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Dear Gene:

The Hans Lauritzen article-letter in OUTERMOST is highly significant and I may use it as a feature in the Nov-Dec Journal and lectures I am doing, with credit to you, of course. His experience reveals what can happen to the well-meaning researcher whose approach to the UFO phenomenon is that of the indiscriminating mystic - that only good can come from heaven, or outer space. Now, Lauritzen knows what Charles Fort discovered a couple of generations ago, "We are property!" But the big question is: Whose property? The good guys or the bad guys.

Riley Crabb, B.S.R.A.,
Vista, Calif.

Gene:

A British rock group called Pink Floyd has issued an album entitled "Ummagumma" with two saucer-type weird songs on it - "Saucerful of Secrets" and "Set the Controls for the Heart of the Sun." I recommend this 2-record album also for other weird, occult and space-age oriented songs including "Sisyphus", a four-movement instrumental piece that is really far out! But "Saucerful of Secrets" was the one that attracted me to buying this album - it's a musical journey aboard a flying saucer, in several movements. Pink Floyd is one of the more elite rock groups that plays with genuine musicianship and not just noise and electronic feedback.

John Mullet
Goose Airport, Labrador

Dear Gene:

It's my considered opinion that the UFO reports in your magazine SS&S are among the best; that, therefore, it's an excellent UFO-zine; that your accounts comprising ufonauts seem to be well-documented; that your ufocabulary is very clear; that you have increased largely genuine interest in ufodomo; that, thanks to contributions such as yours, man will soon rediscover some of the uforiums inside the Moon.

Rev. Guy J. Cyr, S.M.
Haverhill, Mass.

Dear Gene:

An elderly British couple, resident here (anonymous), were interviewed by me last Sunday (Sept. 13, 1970), and they told me that at the beginning of June, 1970, they were motor-

ing in cloudless weather in Central Wyoming, on a limitless plain, with nothing to see anywhere except flat ground. They have often been on the prairies and they therefore know very well what a 'dust devil' is like. There was no 'dust devil' anywhere to be seen on that day. However, suddenly their car was overhung and partly enveloped by a strange yellowy-creamish-colored mist that was weaving about them most peculiarly, and was transparent - yet it seemed to have 'body' or shape. The lady was driving, and she stepped on the gas and got out of there in a hurry; they were so scared that they didn't even look in their rear-view mirror.

To this day, they hate talking about it, and refuse to believe in anything unnatural. The thing MUST have either suddenly materialized around them, or suddenly swooped down on them from directly above; because they saw nothing beforehand - it was so sudden. They don't want to be interviewed further.

This incident reminds me vaguely of the incident in S.E. Argentina involving Senor and Senor Vidal, on the road from Chascomus to Maipu, some 2 years ago. They drove into a greenish mist on the highway around midnight and woke up sitting in their car in broad daylight on an unknown country land near Mexico City. I am told that Senora Vidal had to be hospitalized on her return by air to Buenos Aires and even Father Benito Reyna, S.J., a noted ufologist, was forbidden to talk even to her nurse. I am now told the lady is dead, but have seen no confirmation of this anywhere.

P.M.H. Edwards,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Gene:

I see by No. 59 SS&S that you are also interested in Fortean. I am too, for all we know there may be a connection between all these Fortean events. Many of them definitely are compatible with flying saucers.

Jo Clark, DATA-NET,
Ben Lomond, Calif.

Dear Gene:

On the evening of Sept. 5th, 1970, a classic UFO hovered at low altitude over Central Park in New York City, directly above hundreds of people at an outdoor concert. The concert was interrupted while everyone gaped at this wonder. It shot the usual blinding beams into the park. I am now rounding up some witnesses. None of the N.Y. papers mentioned the incident.

I was out of town...up in Delaware County on Sept. 7, at 8:45 P.M. while at a farm outside of Walton, N.Y., the UFOs put on a spectacular aerial show for us lasting about 30 mins.

John A. Keel, N.Y., N.Y.

CASSIUS CLAY SEES STRANGE FLYING OBJECTS

A number of New Yorkers including boxer Cassius (Muhammad Ali) Clay reported seeing UFOs between 5 a.m. Toronto time and dawn today. Police headquarters said a patrolman in a squad car reported seeing a UFO hovering over Queens County, but no follow-up had been attempted.

Clay and a United Press International sports writer covering the boxer as he did his early morning roadwork in Central Park sighted a bright, larger-than-star-size light due east of Manhattan. Later Clay, the reporter and trainers watched another point of light streaking across due north until it was obscured by trees.

La Guardia airport police also received reports of unidentified flying objects. Clay said he often saw UFOs when he did early morning roadwork. "They're up there all the time and the government is keeping it a secret," he said. "I see them when I run in the morning."

