natural. The sign of their interest, by our interpretation, was a dramatic performance over Tehran in 1976 which seemed clairvoyantly to anticipate the civil strife or the earthquake that followed, or both.

Now our visitors have done it again, this time apparently being curious about the world's oil crisis. Last November seven technicians at an oil pumping station near Kuwait in the Persian gulf watched in alarm and almost disbelief as a strange aerial craft landed in silence nearby. They described it as cylindrical and larger than a jumbo jet. All communications and pumping operations stopped for reasons unknown while it was there.

We can only guess the visitors wanted their craft to be seen because they landed at a busy time and stayed several minutes before shooting up out of sight.

Less than two months later in the Holy Land there were well observed incidents of a different sort. Early one January morning, over Jerusalem's Mount of Olives, UFOs staged a glittering show. One policeman who drove up for a better look reported:

"I saw a startling thing: three objects with irregular hues of red, blue and purple - like a sparkling diamond in the sun. Their size was that of a large street lamp."

Elsewhere over Israel there were other sightings, including one of a red ball over Haifa that was reported over the armed forces' radio. As in the case near Kuwait, the visitors obviously wished to be seen. But this time they were over an area fired up with religious and political strife of world importance.

Clearly the space beings know where to be and when, and just as clearly they want us to know they know. Lately they have become much bolder in spelling it out. It is time we took them seriously and, perhaps through contactees, showed readiness to learn more.

Because, for the time being at least, they seem to be on our side.

# Humanoids Over West

*(Recently we received from Bill Allan in Kelowna, B.C., a recording of several previously unreleased sighting reports that he selected from his files. While planning to publish others in future issues, we start with the following two because they occurred in the invasion year of 1978 and because humanoids were involved. Never in current times have our visitors shown themselves so openly in such numbers as they did last year. Maybe they are trying to tell us something. In any case the events of that invasion should be described as completely as possible, and we are grateful to Bill Allan for enabling us to add these to the growing record — Editor.)*

Dawn Smith, nine years old at the time of her eerie experience early last November, was awakened about six that morning as her mother started her car to go to work.

Her mother's departure meant that Dawn would be alone for a while in their house near Westbank on Lake Okanagan, B.C. Since the house is somewhat isolated on top of a hill, with only a vineyard nearby, it was a position that any other young girl might have fussed about. But Dawn is bright and self-reliant and, as usual when her mother left, she snuggled in bed again for a little more sleep.

This, however, was not to be one of those usual times, for something very strange outside her window against the still-dark sky caught her eye.

"I saw a big light in the sky and a little one moving up and down beside it," she told Allan. "The big light was like a shoebox and it had green lights down one side. The other light was white and it was swaying as it went up and down. It stopped for a while and then it went up and down again. Then the 'shoebox' opened a door, like a

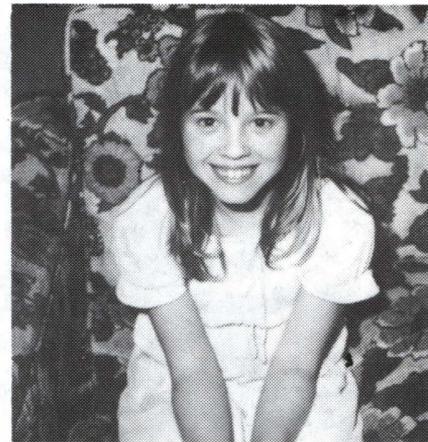
garage door, and the little light went inside."

Under careful questioning by Allan, Dawn explained the "shoebox" was smaller than half the size of a full moon and she was looking up at it at an angle of about 45 degrees. She said that besides the green lights down one side, it had an outline of red lights. Those across the top were particularly noticeable.

"The door closed," Dawn continued, "and the 'shoebox' went behind a rain cloud but I could still see it because the cloud only half covered it. Then it came back out and opened the door again, and the flying saucer came out. When it went in it was just a little round light and when it came out it was like a flying saucer with lights going around it. They were red, yellow and orange. It had a little hook on top."

(Editor's note: Dawn's description of the second light apparently changing to a "flying saucer" adds to the authentic sound of her account. Almost nine years earlier nurses at Duncan, B.C., staring out a hospital window, saw the same act in reverse (vol. 1, no. 7, p.3). In full view a hovering saucer-shaped object with a dome on top became illuminated so brightly its outline was obscured and it appeared to be simply a ball of light. In Letters of this issue reader Hazel Elves adds a helpful detail to that case and, by remarkable chance, also refers to a merry-go-round type of object similar to that seen by Dawn. It is inconceivable the young girl could have dreamed up such good examples of matching cases.)

Before going to see Dawn with his wife Yvonne, Allan listened to some of her account over the phone. But the visit itself produced more surprising information and the Allans decided this was



Dawn Smith.

Photo by Yvonne Allan

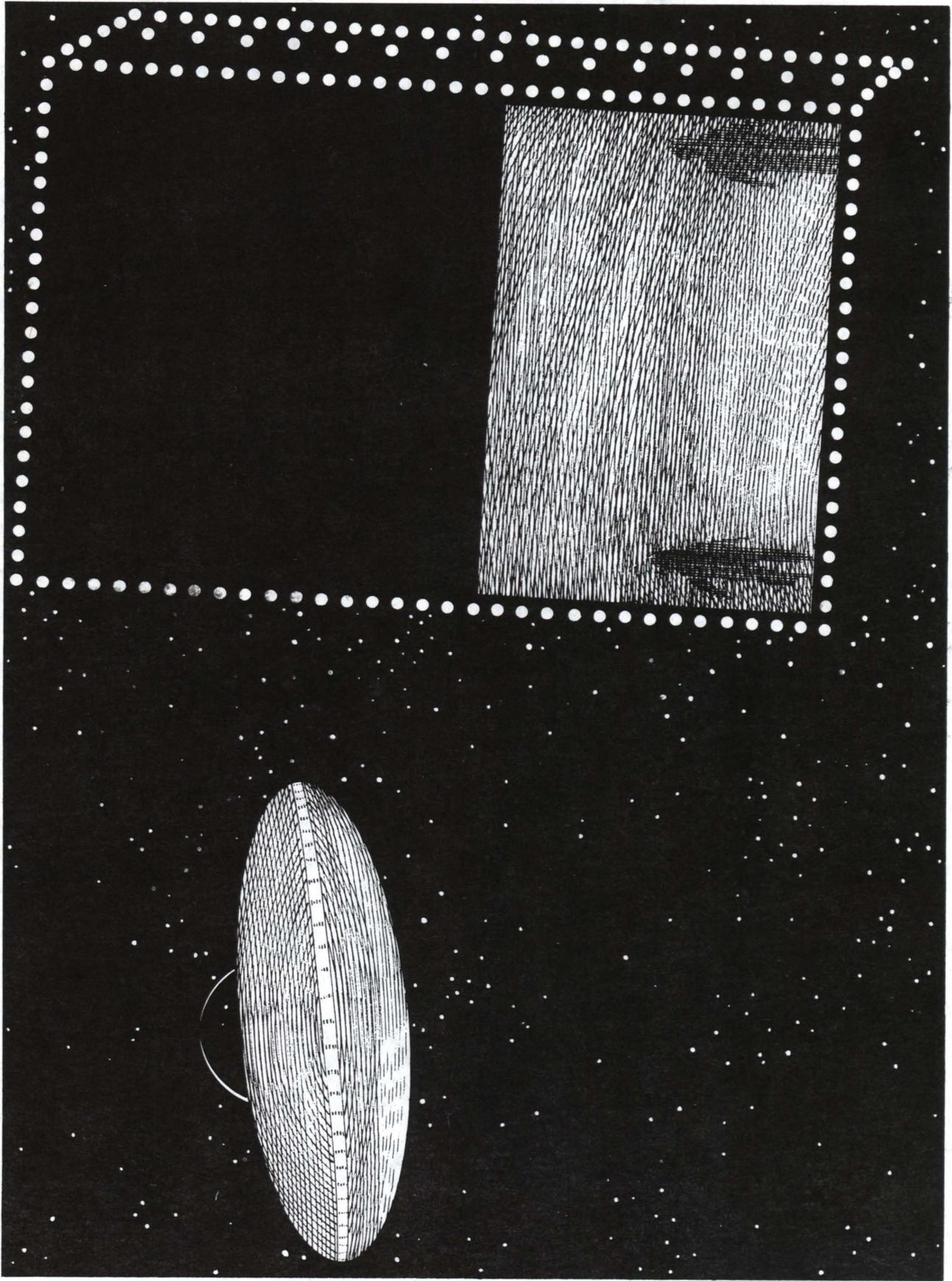
because the young witness was less nervous than at first and so more willing to recall what had happened.

For one thing, the description of a "flying saucer" emerging from the larger object was new to them and they were impressed by the girl's earnestness in trying to remember if the rim lights were revolving around the "saucer" or if the whole craft was turning.

Dawn also said that when the door of the first object opened she saw two figures like "guards" standing in the dim light on the interior. Because she had difficulty in describing what they were like, saying they were "like a person but it was dark," Allan suggested they may have been wearing dark uniforms and Dawn seemed to agree.

After the "saucer" left the "shoebox" Dawn overcame her fear sufficiently to leave her bed and go to the window for a better view of what was going on. But she was too late.

"It was getting light and the lights were gone," she said. "I phoned my friend Sandy (who later said Dawn sounded very frightened). I was scared because I didn't know what that thing was. I thought it was going to come down and get me. It was halfway down to my house and I thought it was looking at me."



*Little saucer and 'shoebox' drawn by Brian James*

Helpfully for his visit, Allan, who thought the girl "showed courage" in saying anything at all about her experience, had with him the tape of an interview recorded just a few days earlier in which another humanoid sighting was described. The witness was Stewart Sanborn of nearby Winfield. His mature account of his own experience, which Allan replayed for Dawn's benefit, not only had a reassuring effect on the girl but also had the incidental benefit of persuading Mrs. Smith that her daughter was telling the truth. In particular, Mrs. Smith had wondered about the part where Dawn described a door opening and figures becoming visible inside. But that part was put in a new and more convincing light when it turned out Sanborn had seen something similar.

Sanborn said he was driving north just beyond Lake Okanagan one autumn evening in 1975 when he had his first hint of strange things to come.

"I noticed something peculiar in the sky," he explained. "Whether the sun was shining on it or it had a light of its own, I'm not sure. But it was unusual, whatever it was, and it attracted my attention."

In the next moment Sanborn lost sight of the object when it disappeared behind hills that skirt the lake, and at that point a less attentive witness might have lost interest. But previous encounters had convinced Sanborn that occasionally there were strange sights in the sky worth watching. Of these the most notable occurred in 1952 when he and others saw an unexplainable saucer-like craft take flight from that same lake (vol. 1, no. 4, p. 5). So now alert to what he had seen, Sanborn kept an eye out and in a few minutes was rewarded by a dramatic aerial show.

"As I was approaching Kamloops," he said, "I noticed two lights, one red and one green, about 30 feet apart. They were moving slowly and then they

nearly stopped, if they didn't stop completely. After a moment a light came on and I saw what appeared to be a cabin between the lights. A door opened and I saw what looked like a man jumping out. On his head was a horseshoe-shaped gear consisting of red and green lights. He went down about 50 feet and then the lights went out and the machine started off again, veering to the left at quite a hasty speed. There was no sign of a parachute and the figure descended at a falling speed."

Intrigued by the sight of a figure dropping like a dead weight into the evening shadows, Sanborn later inquired if there had been flying activity of any sort around there at that time. As far as he could learn, there was none.

## More Invasion Saucers

At CUFOR headquarters in Duncan, B.C. we had reports still closer to home indicating that 'saucers' with lights around their rims were indeed active vehicles in the 1978 invasion, continuing into 1979. Soon after Mrs. Elves' letter describing her son's observation of such a device (see Letters) we received a report, relayed helpfully by Jill Lowrie, that in February a similar craft was seen over the Langley area on the nearby coastal mainland.

One who had a good look at it was Susan Roberts who noticed it overhead while driving in her car. The object shone with a greenish hue through afternoon clouds that came in the wake of a severe storm the day before.

When she later reported her experience to a local radio station, Mrs. Roberts learned that other witnesses had called in to describe sightings of a similar sort.

The same craft seemed to continue its survey for the rest of the day and into the evening, for at

6:45 p.m. and then half an hour later Mrs. Roberts again saw the object, or something identical to it, this time with her sister Karen Schwarz. The two agreed that the brilliantly lit craft was circular and seemed to be surrounded by a green halo.

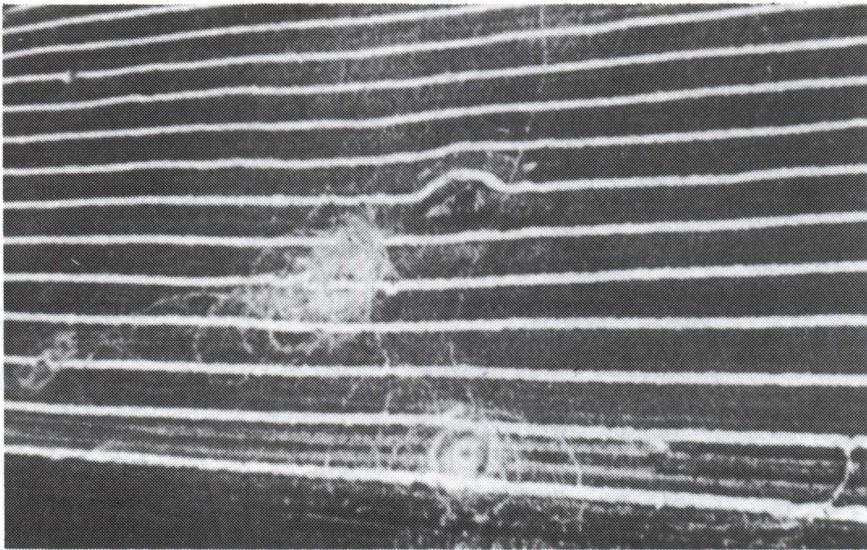
Back on the home front another sort of device entered the list of sightings when reader Adele Davie of Duncan said that one night in late January she saw a strange craft flying so low near her home it was hidden at times by neighborhood trees. Mrs. Davie said the object, flying noiselessly, spewed sparks from its rear end and was topped by a flashing red light brighter than a police car's. Behind that was a row of white lights.

The witness first saw the craft when she looked outside to see what her neighbor's dog was barking about. It acted with great excitement during the whole incident.

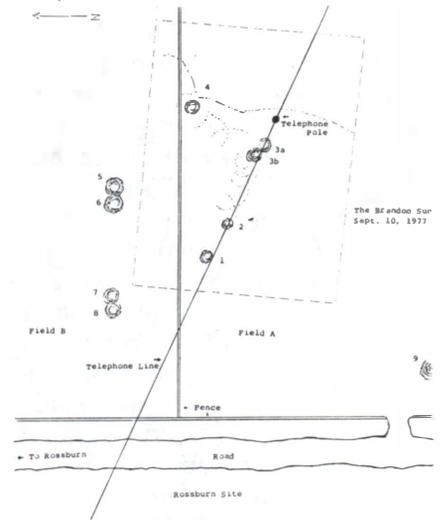
Another close encounter occurred just a few miles south of that and a month later when a woman, driving at night near Shawnigan Lake, saw a strange pattern of blinking lights above the car being driven by her husband immediately ahead. With commendable presence of mind the witness stopped her car, shut off the motor and stepped out on the road to have a better view of what was going on.

For a second or two the object moved silently toward her, as if as curious as she. Then surprisingly it seemed to slip sideways without changing the pattern of lights facing her. It was an odd maneuver that has been observed in other UFO sightings, and there was one other detail which had a familiar ring: the object was now moving in the direction of a hydro-electric power station.

With all this taking place over dense bush country, there was no possibility of any advertising gimmickry being involved.



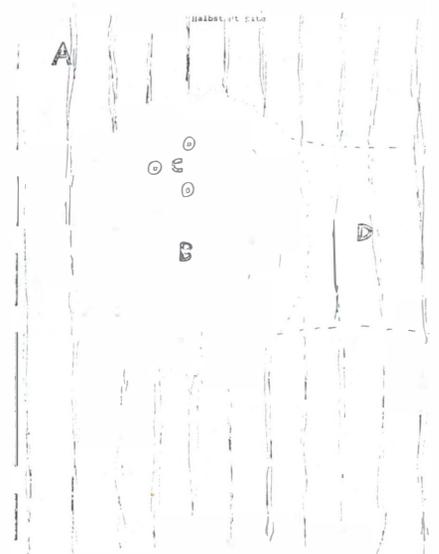
Aerial view of Rossburn site. Photos courtesy The Brandon Sun.



1,2,4,9. Individually formed rings.  
 5,6,7,8. Paired rings.  
 3a, 3b. 'one and half' rings, with 3b improperly formed.  
 Note spiral tracks joining several rings, which are visible in aerial photos.



Ring (center, bottom) in close aerial view.



- A. Field with rows of sugar beets.
- B. Oval ring trace, plants absent; visible carbonization.
- C. 'Tripod' marks.
- D. Affected plants 'tapering' downward from right to left.

# The Ring Phenomenon

By CHRIS RUTKOWSKI

*(This is the author's first appearance in CUFOR. To introduce himself, he writes:*

*I have been investigating UFO reports in Manitoba for over five years, but consider myself more of a researcher than an investigator, since the digging up of past UFO sightings is so challenging as to be quite interesting to me. I am the Research Coordinator for the Manitoba Centre for UFO Studies at the Manitoba Planetarium, being also the co-director of the Centre. I am also an investigator for Dr. Hynek's Center for UFO Studies in Illinois, and in contact with UFO groups in the United States and Britain.*

*My main thrust is the investigation of UFO reports in Manitoba, although I do occasionally venture into western Ontario, North Dakota and Minnesota. I am not a strict nuts-and-bolts flying saucer theorist, but neither am I a devoted ultraterrestrialist. I find all theories fascinating, but I stress scientific objectivity for the course of UFO research, and subjective speculations are apparently not good enough for the general scientific community. Because of this attitude, I have been called a skeptic more often than a believer, but this cannot be further from the truth.*

*UFOs, I feel, cannot be satisfactorily explained entirely by science, though a great sham is presented to the public by scientists who continually ridicule the phenomenon without examining it in detail themselves. From my experience, over 80 per cent of all reported UFO sightings do indeed turn out to be observations of conventional objects. But the remaining 20 per cent...that's what science should look into, the true UFOs, for which there is really no explanation.)*

A particular kind of physical trace associated with UFOs is the "landing ring", usually a circular, swirled area in a grain or wheat field, but sometimes located in fields of grass or various farm crops. The rings may be anywhere from 6 to 35 (or larger) feet in diameter, being either a true "ring", or a full circle, with affected vegetation throughout the area. In Manitoba, such traces are often found and immediately linked to UFOs, even if no objects were observed to create the rings. This form of trace, labelled an "EV", is frustrating in that it is not a UFO case as such, yet local media will often proclaim it to be of UFO origin. The case has no witnesses other than the person or persons who found the traces, and even then, the title of "witness" is used solely for convenience. Information is usually sketchy and sadly lacking in valuable details.

A further complication is that since the "casual effector" was not observed, no definite conclusions can be reached in most cases. Further problems of various sorts can also crop up, many of them significant to other aspects of the UFO phenomenon.

To illustrate this, a review of some trace cases in Manitoba is helpful. The first case for examination is Case 750702.1 in MUFOS files, the trace having been found in a sugar beet field near the town of Halbstadt, Manitoba. A farmer came upon the site while weeding his crop, noticing that an oval patch of beets was destroyed in some fashion. No UFO reports had been received for the area, but investigators were called in because it was rumored that a UFO had landed in the field. The trace was roughly 30 by 39 feet, and was about 200 yards from the nearest access road. The affected plants inside the perimeter ranged

from a condition described as "dehydrated" near the outer perimeter, to total disintegration and carbonization at the center, completely dry and crumbling into dust. A quote used to describe the site was: "this area looked as if it had been cooked in a microwave oven". In addition, the area immediately west of the site was also slightly withered, ranging from normal plants farthest from the ring, to withering of considerable degree, adjacent to the ring.

As a further puzzle, three "tripod" marks were located near one of the foci of the oval, being round, bowl-shaped indentations, 18 inches in diameter and three inches deep, with a further rectangular indentation, 2 by 1 by 1 inches, in the center of each mark. If these were indeed "tripod" marks (as they were called), they would seemingly be off-centered and unstable for the support of a vehicle. (However, this is jumping to conclusions; I have suggested that a vehicle was present before examining other possibilities.) An interesting fact was that the three impressions each lay on one of two rows of sugar beets (or rather, on lines representing extrapolations of rows, since the plants were absent). Because of both the off-centered location of these marks, as well as the latter fact, it is proposed that the impressions were possibly made when a "sampling" device was employed on the plants.

An interesting bit of information was revealed when the media picked up on the case. An investigator of the Halbstadt case was interviewed on the same broadcast that Dr. Robert MacNamara of the National Research Council in Ottawa was asked specifically to give his evaluation of the case. Dr. MacNamara's

details of the case were admittedly sketchy, and consisted only of a preliminary RCMP report. He did not say that many ring cases turn out to be fairy ring mushroom patches, but instead said on the air that the Halbstadt ring was *definitely* a fairy ring patch. Unfortunately for that opinion, the investigator of the site also had some background in botany and the identification of fungi, and knew for a fact that not only were fairy ring mushrooms *not* present at the site, but the field conditions were such that fairy ring mushrooms could not grow. (The recording of the program is on tape and in MCFOS' files.)

A similar instance occurred at a Science Teachers' convention, held in Winnipeg in October, 1977. A principal speaker was the aforementioned Dr. MacNamara. In the course of his talk, Dr. MacNamara stated that rings found at Langenburg, Saskatchewan, in 1974, were caused by the fiery ring mushroom (it will be noted that the Langenburg case is a well-documented CE2, given in some detail in Hynek & Vallee's *The Edge of Reality*). One of the conclusions reached by investigators of the Langenburg case was that the fairy ring mushroom was not responsible.

In an article titled: "UFO's — What Are They?", in the Canadian Air Traffic Control Association Journal, Vol. 8, no. 1, 1976, Dr. MacNamara again hammers home his theory that "Circular rings of burnt grass are produced at certain times of the year by the action of the fairy-ring mushroom." He claims that such rings are often mis-identified as UFO landing rings, which is probably true. But the fungi in question cannot be held responsible as a blanket explanation for ring traces, given the great variance of field conditions between EV cases. Even a simple claim of "hoax" would be welcomed as an alternative to the

fungi theory sometimes, just for the sake of diversity.

Near Rosburn, Manitoba, about 40 miles away from Langenburg, a series of ring traces was found in a wheat field. MCFOS investigators went to the scene, examining the rings and interviewing local residents. While the rings were thought by the townspeople to have been caused by UFOs, the investigators stressed that no UFOs had been reported, so the case was not a truly "good" one. Briefly, the trace site consisted of eleven examined rings, ranging in diameter of from 8 to 20 feet. Several rings were "paired", that is, separated by 0 to 2 feet, with respect to the distancing of the other rings from each other. Some of the rings were aligned directly underneath a telephone line, and it seemed very curious that, if an aerial object or objects were to descend from above to create the rings, the telephone line would have to be circumgyrated. The affected grain was swirled and depressed to the ground in a counterclockwise direction in most cases, though a few were swirled clockwise.

An analysis of the grain showed that a peculiar darkening of the affected grain (in relationship to control samples) was not due to "scorching", as had been thought by some, but by the presence of mold, presumably caused by grain lying on the ground being pushed into the wet soil. But what created the trace? A favorite theory, of course, is a UFO landing, but we must first examine other possibilities, in order to remove (if we can) any doubt that the phenomenon was not terrestrial in nature.

Firstly, the rings were not caused by fairy-ring mushrooms, for several reasons. These include the fact that the grain was indeed pressed to the ground with force, not just decomposed or withered. Also, this was a cultivated field,

not at all typical of growth locations of the fungi.

Secondly, the marks were not those normally caused by a helicopter's landing gear, though it would seem that a controlled VTOL vehicle of some sort could have created the rings indirectly, by lowering some ring-creating device from the air. However, since the creation of the rings would have to have occurred at night, so as not to have been seen, this would have required lights to enable the pilot to avoid the electrical and telephone lines nearby, and this would have been noticed by residents of the area. The conventional aerial vehicle theory is untenable.

A conventional ground vehicle, however, is another possibility. In August of 1978, the author was asked to examine four ring-shaped impressions in a field adjacent to a well-travelled highway. The rings were strikingly similar to the Rosburn rings in appearance, though they were much larger, the average diameter being about 20 meters (65 feet). The tall grass was crushed to the ground, with two of the rings paired in such a way that one was crushed and swirled in a clockwise direction, the other in an anticlockwise direction. However, the widths of the rings varied, and had eccentricities of as little as one-half meter. Several people insisted that the rings were no doubt caused by UFOs, though the fact that they were located only 50 feet from a roadway, and only 400 feet from a trailer park, boggled the imagination, since no craft of any sort had been observed.