(Source: Toronto Daily Star, Dec. 1, 1970)

U THANT INTERVIEWED ON UFOs IN OTTAWA

The occasion was the International Congress of World Federalists from Aug. 23-27, 1970. Mrs. I. Jacobi, of "UFO Nachrichten" reported her short interview with the Secretary-General.

"Your Excellency," she asked U Thant, "UFO researchers the world over know that you are kept well informed on the possibility that extraterrestrial spacecraft do visit our planet but these facts are classified to the world public. Is this correct?"

U Thant nodded a hesitating 'yes' and said, "There are many things that I am forbidden to speak of."

"Would you permit me a final question, your Excellency? Is it possible that the U.N. could be officially studying the question of extraterrestrial visiting spacecraft?"

Answering, U Thant said, "Yes, it is possible but only if one Member Nation would officially place the UFO problem on the agenda, we would then establish a department to investigate this phenomenon." (Credit: Colman VonKeviczky, International UFO Research & Analytic Network)

EDITOR'S NOTES:

The Fall issue of the Flying Saucer Digest had a very pleasant surprise in store for us. The U.A.P.A. recently took a poll for the Congress of Scientific Ufologists and found that the top FIVE UFO publications were: Flying Saucers (1); Flying Saucer Digest (2); Flying Saucer Review (3); SAUCERS, SPACE & SCIENCE (4); and Saucer News (5).

The Space Drive Journal of England editor also made up a top UFOzine selection and SS&S wound up in 4th spot with Saucer News beating us out by a hairline for 3rd position. The point of all this is that among knowledgeable UFO editors it seems that SS&S is very well respected the world over...and up there with the best of them.

And if all persons who read SS&S think pretty much the same way, how about telling your acquaintances about us and getting them to subscribe as soon as possible. The rates are \$3.00 for 4 newsy issues or 75¢ for the current copy. Back issues are \$1.00 each.

DON'T MISS the next issue of SS&S as we are planning to run some never-before published photos of UFOs! Although photos of UFOs are scarce as hen's teeth, we do come upon some that appear genuine and you can make up your own mind as to whether to accept them or not. And don't forget to keep us informed of what YOU are doing and send photos if possible for SS&S.

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Would you believe?

In August of 1930, George Mossop, a big game hunter and trapper in Equatorial Africa, went into what is described as "a wilderness of endless waters and a steamy marsh" in the hinterland of Beira, Portuguese East Africa. The region, which is shunned by Negroes, stretches far inland from the Indian Ocean and is populated by an immense multitude of frogs. A party of Britishers and black men led by Mossop spent a night on an old ant-heap in this swamp. The ant-heap had been made hundreds of years ago at a time when the locality was dry land.

About midnight, the party, dozing uneasily on the hillock were aroused by a strange noise coming a long way over the swamp. It was the muffled bellow or roar of some monstrous creature acting as a sort of obligato to the lesser orchestra of the croaking and whistling frogs. It came only at intervals, rumbling above the chorus of the frogs. Suddenly, there came a startling hiss which cut through the frogs' concert like a knife. It seemed to be directed at the hillock on which the men stood. The black men at once left their side of the hillock and in terror crawled over to that where the white men stood. They wanted company.

The sounds seemed to come from deep water. Mossop ordered the Negroes to collect fuel from dry trees and make a fire. As the flames shot up and crackled, loud hisses were heard. There were three of them of quite appalling character. Then came a noise of some herculean body moving rapidly through the water. The night was too black for anything to be glimpsed. The marsh, as far as I know of, remains unexplored even today!

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Australia has long had its stories of big monster animals and saurians which scare the life out of prospectors in its lone fastnesses. Even scientists did not disdain to investigate such a story which reached Melbourne in October, 1931, when Mr. Fred Blakeley, leader of the Centralian Gold Exploration Expedition, said he had measured the tracks of an amazing and ferocious reptile called the "PRENTY".

The monster inhabits the tract of broken country which lies in the heart of Central Australia, some 350 miles long by 250 miles

wide. The aboriginal black fellows shun the region, which they call "Kaditcha", the land of evil things.

Blakeley was hunting for opals in the Stuart Range when he met with "Big Jim", an old fossicker, or prospector, who stood nearly seven feet in his socks and weighed some 18 stone. Big Jim sure was a tough guy, but even he had had a rare fright. Here is his story...