After a thorough rechecking of the rings, and an interviewing of residents of the area, an answer was provided. An unknown individual driving a four-wheel-drive vehicle had been seen entering the field, and driving in tight circles for several minutes, changing locations every so often. Tire tracks were not easily identified as

such because the rings had been made many weeks earlier, and the grass had had sufficient time to recover. A final piece of evidence was the fact that one ring was slightly distorted on one side. After careful examination, this distortion was figured to have been caused by the truck stopping in mid-circle, and exiting off elsewhere into the field, creating additional tire tracks. Had there not been witnesses to the event, the identification of the rings would have been made somewhat more difficult.

Could, then, a similar vehicle have been responsible for the Rossburn rings? There is no four-wheel-drive vehicle that has a turning radius of eight feet, though it is conceivable that a motorcycle could possibly do it. The noise, however, would be a problem. It seems unlikely that any vehicle could have produced the Rossburn rings, therefore, for these and other reasons, not the least of which is the fact that when an RCMP truck was called to the scene, it got stuck and had to be pulled out. (Other reasons: no tire tracks near the rings; lights glaring from the vehicle; etc.)

Vandals and-or practical jokers can really never be ruled out, (being objective) since there is no way of knowing the methods they might have employed. But to create perfectly circular rings, a tape measure and a lot of patience would be needed (or a lot of luck), as well as a good method of producing the rings without any complicated machinery or devices.

Lastly, what of Mother Nature herself? Could the elements have produced the rings? When first considered by MCFOS, the answer that came to mind was "no", but after correspondence with several atmospheric scientists, the author feels we can at least consider this theory as a "definite maybe". Manitoba is relatively prone to tornadoes, and the

weather one to two months previous to the discovery of the rings could be considered as having the potential to produce them at times. One atmospheric specialist compared aerial photos of the rings with aerial photos of tornado tracks, and concluded that there existed a definite similarity. This is logical in that both phenomena swirl flora and fauna, leave visible evidence of themselves in certain circumstances and can move vertically as well as horizontally. Local residents rejected this idea, saying that "if there had been a tornado here, (they)'d know about it."

A dust devil needs no adverse weather conditions, but just the opposite. Hot air rising quickly will produce such a phenomenon. But could either a strong dust devil or weak tornado (weak because a strong one would certainly have been noticed by the residents) press and hold wheat to the ground in a swirled position? One other objection to the theory involved the telephone line only 25 feet above four of the rings. Would not a tornado or dust devil disrupt the line? Under certain circumstances (left for the reader to postulate), objectively, the answer is no.

The problem is that no one observed a UFO create the rings, and no one saw a tornado or dust devil. The case remains open for proof, one way or another. Circumstantial evidence, however, exists in reference to the UFO hypothesis. The area has had several UFO incidents, one of which took place only five miles away from the ring site, four months later. Several bright lights were observed in or hovering over a field in January of 1978, leaving no markings of any kind. Also, only a few years earlier, a bowl-shaped object, nearly identical to the Langenburg objects, was seen in the Rossburn vicinity. In addition, the area has had several other ring reports through the years; the

Rosburn case is not an isolated incident.

Essentially, such cases are unsolvable, unless, for example, a tornado is observed to touch down and produce the same form of rings. (Another example, regarding UFOs, of course, exists, but skeptics, it seems, require the former and not the latter.)

One other point: this discussion was restricted only to the "nuts and bolts" theory of UFOs, and did not consider alternative theories such as ultraterrestrialsim or psychic entities. Since the scientific community in general prefers to deal with physics rather than meta- or parapsysics, this article was designed to hopefully be acceptable to such members. It can be seen that a different set of ideas could be put forth, regarding the rings, if other theories of UFO origin were included.

One can only hope that in the future, a solution can be found for the enigmatic "UFO landing ring".

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## UFO And Quake Again

(From ALASKA magazine, Jan. 1979)

A colorful streak flashed southward across Fairbanks skies toward Badger Road at 6:15 p.m. October 31: about 1 minute later a mild earth tremor (registering between 1.5 to 2.0 on the Richter scale) was recorded in the Badger Road vicinity on the University of Alaska seismograph.

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Alaska State Troopers were besieged by telephone inquiries from throughout the Fairbanks area, according to the Associated Press. Some reported the streak as a red and yellow flash, while others said the object was yellow with a blue flame. Some witnesses claimed they saw a red tail.

# The Plan

By GRAHAM CONWAY

*(Editor's note: Anticipating questions about the first part of this article, we must underscore the author's point that David Hamel's entrance into a spaceship was evidently an out-of-body experience. This would explain why his absence was not noted by the other two present and perhaps why communication was so quickly effected. Also it is obvious we are not to suppose that the visitors physically materialized from a TV set. Instead their appearance in front of the screen, which presumably looked "snowy" to help re-focus Hamel's attention, must likewise have been on a level of perception not shared by the others.)*

For most people who decide to spend their time watching the Waltons, the result would be television entertainment. But for David Hamel, carpenter and millwright, the viewing experience became a door that opened up a whole new world.

On the evening of October 12, 1975, Mr. and Mrs. Hamel and a friend sat back and relaxed. The modest home, situated in a thinly forested area known as Maple Ridge, has few neighbors and therefore offers seclusion and the privacy that goes with it. This region, in the Lower Fraser Valley of British Columbia, is within a figurative stone's throw of Vancouver and possesses the distinction of having previously recorded a number of UFO sightings. However, this particular night was to produce what may be this community's most notable incident, at least as far as we are aware up to the time of writing.

David states that as they watched the screen, he saw it go "snowy." Then to his amazement, he saw two people emerge in what he describes as silver dust. The

beings, one male and one female, resembled humans wearing one-piece suits. Coming over to where David sat, they touched him on the arm. Then communicating via telepathy, they explained that they intended to elevate him to a space ship located above his home, then proceeded to do so.

The craft that the astonished witness found himself in was, he estimates, 18 ft. high and 30 feet in diameter. With windows all around the outer edge, the machine contained a number of small rooms, four feet by six. Each room, he noted, had sets of drawers that closed with a snap. During a tour that was provided, his hosts introduced him to a third being on board, a bearded male. The visitors informed him that they were from a planet located three billion miles from our earth. All his questions were answered freely and much information was provided of a highly technical and philosophical nature.

David admits that a great deal of what he saw, and was told in detail was beyond his comprehension. Even when he was able to grasp the newly acquired concept, he was further frustrated by his lack of ability to describe the ideas that were implanted.

His tour also included a medical check, an instrument being used to provide a reading of what was wrong and how to cure it. He added that even his bad back showed up on their screen.

David was shown a laboratory that held a device that purified water from the craft. When he asked the occupants where they slept, they explained that magnets around the ship were activated, enabling them to float and thereby eliminating the need for soft beds. They also explained that the machine in which he found himself was powered by perpetual motion, and that they intended to teach him to build his own craft.

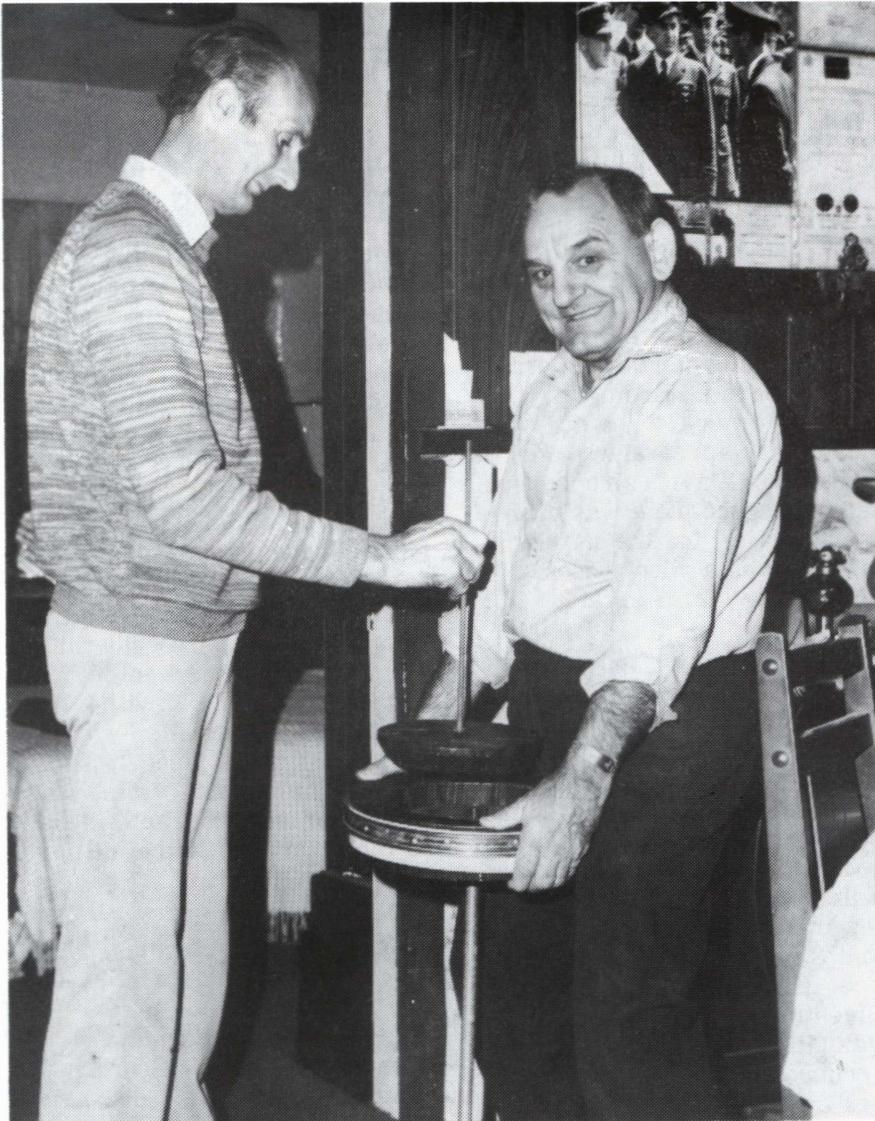
David estimates that this conversation took 15 minutes, before he was returned to his bodily shell in the living room of his home. In view of what he relates it must be concluded that either some sort of time dilation took place, or thought transference was unusually rapid, as it would appear impossible to achieve all that he told us in that period of time.

But the adventure was by no means over. In fact it had just begun.

The visitors were obviously aware that their protege possessed a minimal education and would encounter many problems during the construction of the proposed craft. So they simply moved into the house for an extended period of time. Although David could see them, his wife could not. But she could hear footsteps, see doors open and blankets lift off beds. The visitors informed him that on a certain day in the future they would appear in a solid form to his wife, Nora.

Lack of funds, space to work and technical know-how were ever present problems, although these were overcome as each one arose. The working plans might be best described as an artist's conception of the finalised machine. A construction engineer or draughtsman would, I think, throw up his hands in despair. Having met, in the past, craftsmen who seldom if ever put pen to paper, but knowingly tap the forehead when asked how they know what to do next, then I must admit that an unseen (to me) guiding force might well be evident in this case too.

As time progressed the Maple Ridge man sought assistance from many directions. The result was an impressive accumulation of correspondence from prestigious institutions. Most replies tended to be skeptical of his proposals, but did not discourage him from further effort. Many asked him to contact them again when he had acquired a working model. In desperation the aircraft builder sought a government grant



*David Hamel (r.) demonstrates magnetic rejection to author.*

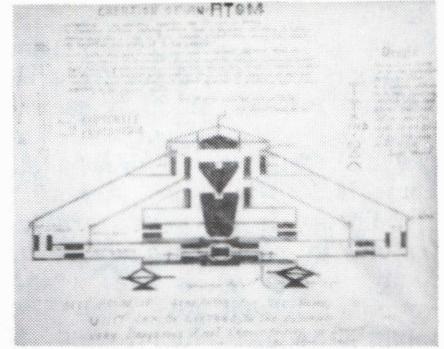
through the auspices of his local MP. But the federal government declined participation.

Realizing that his government disability pension would be nowhere near enough for the estimated construction costs, David secured a bank loan for \$2500. With this he was able to make a beginning, gradually adding more equipment as he could afford it. To date his investment stands at \$6,000 of his own money, with a further \$900 required to complete what he feels will be a full scale working model.

Listening to David describe his experiences and construction plans and hearing the scorn ringing as he

describes the disbelievers who come to look but don't see, I can't help wondering if I would have had the same feelings, and heard the same driving voice in the Wright brothers, had I been present when they assembled the pile of string and canvas-wrapped air frame that they called an aircraft. And that heap of junk flew!

Not all of this is hot air, by any manner of means. Initially David built a small model, employing the present propulsion system, and placed it casually in an oil drum in his work shop prior to retiring one night. Next thing he noticed was a red glow that lit up the living room.



*Hamel's working blueprint.*



*Magnet rings with off-center pivot form basic part of power unit.*

Thinking the building was on fire, he climbed out of bed to discover that the rotation of the magnets had activated to such a point that the oil drum was red hot. In a matter of minutes the machine exploded sending parts and magnets through the roof of the workshop.

This dramatic demonstration of success was the flame that sent him back to the drawing board, with a loud persistent voice telling him of bigger and better things to come. Build it, ensure it works, then the government might wake up and take note of this revolutionary machine!

As work slowly progressed

David found himself compelled to seek materials and information not available locally. His travels even took him to California in the search for suitable magnets with which to ring his craft. In book stores he felt compelled to buy certain books. His library is now considerable, not only in size but also in variety. Many of the books are of the layman's introductory type and might be regarded by professional people in the field as simplistic in their approach.

The machine that David has built is in an advanced stage of construction, although the 54-year-old designer points out that if the machine performs as it should, then the materials he has used will not stand up for long to the stress placed upon them. In this respect, however, he has no choice. His very limited funds will not allow him any alternative.

Observers can be found who will state flatly that not only will the machine not get off the ground, but it won't even work. It is interesting to note, however, that the concept David describes with such enthusiasm has been described previously in many publications from around the world. The most recent example was in *Flying Saucer Review*, vol. 24, No. 1, pp. 13, 14. A lengthy article by Andrew Collins, titled the "Aveley Abduction," contains references to a propulsion system with many similarities to those David Hamel is so valiantly trying to integrate.

To varying degrees these similarities are apparent with disturbing frequency. Partly because of this and other factors, I tend to think that the whole story, improbable as it all sounds, does have substance. Something took place that might be safely described as a psychic experience. Although David does not consider himself psychic, under the normal acceptable definition of that term, he will relate recent occurrences involving himself which display all the typical characteristics of this phenomenon. Automatic writing,

failing to appear on a photograph, astral travel, all having occurred, he claims, since the visitation.

When eventually the space visitors decided they had achieved their objective and that things were nicely underway, they announced that they were leaving, but would return as originally promised. In due course (the specified time) passed after their departure, and one day an orange car appeared. From it three persons emerged, who were oriental in appearance, with a reddish skin. David can only recall that the licence plate was orange. From then on for the next three hours he was a silent observer of what was to him a miracle.

His wife suffers from cerebral palsy, and for her communication of any kind is difficult. But when these visitors held her hand she was able to converse with them easily and did so, asking questions and having them answered. The two men and one woman were easily recognisable as the original crew members he had met several months before, only this time they were dressed in an acceptably conventional manner. When they finally left it was with the familiar announcement that they would be back again.

I had been introduced to this self-taught, retired machinist by a roundabout route, which finally led me to meet Mr. and Mrs. George S. Merchant who were good enough to arrange an opportunity for me to interview this contactee. During these preliminaries it was suggested that any contact case, no matter how bizarre, dies a natural death in the course of time (with a few notable exceptions). If a man could be found who could follow a plan that would attract attention to a new concept, with a host of accompanying startling ideas about mankind's future, then it wouldn't matter if the machine didn't work at all, ever. It would have served its purpose, to focus continuing attention on one man and his voice,

echoing ideas from another star. Maybe that is The Plan.

#### ABSTRACT

As a routine part of the investigation I was very much on the alert for the usually ever-present, and glaringly obvious, cross-country network of high tension towers. Although they were present on a mountain side about five miles north of the contactees home, I completely overlooked what was staring me in the face.

An associate drew my attention to a steep hill that rises directly behind Mr. Hamel's home to an altitude of possibly a thousand feet. Erected on its summit is a microwave relay tower!

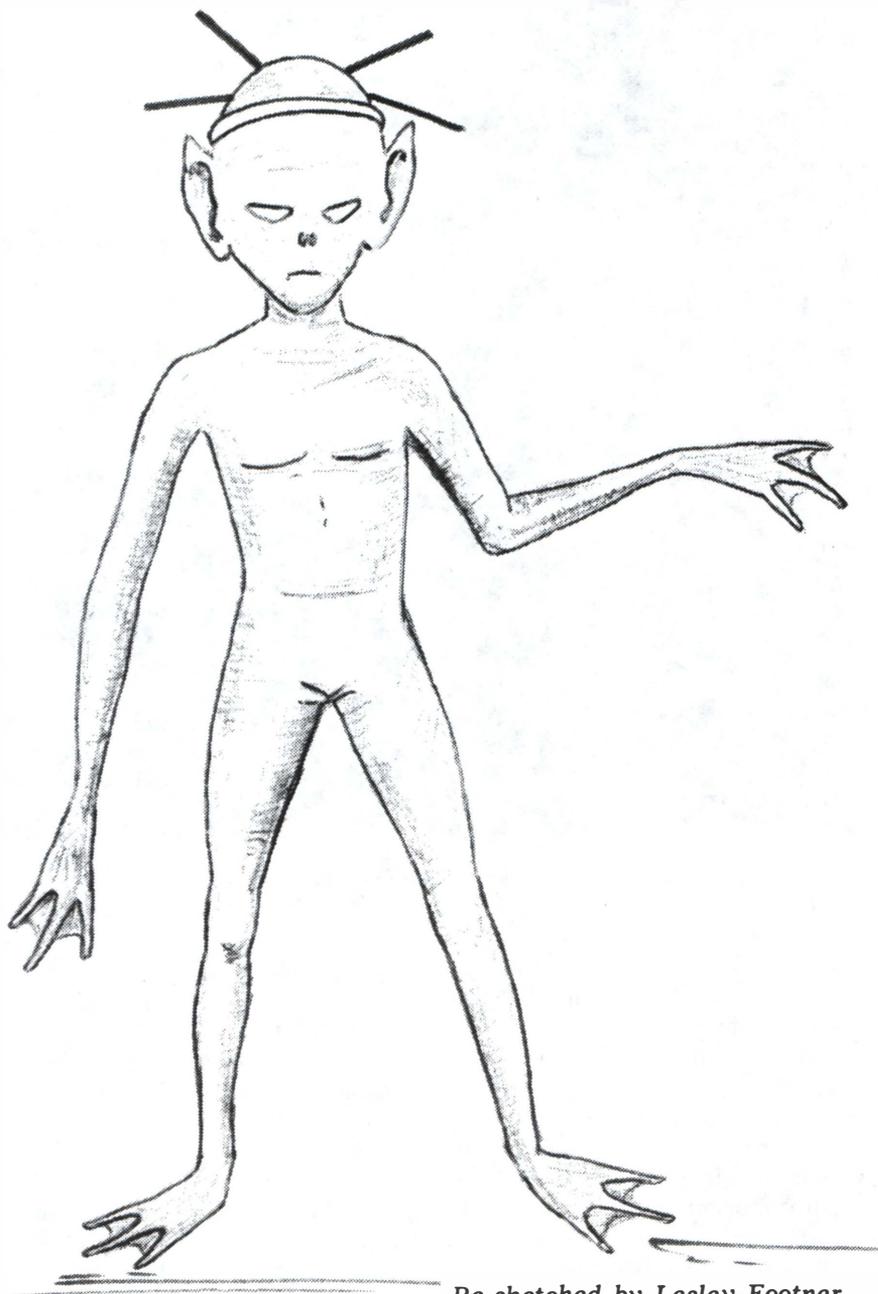
This fact becomes even more significant when we consider that a previous and more recent incident, published in CUFOR vol. 4, no. 5 and titled "The Maple Ridge Diamonds" took place less than one air mile south from where David Hamel lives. Quite literally on the other side of the hill!

## Matching Cases

(A) In his column 'Our Mysterious World' George Cunningham-Tee recently discussed a legendary creature called Kappas (*Sunday Sun*, Toronto, Nov. 5, 1978), said to have lived in Japan around 3,000 B.C. amid speculation he was from outer space.

"They are described in ancient texts as being web-footed bipeds with three hooked fingers on each hand, the center being much longer than the others," Cunningham-Tee wrote. "Their skin was brown, smooth, silky and lucent. They had elongated heads, large ears and strange eyes of triangular shape. On their heads they wore a curious kind of hat with four needles in it. (Antennas?)"

The writer added that Professor Kiamura, a student of Kappas folklore, has noted the creature is described in ancient stories as



Re-sketched by Lesley Footner

travelling in vehicles "like great shells, able to move swiftly over the waters or through the heavens."

Cunningham-Tee included a sketch of a Kappas taken from a Japanese print. From this CUFOR artist Lesley Footner has made the drawing above, with modifications to bring out the webbing of fingers and toes. In the Japanese print it appears the Kappas had webbed

hands as well as webbed feet.

(B) In an extraordinary two-part series in the MUFON *UFO Journal* of last July and August, the second part of which was also presented last summer at the MUFON Symposium, Leonard H. Stringfield discussed 'Retrievals of the Second Kind' concerning reports of crashed UFOs and recovery of the occupants' bodies. His information, gleaned carefully



Alien humanoid hand drawn by L.H. Stringfield based on description of witness. (Copyright)

from sources he trusted, contains detailed reference to the occupants' appearance, including the sketch of an alien corpse's hand, shown here with the author's permission, that Stringfield drew from witness' description.

Although the sketch shows four fingers, compared to three for a Kappas, the general appearance of the two hands is strikingly the same.

(C) In his recent book *The Sirius Mystery* Robert Temple, an astronomer and specialist in Oriental studies, describes his findings after living for eight years with the Dogon, a remote West African tribe. He learned their worship centered on Sirius B, a white dwarf star, and discovered that incredibly they knew a great deal about it as if their ancestors had once met visitors from that star. He also found that creatures with fishlike appendages showed up prominently in Dogon works of

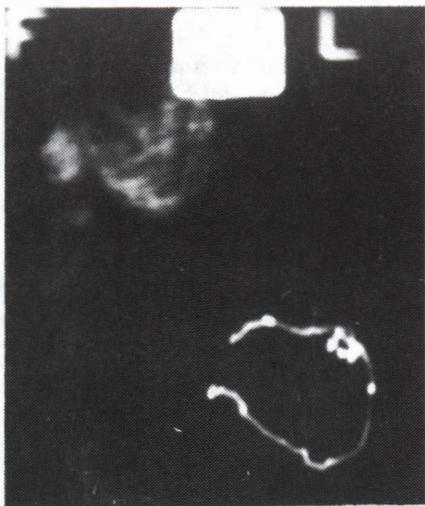
art and that tribal stories referred to beings who landed in an ark "like a flame that went out when it touched the earth."

Temple decided the Dogon dating of this momentous incident placed it at 5,000 years ago. That would make it about 3,000 B.C., the same year in which the Kappas appeared in Japan!

Was there an invasion of marine creatures from space at that time? Do they continue to come? In any event, these are matching cases of great possible significance.

## Sky Creature Photo

In perhaps the most dramatic of her many remarkable movie and still photos of strange aerial activity, featured in the three preceding issues of CUFOR, Dorothy Wilkinson of Richmond, British Columbia has captured this image of what appears to be an



animal in space. Showing up on several frames of movie film she shot outside her home on the night of last Nov. 9, the 'animal,' gold in color with faint green specks, appeared in the sky simultaneously with a brightly outlined object which was the main point of attention.

Because of his specialized study of reported creatures in the sky, CUFOR asked W. Gordon Allen, Ph. D., of Seattle, author of *Overlords and Olympians* and film producer of *Overlords of the UFO*



Enlargement of 'animal in sky' show shows details of snaky creature with one end cut off by camera sprocket-hole. (Copyright)

(see vol. 3, no. 5, p. 18), for comments on Miss Wilkinson's picture. He replied:

"The undulating monster 'that lives in the sky' was apparently made visible by the high energy emission of the nearby UFO which provided added stimulation to its bio-luminescent skin. The creature usually emits in the invisible ultra-violet range, but this time a nearby UFO provided added electrostatic-electromagnetic stimulation which caused the sky creature to emit in the visible range and be photographed by Dorothy Wilkinson. She was using a super-8 Keystone XI-200 (zoom lensed) with Kodak 160 type-G film and captured this rare 'sky dragon' photograph.

"The earliest allusion to this type of monster appears in ancient Chinese Sky Dragon accounts. Anthropologists tell of their

discovery of the Mavan priesthood's use of this knowledge of Sky Monsters, the Itzamna or Chicchan, to quell the innocent. Atop their open-topped pyramids in Central America they held blood-ceremonies to attract the Itzamna. Ref: *The Rise and Fall of the Mayan Civilization*, p. 228. J.F.S. Thompson, the U. of Oklahoma Press, 1954.

"*Overlords of the UFO*, a scientific documentary motion picture shown in most U.S. TV markets (also Canadian) cited the work of researcher Trevor J. Constable with ultra-violet photographs of a similar sky monster, invisible to crew and passengers, on a flight between Oakland and Los Angeles at 30,000 feet. The motion picture was the first public medium to alert police departments that this creature is

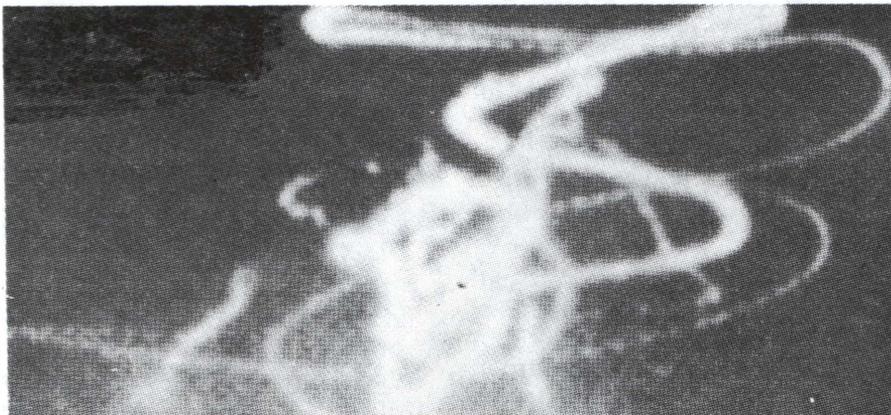
responsible for otherwise unexplainable livestock mutilations in which the sex organs, the brains and nervous systems are excised.

"In his *They Live in the Sky* and in his Pocketbook paperback *Sky Creatures, Living UFOs*, Constable

details his years of research. Miss Wilkinson's photographic evidence adds significant evidence to this area of Sky Dragon-Sky Monster information.

"Does it 'fly' by anti-gravitic action?"

## Matching Cases

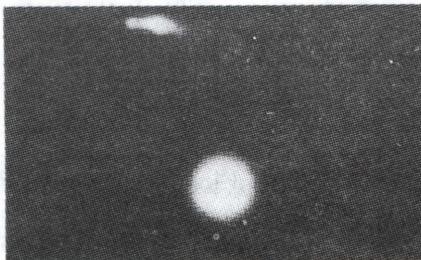


As the deadline for this issue approached, Dorothy Wilkinson phoned to comment on a picture she had just seen in *THE STAR* weekly of April 3 (published by World News, 730 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017). Having a copy on hand at CUFOR, we immediately agreed with the point of her call. The photo (above, blown up from one at right) had a striking likeness to several taken by Miss Wilkinson, some of which we have carried (issues nos. 31, 32, 33). The bold erratic white lines, and the finer dotted tracings, sometimes parallel, seen in *THE STAR* photo are also a characteristic of Miss Wilkinson's unique movie shots.

*THE STAR* photo was taken with a movie camera by reporter Jim Voutrot while driving near the Pease Air Force Base in New Hampshire. Voutrot was doing a story on the experiences of Betty Hill, of *INTERRUPTED JOURNEY* fame, who was with him at the time. Spotting a strange light moving overhead, Voutrot jumped out and shot his pictures. When *THE STAR* examined the film, the secondary object was discovered and it proved to be the one with these remarkable details.

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## Hoax Discovered

A bright red floating object that caused excitement in Winnipeg last Oct. 22 was found to be the product of a hoax. According to a follow-up by Canadian Press, police took two men into custody after the incident, which was reported in the last issue of CUFOR, pg. 5. It is believed the object was a large balloon, trailing a flare and filled with gas that exploded at a certain altitude.

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Two photos (above) selected from Miss Wilkinson's files, both taken at her home in Richmond, B.C., show the remarkable similarity of her pictures to Voutrot's. Note the parallel beaded effect in one, and the irregular white streaks. The globular glow also appears often. The effect, with its bluish green background, is similar to that of a strange underwater scene.

There are two more notable similarities in these cases. Both involve one-frame shots, suggesting an incredible speed in the tracing of lines. Also both involve women who qualify eminently as contactees. Dorothy Wilkinson, like Betty Hill, seems to be a subject of strong attraction to our visitors.

In these photos we may see the very heart of the UFO mystery.



# You and Me

By BRINSLEY Le POER TRENCH  
(Earl of Clancarty)

It will always be to me a memorable occasion when I introduced a debate on unidentified flying objects on January 18, this year, in the House of Lords. A unique occasion indeed, and the first time in the 700-years history of that prestigious place that the UFOs had been debated there.

What pleased me about the debate was that the matter was taken seriously and not ridiculed. It seemed to me that there was not a single facetious contribution made to the debate, and those who held views either for or against expressed them most seriously.

For about four weeks prior to the debate a big TV, radio and press campaign was in action. I was interviewed by all sections of the media and made several TV appearances. Australian and Italian press people came to see me because of the recent New Zealand sightings and also those in North Italy. By the time the great day arrived public interest was very high indeed. This can be confirmed by the fact that during the debate the public gallery was jam-packed.

Before putting down my motion for the debate I had done some lobbying among my fellow peers to see who was interested in taking part. To my surprise I found quite a number, and indeed, there were some fourteen speakers in the debate.

Many distinguished people took part. Amongst those who supported me were the Earl of Kimberley, the Liberal party spokesman in the Lords on aerospace; Lord Rankeillour, who had read one of my books; Lord Gainford who stated that he had seen a UFO; Lord Davies of Leek; the Earl of Cork and Orrery; Lord Gladwyn; a very distinguished scientist, Lord Kings-Norton, and another well-known scientist, Lord Halsbury.

Those who opposed were Lord

Trefgarne; Lord Hewlett, and Lord Strabolgi who wound up for the government. Viscount Oxfuird made a very good maiden speech but did not really take sides, which is what you would expect, as in your first speech to their Lordships you are not expected to be controversial. The Bishop of Norwich also spoke. He, too, was neither for or against, but was more concerned with certain cult aspects among some ufologists which might lead them away from Christianity.

This was my motion - To call attention to the increasing number of sightings and landings on a world-wide scale of unidentified flying objects (UFOs), and to the need for an inter-governmental study of UFOs; and to move for papers.

In my opening speech, as I thought that many of the listening Peers might not be well-briefed on the UFOs, I gave them a quick run-down on the subject, covering the characteristics of UFOs, such as shapes; interference by UFOs with anything electrical, such as causing motor cars to cease functioning, and that they have had the same effect on aircraft, tractors, lorries, motor cycles and other machines. Then I discussed types of witnesses and gave their Lordships a few good sighting reports.

I then went on to discuss the attitude of governments, including the cover-ups in the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.

Next, I discussed the attitude of one country that has always been known for its independent line on many matters, and UFOs were no exception. As you may appreciate I was referring to France.

You see, in February, 1974, Monsieur Robert Galley, then French Minister of Defence, was interviewed on France-Inter radio station by Jean Claude-Bourret.

He stated that UFOs existed but



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did not quite know where they came from or all the answers. Nevertheless, he was telling quite frankly the French people that UFOs were being seen, and those listening to him did not rush like lemmings in to the sea.

Monsieur Galley also said that the French Ministry of Defence had a unit in it which had been collecting UFO reports since 1954, and that they were sending some of these down to the National Centre for Space Studies in Toulouse (the French equivalent of the American NASA). There is a unit in that Centre scientifically investigating UFOs under the direction of Monsieur Claude Poher, who was one of the creators of Concorde.

Some time after Monsieur Galley's interview on radio, I heard some unconfirmed news about this UFO unit in Toulouse, so I put down a question for written answer in the House of Lords. You can do this as well as ask a verbal question in the chamber, and like the verbal question and answer, a written answer is also published in Hansard the next day. The question I asked was whether the unit in Toulouse investigating UFOs was under French government sponsorship.

Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge kindly confirmed in his written reply that this was correct. The initials of the unit were GEPAN, and he stated that it was under the

sponsorship of the French Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Artisans.

So, the French Government have been taking the whole UFO business quite seriously, and have been openly telling their people about it. In my opening speech I asked Lord Strabolgi if our Minister for Defence could give a broadcast interview on TV or radio about the UFOs like his counterpart did across the channel.

I pointed out that with sightings and landing reports increasing all the time there might be open landings any moment. Then, if the British people had not been prepared by our Government, there could well be panic.

The Earl of Kimberley made a splendid speech in support of the truth that UFOs existed and that there was a cover-up not only in the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R., but here in Britain, too. He stated that the three United States balloonists who crossed the Atlantic recently were followed for up to 12 hours by UFOs. They were ordered by United States Government agents not to discuss them!

Lord Kimberley went on to ask Lord Strabolgi "Whether he will tell your Lordships why the Ministry of Defence has not informed the public of 18 contacts from 23rd May, 1977, up to 22nd February, 1978, numbered K5634 to K5651 inclusive. Further what do the classification numbers, 5,3,20,16,6,8 and 23 mean for these 18 contacts? Moreover, does the noble Lord realise that 13 out of these 18 contacts were seen during the hours of daylight?"

Lord Strabolgi winding up for the Government did not answer that question. As it happens, I have got a copy of the document referred to by Lord Kimberley. *This is the tip of the iceberg!* It is proof of a cover-up in England on UFOs, probably playing along with the U.S.A.

We are continuously being told that there is no cover-up, that there are only two clerks in the British Ministry of Defence collecting

UFO reports, and that there are no funds for Governmental UFO research.

Yet this document lists places all over the country, and also it has been sent to all sorts of Government security departments both here and overseas. It is obvious that a very big investigation is going on, and that we have been told blatant lies.

What did the UFO debate achieve? The main thing was that the subject got an airing in such a distinguished place. The debate also, as stated earlier, got tremendous public interest.

I did not succeed in getting our Minister of Defence to go on TV to talk about UFOs to the British people. However, I did suggest in my opening speech that we should keep the UFO subject permanently in front of Parliament from now on, and that one way to do this was to form a House of Lords UFO Study Group which could meet a few times every year, and could possibly be addressed by well-known ufologists like Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Claude Poher and others. Since the debate several Peers have indicated that this idea should be carried out.

Finally, to add emphasis to the public interest, the day after the debate more Peers than usual asked for copies of Hansard containing the speeches. The Printed Paper Office in the House of Lords ran out of copies of Hansard. Normally, when that happens they order some more copies from H.M. Stationary Office in High Holborn, London, W.C.1. Well, that is what they did. However, H.M. Stationery Office had sold right out. You see, members of the public had bought them all up! This was an unprecedented event to seal a most unique and historic debate.

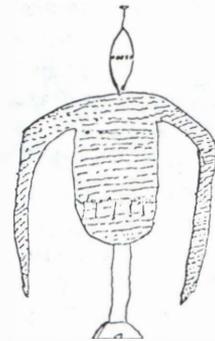
CUFOR note: In Canadian newspapers a further measure of the importance attached to the debate was added when Nicholas Hills, correspondent for Southam News Services, said of Lord Clancarty's address to a "hushed and full chamber:"

"With the nation in turmoil and many MPs demanding a state of emergency, 60 peers of the realm - including two bishops - stuck to their pre-ordained schedule and spent the better part of their day debating what Lord Clancarty described as the 'UFO cover-up.' There had been a worldwide invasion of every country's air space by flying saucers - but the governments were not prepared to admit it." (With thanks to John Musgrave for item).

## Matching Cases

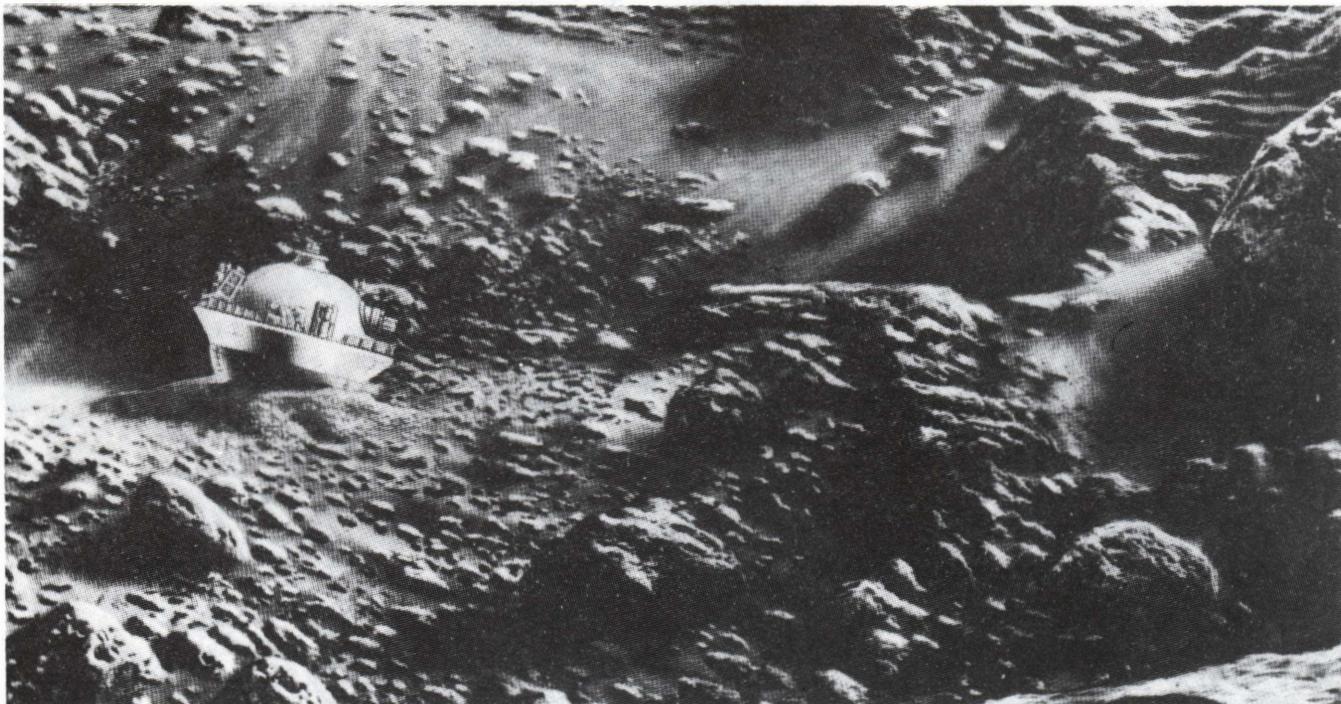


According to *Tri-City Herald*, Pasco, Washington of last Nov. 5, this is sketch by local nine-year-old boy of what he reported seeing in Jan. 1977 near two UFOs. Note antenna on head and single 'leg' with round base.



In Sept. 1977 (note year) Antonio La Rubia, 33, living near Rio de Janeiro, was reportedly elevated aboard 'saucer' where he saw rows of 'little men' like this one he drew. Main difference in these two cases seems to be appearance of arms but perhaps *Tri-City* boy could not cope with dangling appendages described by Antonio. See report in issue no. 31 by Irene Granchi.

# Venus And Jupiter Star In Space Study



*One of four probes of Pioneer Venus 2 which descended to surface of the planet at widely separated points is shown after impact in artist's conception. Though probes were not designed to survive surface impact, one did and then lasted for 67 minutes despite extremely high temperature and pressure on Venus' surface. Project scientists theorize it may have made relatively soft landing in dust or ashes. NASA artwork.*

## Aerial Sea of Life on Venus?

By Dr. Franklin R. Ruehl, Jr.

*(Editor's note: Before the U.S. Pioneer Venus probes 1 and 2 and the Soviet Veneras 11 and 12 made their successful rendezvous with Venus in December, Dr. Ruehl posed the question that provides the lead for this article. While the results are being analyzed at this moment, it is timely to study his reasons for asking it.*

*In an addendum to the article, written at our request soon after the probes had arrived, the author takes a brief, early look at what is being found there and spots some oversights in this otherwise great achievement.)*

Are the thick curtains of clouds that enshroud Venus actually concealing a planet teeming with life?

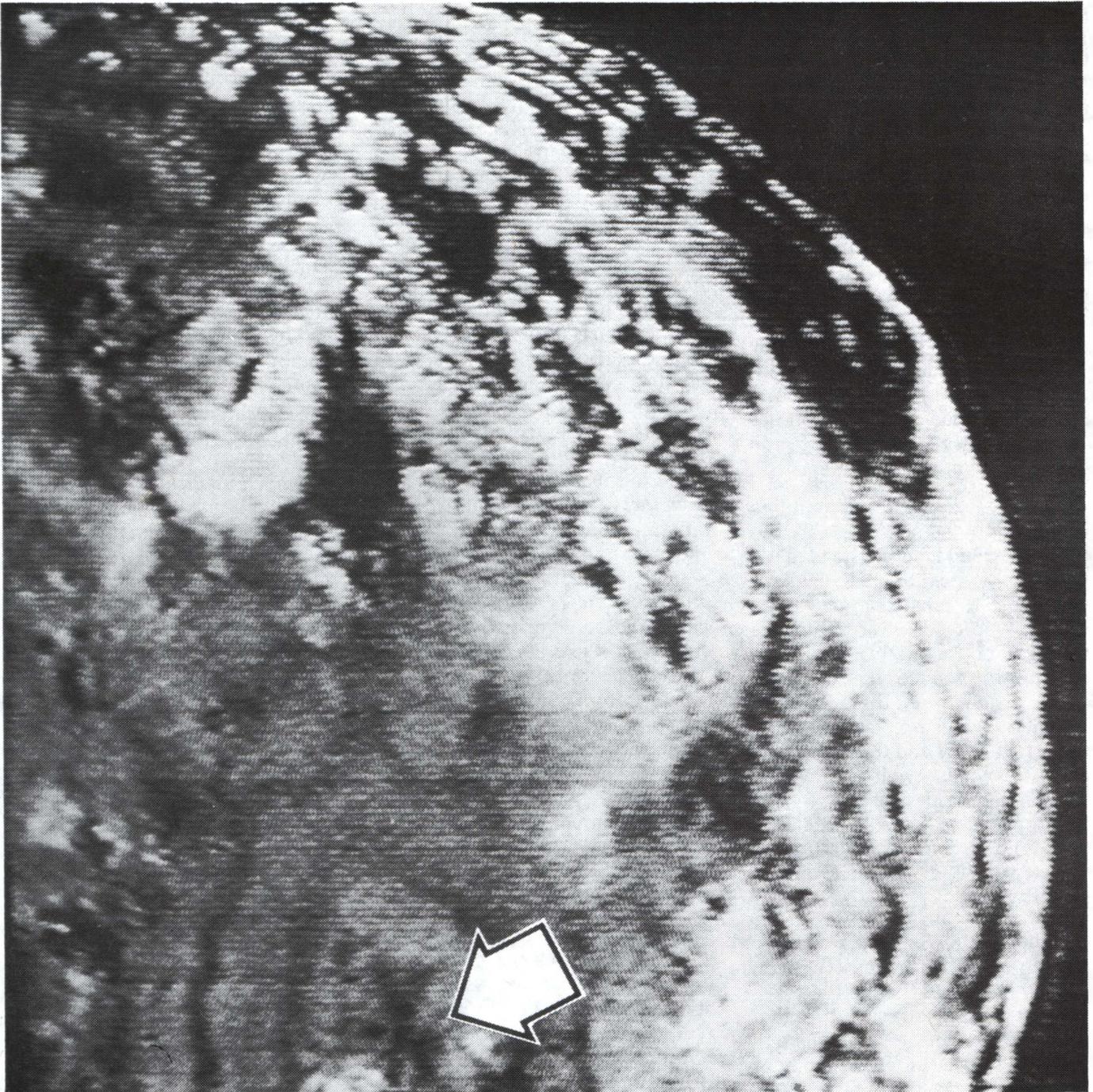
With a homogenous surface

temperature of 900 deg. F. and a prevailing ground pressure of 1323 pounds per square inch (some 90 times that on earth at sea level), the prospects for biotic processes on Venus might appear most dyslogistic at first glance. However, as one progresses from the nethermost to the topmost strata of the Venusian atmosphere, these variables shrink to minimal values, encompassing parameters compatible with those prevalent on terra firma.

As ample thermometric variability exists on the terrestrial surface, what with temperatures ranging from 130 deg. F. at the Sahara Desert to -100 deg. F. at the Antarctica, life naturally evolved in a horizontal modality, not needing to reach into the atmosphere for a gradation of temperatures; but, on Venus, where such variety occurs only above ground, life should have

naturally evolved in a vertical fashion. Accordingly, I contend that we should expect to find the Venusian skies filled with a living, breathing, aerial "sea of life."

How do I dare make such an assertion in view of Venus' incredibly harsh environmental conditions? First, an immediate analogy can be drawn between the terrestrial oceans and the Venusian welkin. On earth, the Pacific Ocean, the world's most voluminous body of water, for example, has a capacity of 171 million cubic miles, yet this is dwarfed by the volumetric potential of the Evening Star's sky (which extends some 122 miles above the planetary surface), about 22 billion cubic miles! Obviously, the space for an almost infinite number of biotic species exists in both. More importantly, a comprehensive spectrum of microenvironments, each



**COVER PHOTO:** Feature pointed out by the arrow below may be an airport or something else of intelligent design but it is not on earth. This AP wire photo shows a picture taken March 5 by Voyager 1 as it flew past Io, one of Jupiter's moons. Strangely, this geometric cross does not appear in later color shots of Io's surface. Instead there is a single gash, with a hole at one end, surrounded by what looks like a crater wall. Thus the cross may be the result of faulty transmission - or do the color reproductions show everything?

In any case, for the time being it poses another mystery concerning a Jovian moon already full of mysteries. For another example, why does Io trigger a burst of static from Jupiter about every 21 hours. The noise is picked up on Earth when Io is directly above the near or far side of Jupiter while the great gas planet is pointed toward us at a certain angle. How does brightly shining Io, closest of all Jovian moons in its primary, abruptly intensify noises, from the planet, handling it like a giant radio transmitter? Are the long-sought intelligent signals from space right in our own solar system?

characterized by different physical parameters, is extant in each, allowing for totally diverse bioforms to coexist within each sea at different levels.

In analogy with the earth's oceans, three fundamental types of bioforms may be assumed inhabiting the Venusian airways: *neustonic* embodiments, which are basically anchored to one location or permanently attached to a single cloud; *planktonic* species, which are swept along by swift wind currents without benefit of volitional movement; and *nektonic* embodiments, which are more highly developed and capable of volitional motion.

Actually, even large entities could readily be scudding through the thick cloud layers. The planet's greater atmospheric pressure would tend to enhance the lift force of any type of wing or analogous mechanism for flight, and, concomitantly, reduce the so-called "stall speed," i.e. the minimum velocity a bioform must achieve in order to take off and fly. Moreover, powerful winds (which on Venus reach magnitudes of up to 220 miles per hour) should facilitate aerial mobility for all creatures in direct proportion to their dimensionality.

Although the Venusian pressures might appear inordinately high, reaching 90 times the earth's at sea level, it must be stressed that that pressure readily obtains in terrestrial oceans at a depth of approximately 3,000 feet. Most significantly, numerous species of fish subsist at depths ranging down to 27,000 feet, enduring hydrostatic pressures that are nine times as intense as those acting downward on the surface of Venus. Furthermore, at levels beneath that, at depths approaching 35,000 feet where pressures exceed the Venusian ground value by a factor of 12 (such as in the renowned Aleutian and Philippine Trenches),

smaller marine entities, known as amphipods (because they are possessed of two sets of appendages, one for walking and a second for swimming), flourish in great numbers. Thus, if bone-crushing pressures present no impediment to bioactivity on terra firma, why should they on the Morning Star?

But, even if the Venusian atmospheric pressures are conceivably tolerable, another formidable barrier to biogenesis, at least superficially, would seem to be the composition of the atmosphere. Carbon dioxide prevails, supplemented by carbon monoxide, hydrochloric and hydrofluoric acids, and even traces of water vapor, with sulfuric acid (an amalgam of sulfur, hydrogen, and oxygen) constituting the clouds. Near the surface, that sulfuric acid is dissociated into water and acid vapor by virtue of the planet's excruciating heat.

Such a complex admixture, rather than hindering life's development, should actually foster the evolution of a wide spectrum of forms, ranging from lower to higher embodiments. It must be emphasized, of course, that such forms would not necessarily be humanoid, or even intelligent, only living!

As an outstanding example of a bioform that does not conform to orthodox notions of what constitutes a habitable environment, consider the *Bacillus botulinus*, the bacterium responsible for producing the lethal botulism toxin. It is an anaerobic specimen, an entity capable of developing only in the absence of air.

Yet another illustration of this type of biological heterodoxy was provided by Harvard physiologist Sanford Siegel back in 1967 when he ingurgitated a soil sample extraordinarily rich in ammonia with a nutrient broth: within a period of just three weeks, a curious, umbrella-shaped micro-

organism, replete with radiating spokes and a stalk terminating in a bulb, made its dramatic appearance. The entity was subsequently determined to be a descendant of *Kakabekia umbellata*, a microbe which thrived two billion years ago in an ammoniated terrestrial environment.

And, in 1973, in still another case of biological unorthodoxy, Dr. Kenneth A. Souza of Ames Research Laboratory, cultivated strains of bacteria in various combinations of hydrogen, helium, ammonia, and methane. These microbes, chosen because of their indigenously to abnormally alkaline northern California springs, luxuriated in the supposedly inimical chemical milieu.

Finally, on a fourth auspicious note, a discovery was made in early 1978 of a new form of life on earth, neither plant nor animal. Termed "methanogens," these microscopic organisms are apparently the oldest entities on our planet, having existed as far back as four billion years ago! These embodiments thrive in the presence of carbon dioxide and hydrogen, converting them to methane (hence their appellation, which literally means "methane generator"). Quite possibly, they were responsible for transducing CO<sub>2</sub> in the pristine terrestrial atmosphere to methane, promoting thereby the eventual evolution of higher life forms. If methanogens can thus function successfully on terra firma, then why not their analogues on the Evening Star?

With a dense cloud cover enshrouding the Venusian spheroid, a plethora of potential bases for biogenic development abounds. As an example of the efficacy of a gaseous foundation acting as a suitable biotic medium, consider the series of profound experiments conducted in 1976 by Dr. Robert L. Dimmick at the Naval Research Laboratory in Oakland.

Maintaining the bacterium

*Serratia marcescens* in a gaseous suspension, totally devoid of either liquid or solid material, Dimmick found that it was able to develop a mechanism for metabolizing sugar for its own sustenance. Moreover, *S. marcescens* even generated new DNA and underwent cell division, with the bacterial population doubling in size and propagating even a third generation. While he employed a basically oxygenated environment for his analysis, the results transcend this compositional limitation, implying that a well-endowed planetary atmosphere, such as Venus', could readily serve as a site for biogenesis.

So, based on the arguments adduced herein, I ask, if amphipods can subsist in the depths of the Philippine Trench, then why not in the recesses of the troposphere of Venus, or of Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, or Neptune, for that matter?

#### Addendum

While the Pioneer and Venera probes confirmed the previously measured scorching temperature and excruciating pressures on the Venusian surface, some interesting new facts have emerged about this anomalous orb. For instance, the gas argon is in far greater abundance in the atmosphere than previously imagined, not to mention sulfur dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, carbonyl sulfide, and even elemental sulfur. A mammoth canyon, 1,000 miles long, 250 miles wide, and four miles deep, was pinpointed in Venus' southern hemisphere. In the clouds above the Venusian north pole lurks an apparently permanent, enigmatic hole having a 600-mile girth.

Of particular relevance to biogenesis was the discovery of lightning on Venus, with some areas of the planet being struck by up to 25 bolts per second! As lightning has been hypothesized as an important catalyst on the

primordial earth in the evolution of life from primitive organic compounds, its presence on the Evening Star is most auspicious.

And, a puzzling glow has been observed over Venus' nightside. First appearing faintly at approximately nine miles above ground, it grows slightly brighter toward the surface. Two as yet unprovable theses have been advanced to account for it: (1) intense heat has caused either the surface or air hovering just above to radiate light; (2) atmospheric chemoluminescence has imparted a natural glow via low-lying chemical reactions in the air. *Of course, the most intriguing postulate that one almost hesitates to propose is that the lights of a thriving Venusian metropolis are being seen.*

While the invasion of Venus with 10 space probes stands as a most laudable achievement, NASA could have made it an even more remarkable scientific *coup d'etat* by invocation of four simple measures: (1) not prematurely detaching the Pioneer probes' parachutes to allow for their successful soft landings on the Venusian surface; (2) equipping those probes with batteries designed for more than a mere 90 minutes of service; (3) providing those probes with a far wider array of monitoring instrumentation than they had in order to make their extended tenure on the ground scientifically meaningful; and (4) installing photographic equipment aboard the probes for a detailed view of the planetary surface.

With the survival rates of a quartet of previous Soviet Veneras well documented, NASA project directors should have exercised at least a modicum of foresight in order to maximize the longevity of any probes that might have endured the landing. Biological experiments (a la the Viking Biology Instrument) should

have been embodied in the probes' payloads. While the overall cost would have increased with these modifications, it would still have been far less than the expense of dispatching a second expedition to Venus, especially in light of the U.S. Congress' current tight-fisted attitude toward such ventures.

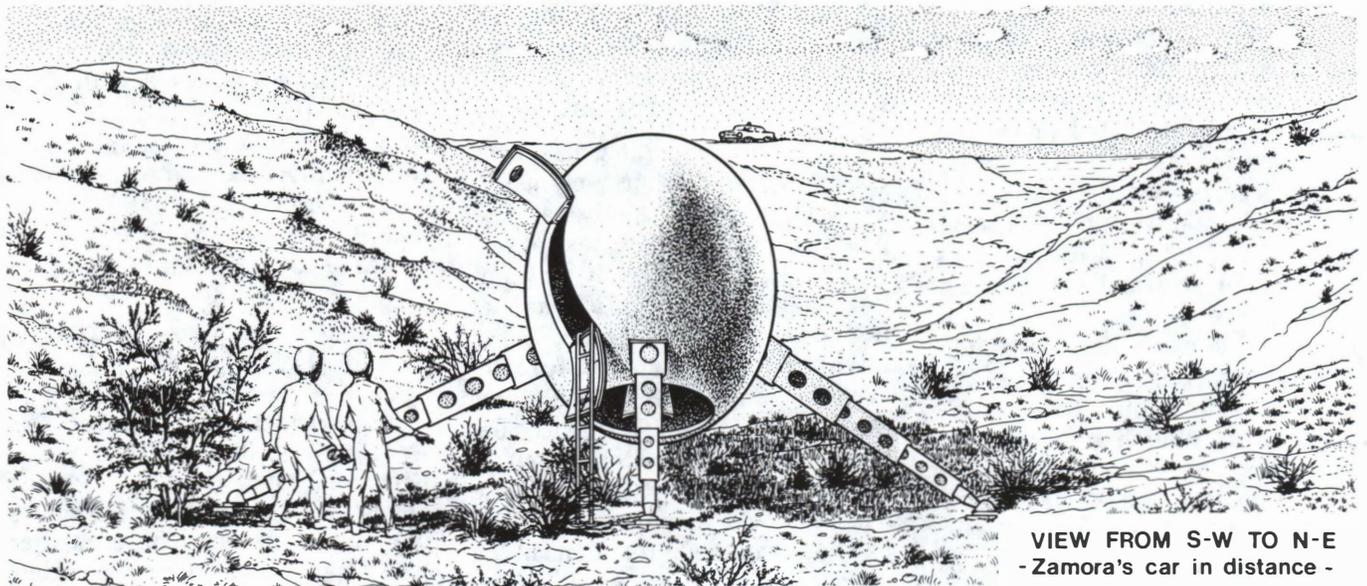
## 'Fires of Hell'

In last January's issue of *Res Bureaux Bulletin* (Box 1598, Kingston, Ont. K7L 5C8) which keeps a sharp eye on press reports of unusual nature, these further views on Venus' nightside glow were reported:

Dr. Donald Hunten of the University of Arizona speculated, "I think we were seeing the red glow of the surface rocks, which got brighter as the probes neared the surface. It doesn't make any difference what the composition of the rocks might be, it's hot enough on the surface of Venus to set them afire." Another scientist thought the atmosphere might be so hot that the atmospheric gases might burn "spontaneously," and yet another thought the Venusian mountains themselves might be phosphorescent. Dr. Thomas Donahue of the University of Michigan was a little more honest. "I think we were looking at the fires of hell."

## Matching Cases

(a) In *Socorro 'Saucer' in a Pentagon Pantry*, Ray Stanford gives a fascinating account of the observed arrival and departure of a whitish-metallic, egg-shaped aircraft outside Socorro, New Mexico in the late afternoon of April 24, 1964. Of particular significance because of its proximity to the White Sands missile range, the incident is a classic in UFO records which Stanford explores in depth. Based on witness' reports and traces left



VIEW FROM S-W TO N-E  
- Zamora's car in distance -

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by the craft, the above drawing from his book depicts the eventful scene in which two small humanoids were seen outside the object by the principal witness, policeman Lonnie Zamora. It will be noted how the craft rests on extended legs. When Zamora appeared, it took off with a roar.

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(B) Despite differences in detail, an incident near Johannesburg, South Africa, last Jan. 4 had strong similarity. UPI reported:

"Mrs. Meagan Quezet, a former nurse said she and her 12-year-old son Andre encountered 'beings' dressed in pinkish uniforms who looked 'just like human beings.' She said their bearded leader bowed to them and attempted to speak in a high-pitched voice...

" 'My son and I definitely saw something and some beings. There is no doubt about it,' Mrs. Quezet said. 'In front of the craft (described as lead-colored, egg-shaped) were these five or six beings... These people were darkish-skinned as far as I could tell, and the bearded one, the

leader, was very charismatic. He seemed to be friendly until I got excited and shouted to Andre to run for his father. Then they took off and left.'

"The craft was shaped 'like a

boiled egg with the bottom flat' and had legs projecting slightly out and down to the ground.

"When 'When it took off it made a purring sound - like a bee flying,' she said."

## The Flying Cross Of Montsegur

By RODNEY A. FOWLER

An interesting record of an observation of aerial phenomena in Nazi-occupied France is given in 'The Occult and the Third Reich' by Jean Michel Angebert.

Several villagers from Montsegur, near Lavelanet in the Pyrenees, had gathered in the ruins of the castle of Montsegur on March 16, 1944. The gathering was to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the slaying of the Cathar priests at that site. Since dawn the pilgrims had been praying for the souls of the Prefects, who had chosen burning at the stake by the hand of Simon deMontfort, rather than deny their Gnostic beliefs. Just before noon the group saw a winged object approaching.

The craft flew past the castle and then proceeded to put on a remarkable display of aerial acrobatics. It traced a Celtic Cross

in the sky in front of the pilgrims and then went off in the direction of Toulouse. The pilgrims took the display as being of great significance, solemnly bared their heads and, no doubt prayed with renewed fervor.

Jean-Michel Angebert (a pen name for religious historians Michel Bertrand and Jean Angelini) identifies the craft as an airplane known as a Fieseler 'Stork,' bearing German markings and using smoke-writing apparatus. He, using historical research, plumps for Alfred Rosenberg, Minister of Culture to the Third Reich, as being the pilot who staged this display for the heretical French pilgrims.

This event is quoted in Angebert's book as it bears relevance on the premise of the research: that the Third Reich was but a debased re-emergence of the ancient Gnostic beliefs and that Montsegur was of special



Pilgrim, standing in ruins of Montsegur castle with prayer-book in hand, waves in joy as Celtic Cross is traced overhead.  
Drawing by Brian James

significance to the Nazi Party. However, let us examine the event in the terms of it being a possible UFO sighting.

The explanation of the display as given by Angebert, quoting others, is that it was performed by Rosenberg to commemorate the 700th anniversary and to add a spectacle as a reward to the faithful villagers who had kept the memory alive. Does this explanation hold up under scrutiny?

According to Angebert, the Nazi hierarchy held Montsegur in sacred respect as being the repository of the Catharist (10th century Gnosticism) Holy Grail and one of notable Catharist holy places. The Furher himself was particularly interested in the castle. As early as 1931 the Party had Otto Rahn, a member and scholar, traipsing around the place looking for the Holy Grail. With all this top level interest in the castle and, with the then Germanic penchant for pomp and ceremony, one lone plane doing a fly-past and performing some smoke-blowing loop de loops would seem hardly appropriate for such a significant anniversary. A reasonable expectation would, at the very least, be some kind of on-the-ground service or 'wreath laying ceremony.'

So the concept that the fly-past was to reward the pilgrims' vigil and faithfulness does not seem to hold water. Angebert states that the pilgrims had requested permission, from the local German general, to hold their ceremony on the mount and had been turned down. Permission was refused on the basis that the castle was forbidden to be trod by other than Germans, who had a sacred right to the place. The villagers had surreptitiously crept up the mount and, presumably, would not be advertising their presence, nor expecting any German reward for their efforts.

The castle of Montsegur is in the Pyrenean mountains. Whilst I

have not visited the area, nor viewed the general terrain, I would think that any holder of high German office, or any other pilot, would think twice before putting an airplane through the required maneuvers, to describe a Celtic Cross in the middle of a mountain range, particularly as the area is noted for unexpected and violent storms.

I am sure that a person with the necessary reference material could verify whether or not the plane identified was capable of performing such a feat and as to whether skywriting was used by the Germans in other ways. Unfortunately I do not have such information. But Rosenberg was a philosopher and political theorist which would not seem to be the usual qualifications for a stunt pilot. It has yet to be confirmed that Rosenberg could actually fly a plane.

For its account of the sighting Angebert's book quotes the story from 'Nouveaux Cathares pour Montsegur' by Saint-Loup who probably acquired it from someone else. Therefore, the pilgrims may well have described the 'plane' differently. Subsequent re-counters have possibly substituted 'plane' for 'something that looked like a 'plane.' There is no reference given as to what witness made the positive identification of the aircraft.

Now, how does this event fit the criteria for a possible UFO sighting? The maneuvers of the object are described with the words 'remarkable,' 'dazzling.' These words are often used in eye-witness UFO reports.

A 'hologram' of a Celtic Cross was 'manufactured' in the sky. Apparitions of crosses have been associated with many UFO sightings. 'Planes' appeared in many such sightings at the time of the Second World War; foo fighters were a common occurrence, bothering both Allied and Axis

powers. One difference in this sighting would be that the craft had German markings. 'Planes' sighted since World War Two have usually had no identifiable national markings.

It is worthwhile to note in this case that the German insignia of the time were but reproductions of early esoteric symbols. Symbols of this nature have been seen on some UFO craft. However, it could be that the meta-intelligencia who organise our UFO shows spruced up their apparition to fly in German-held territory, or the witnesses interpreted the symbols as being German. What other plane would be doing acrobatics over occupied France in broad daylight? Subsequent re-counters may then have assumed the markings were German.

The area in which this event took place is, and has been, rife with the 'religious apparition' type of phenomena. Lavelanet is about 120 km. east of Lourdes, 100 km. south of Gaillac, where a well-known apparition event occurred on Oct. 27, 1952 (as has been well described in Aime Michel's book 'The Truth About Flying Saucers'). More recently John Keel in 'Operation Trojan Horse' recounts the apparition events at Garabandal, Spain, on June 18, 1961. Garabandal is about 200 km. south of Lavelanet.

Much of the aerial phenomena of this region comes in the category of 'religious visions, signs and wonders' and the event at Montsegur could well qualify in this category. The pilgrims had been steadfastly praying since dawn and it occurred on a day of special mystic significance. As early as the 14th century the day of the 700th anniversary had been prophesized as being a day to watch out for, a day on which the faithful would receive something to bolster their beliefs in the old religion.

Montsegur is built on a mountain

called Mount Tabor in the heartland of the Romany area. Mount Tabor has been held as a sacred place since Neolithic times and is the site of an unusual cromlech used, according to historians, in religious ceremonies surrounding the arrival of the autumn equinox. There are many 'enchanted' spots in the area which, in Celtic times, the Druids drew a circle around. No one was allowed to cross into these areas for fear of loss of life, illness or unleashing of supernatural powers which could bring havoc and destruction. It could be that the Druids knew more about walking into an area of UFO radiation than the unsuspecting contactee of today.

The relationship between UFO events and sacred areas is strong. Whilst many writers and researchers make much of the fact of UFO phenomena around mines and garbage dumps, many of these sites have had a long tradition of being 'special' areas. Modern man, with industrialization, has turned them into their current status, or else they were deliberately desecrated with the encouragement of the early Christian church.

As a historical premise about the foundations of Nazism, Angebert's book is fascinating. Those readers with esoteric interests in pre-Christian religions will also find the book readable.

Whether the event at Montsegur can be classed as para-physical can only be ascertained by more research into details. The description of a Celtic Cross would certainly make it a noteworthy sighting to be added to the records of an area already blessed with many Apparition-style events, particularly as it occurred in a period when records of sightings were scarce.

In any case, the historically accepted version of a lone fly-past by none other than the Minister of Culture to the Third Reich, staged to a group of dis-obedient French

villagers hardly seems any more a realistic explanation, to a sceptic, than saying that it was an Unidentified Flying Object.

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## In Memory Of Bobbie Ann

*(B. Ann Slate was widely known for her articles on UFOs and related phenomena. Below is an excerpt from a warm tribute to her written by Ann Druffel, associate editor of the MUFON UFO Journal. It appeared in the last September issue of that publication.)*

August 15, 1978: Today, shortly after noon, Bobbie Ann Slate — writer, researcher, and friend — died in a Low Angeles hospital. She had been struck down with a massive cerebral hemorrhage the afternoon of August 11, 1978.

Bobbie's life seemed dramatic and quick-paced. She dashed through it with style and verve, her red hair capping her lively face and her nimble mind blazing through her written words. Her personality was generous and open. If she called herself your friend, you were treasured indeed.

She was far too young to die, especially in the manner in which death came. But she had been living with stressful situations — too many, for too long. There is a limit to human endurance — even Bobbie Ann's.

Those acquainted with SAGA and UFO REPORT (no connection

with CUFOR—Ed.) knew her as a talented writer, B. Ann Slate. Those of more intimate acquaintance knew her as Barbara Ann Gironda. No matter which name she was known by, she was appreciated for her talent and her humanity . . .

Bobbie Ann was accepting of all kinds of life. For three years she tracked the ephemeral California Bigfoot, which in recent years appeared inexplicably in the desert Palmdale area and the adjacent Angeles Crest Mountains. She never found her Bigfoot, except for footprints and other secondhand evidence. But her careful research during those years convinced her of his existence . . .

Many Southland researchers were Bobbie's friends, as well as numerous others around the country. For she included people in her love of life's abundance. With her human friends, as with the creatures of the wild and the mysterious Bigfoot, she was accepting and non-judgmental. Such friends are precious treasures. There are so very few to whom one can talk, and be listened to, understood and sustained. Bobbie Ann was that kind of friend, and I shall miss her sorely.

So we say a temporary farewell to you, Bobbie. You are doubtless engaged in some fantastic adventure on another plane, perhaps studying the UFO, or tracking the Bigfoot, and learning more about these mysteries than you ever were able to learn about them here. We will see you again — in a better place, in a happier time — or perhaps in a timeless place where all knowledge is available to those who seek, in an eternal Now.

## Letters

Sir:

I thought your readers might be interested in the following example of E.S.P.

I have a friend who has psychic gifts to an extraordinary extent.

This became obvious to her parents at the early age of five, and grew more and more pronounced as she grew older.

Some years ago it was the means of saving her daughter's life. My friend and her husband were living at the time in South America in a pleasant house with a large garden. After lunch one day, my friend put the baby in her pram under a tree in the garden near a brick wall. A steep hill on the main road was on the other side of this wall.

My friend then went upstairs and was brushing her hair, when she suddenly threw the brush across the room, screamed "My baby," and rushed down the stairs and into the garden. She seized the pram and ran as fast as she could with it to the other side of the house, where she stood panting. She had now woken the baby, who started to cry after the unaccustomed jolting. My friend stood there, half laughing, saying to herself, "Whatever made me do that? I must be mad!"

At that moment there was a terrific crash and a huge trailer truck came hurtling through the wall at the exact spot where the baby carriage had been standing. The driver, although injured, was able to tell the police that his brakes had failed on the steep hill.

Had it not been for my friend's E.S.P. her baby would have been dead.

Betty Turner,  
Duncan, B.C.

Sir:

I was asked to tell you of my experience of a UFO sighting in 1971 in Mazatlan, Mexico, where I lived for a year. I was then 61 years of age.

It was on a June night around the 18th. It was a hot humid night and I couldn't sleep. I was lying on my bed by an open window on the third floor of the apartment building. It was around 3 a.m. The sky was clear and the stars were out, but no moon.

As I was looking out the window I suddenly saw an object slide into view. It hovered above the roof tops but below the church spires in the distance. It was saucer-shaped with a blue light pulsating from it. It hovered there, only with a slight swaying motion. Then it took off at a terrific speed and disappeared high over the ocean.

I had never believed in UFOs until I saw one myself, and it was a UFO, nothing else! I swear on the Bible I saw it myself. I have been in charge of staff and estate at the Belgium consulate in Hawaii, and an executive housekeeper at many hotels. I am a true Christian and love God but I know now UFOs do exist.

Ruth Perrault,  
Victoria, B.C.

Sir:

As a fellow writer and one who is interested in the subject of UFOs, I would like to share with you information about a recent sighting as described by my son. He is a credible young man who, with companions, has observed other strange objects in the Lake Cowichan district (south-central Vancouver Island) where we live.

This particular sighting took place outside Victoria on the old Island highway toward the Malahat (mountain). It occurred on Feb. 9 this year at 7:20 p.m. and was so impressive that my son, aged 19, was quite excited about it. He said the object was flying back and forth like a swallow. It was round and had many lights like light bulbs spinning around the outside of it. It looked like a trabant at Playland. (Trabant is a ride at an amusement park.)

We've had no word from anyone else in that area but being an observer, my son took special notice of it where many others wouldn't have.

Your book (*Our UFO Visitors*) was most interesting and confirms my sighting of an object over the Duncan hospital 10 years ago (see

also CUFOR vol. 1, no. 7). I saw its approach from Paldi (between Duncan and Lake Cowichan) and calculated by the glow that it was hovering in the vicinity of Duncan, so waited to hear any confirmation, which I did three days later. It arced over the sky north by northwest to approach the Duncan area.

My son is certain there is some attraction in this area that attracts UFOs. Could an old mine shaft on the south side of the lake be of interest?

Hazel Elves,  
Mesachie Lake, B.C.,  
(connected to Lake Cowichan).

*Mine shafts are thought to be an attraction, and there are several others in the same general area. But probably of greater interest to our visitors is a satellite-tracking station near Lake Cowichan.*

Sir:

I was most interested in your Fall 1978 issue, and would like to comment on some aspects of the UFO riddle that I believe no one has touched upon.

That is, the curious problem of 'The Spacesuit Question.' Anyone who has followed the phenomena for a considerable period of time will have reached the conclusion that there is something distinctly odd in this mode of dress by the humanoids or entities who presumed pilot the objects.

Some reports have been of seemingly normal human beings, others are of unusual, but apparently oxygen breathing beings, while still others describe what appear to be spacesuits. I say "appear" to be spacesuits, as a lot of ufologists have not stopped to consider that this may be yet another red herring (of which the field is full) to mislead us into thinking that the UFOs are actually extraterrestrial when they are anything but.

A number of instances in your last issue such as the Bracebridge, Ontario and the Greenhaw cases (see 'Hard Choice for Witnesses'

by Harry Tokarz) started me thinking about this problem. We must ask ourselves what a spacesuit is used for before arriving at any new answers.

Obviously, it is used for protection against a hostile environment or else the vacuum of space. But it is also true that it may have a multiple of functions besides, including some the wearer might not think of until a dangerous situation arose.

If the UFOs operate (as it appears that they do) on an electromagnetic principle utilizing high amounts of electrical energy, then it is not impossible that the users of such energy might wear protective suits of possibly a high rubber or other non-conductive material as a safeguard from being electrocuted, or having the electrical circuits of their brains scrambled.

If we assume they come from another dimension adjacent to our own, or even another time as Dr. Ruehl suggested in his article in the Fall '78 issue, then it is conceivable that the beings might need protection against radiation, either that generated by their own craft in its transition from there to here, or else against a higher natural level of background radiation than at their point of origin.

A protective suit might even be necessary to guard against our polluted atmosphere. I read in a newspaper the other day that the Greek government is going to move some ancient statues that have withstood the ravages of natural erosion for 2,500 years, and place them indoors out of the reaches of the corrosive effects of sulphur dioxide, a by-product of industrial processes in the area.

If the biology of any beings from elsewhere is understandably delicate in comparison to our own, they would naturally want to protect themselves, even though they might be able to breath normally otherwise. It would be interesting to see if there were any visits by a craft 100 or more years ago where the occupants did not

wear suits, and to compare it with a present day landing where the occupants have been reported as wearing suits, and see what elements are identical.

If radiation or electromagnetic disruption is a consideration, it might be necessary for the faceplates to be frosted over with a lead covering leaving slits for the eyes or else to cover the entire visor with a resistant material. If I am not mistaken, this is just what has been reported in a number of cases. Human eyes are highly sensitive to light and radiation, and an alien might be much more so with regard to his visual apparatus.

Another possible function of such a suit is very simple - armor or defense. In the case of the Hopkinsville entities in 1955, the farmer whose house they were attacking fired on them point-blank, and although one was knocked down, it didn't appear to harm him at all.

I think we would probably do the same if we visited another planet or dimension - arm ourselves against any poisonous or aggressive flora and fauna. Even a helmet would be necessary, if not breathing gear, in order that members of the exploration party could keep in contact with each other by radio. One other possibility is the spacesuits could be worn to protect *Us* from them!

If the body chemistry of such beings was highly dangerous to humans, it would be necessary on their part to wear such suits to protect any "specimens" from contamination. After all, Apollo II astronauts had to be protected from contaminating humanity on their return from the first moon landing.

The functions of spacesuits worn by such beings must therefore be viewed in the light of all the other aspects of the UFO question - from many angles. It is quite possible that such suits may serve only one function, to be sure, but they may

be used for many other functions or a combination of same, as well.

Again, there is no simple answer. I would like to see some ufologist specialize in space-suit-ology - we might learn something further about our visitors in this manner.

W. Ritchie Benedict,  
Calgary, Alberta.



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