"I was one day walkin' along scannin' the ground for signs of opals, when I spun round at the hearing' of a queer sound. I sure shook in my boots! There was an enormous



By
Armand Laprade

reptile rearing up on a ridge, kinda challengin' me to come on or stand. I heaved boulders at the brute, as I calkilated my gun would never pierce his armor no more'n peas ag'in armor plate. Twas what the black fellers call the "PRENTY". He lashed his ridgy tail, curved his back like the furrers in an old English medder at home and came a-springin' t'rds me. He was a-roarin' like a lion and a-barkin' like a dog. I made tracks for me life, pronto...and lost no time in puttin' a hill a'-tween me and that bird."

Mr. Blakeley measured the tracks of the Prenty, next day, and from one outside claw to the other found the distance was six feet three inches. All one may say is that in such an evolutionary lumber room as Australia in 1929, an earthworm longer than a man was found. He proved to be nine feet long. These worms make loud gurgling sounds and lay greenish translucent eggs three inches long!

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The truth about that crashed saucer on SPITSBERGEN

Glaciated, quite barren and fairly inhospitable, Spitsbergen is a Norwegian dependency in the Arctic. If space travellers were looking for a relatively uninhabited area in which to land or explore this would be a good place.

And so the story began relating the discovery of a crashed flying saucer in 1952 on this island situated in the Arctic Ocean. What was the truth? Did it really happen? Your editor wrote to two of the top notch UFO investigators John A. Keel and Brad Steiger for their views. Here's what they said - starting with Brad Steiger: The original story said....

A Col. Gernod Darnbyl was on the inquiry board conducted by the Norwegian general staff. The press statement read as follows - "It (the saucer) has...this we wish to state emphatically...not been built by any country on Earth.

The materials used in the construction are

completely unknown to all experts who participated in the investigation."

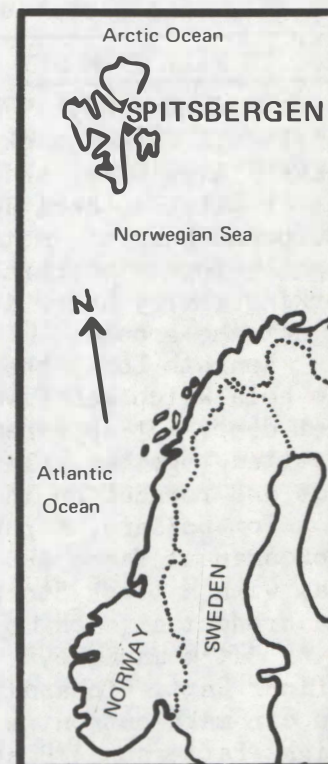
It was said that the Norwegians appealed to American and British government experts for aid in analyzing the saucer. The report never came out. UFO buffs jumped to the conclusion the Norwegian authorities had handed over the saucer and agreed to silence on the subject.

Steiger got a letter from Stein Kringler, chief of archives for a Norwegian newspaper. "We have been in contact with the Chairman of the Norwegian UFO-Committee and the Operations Dept. of the Norwegian Air Force, as well as with the highly qualified journalists who for years have reported UFOs in our paper. We have not been able to find a single fact related to the events referred to in your letter - a UFO crash on Spitsbergen."

"It seems to boil down to a fantastic hoax that originated in some fertile brain abroad in the summer of 1952."

"The Norwegian government has never given any news release on the subject...as there was no "subject" ...and nothing appeared in our newspapers on this subject."

We have ascertained that a German newspaper in Stuttgart brought some fantastic allegations on that date, and that the German periodical, Der Flieger, in July or August, 1952, brought a fantastic tale about a UFO found on Spitsbergen. In this report, as in others from abroad, there have been named certain Norwegian flying officers and scientists. None of these names can



SPITSBERGEN SAUCER (Con't.) be found in civilian or military files...and no such persons exist who can be even remotely connected with a UFO on Spitsbergen."

John Keel adds to the above: "Recently, a Finnish movie maker named Itkohnen passed through New York and he said he had tried to locate the original story in Europe and found that the newspaper credited with originating it hadn't even existed at the time! In 1966, I visited the Swedish Embassy and they went through their Scandinavian "Who's Who"-type books for the period and could find no mention of the "famous scientists" and military officers named in Edward's account."

"I feel, and Vallee agrees with me on this, that no physical evidence of real merit will ever appear. I think I can now state categorically that no real UFO crashes have ever occurred. All kinds of junk has fallen and been recovered, but no bodies have ever turned up for one very simple reason. No bodies exist."

OBJECTS FALL FROM SKY

On August 28, 1970, mystery pieces of metal fell from the sky at Pratt, Kansas; Beaver City, Okla. and Adrian, Texas. At Beaver City, authorities were puzzled by a 300 pound hunk of metal which fell in a lightly-populated rural area. A farmer working nearby heard it coming down and saw it hit the ground.

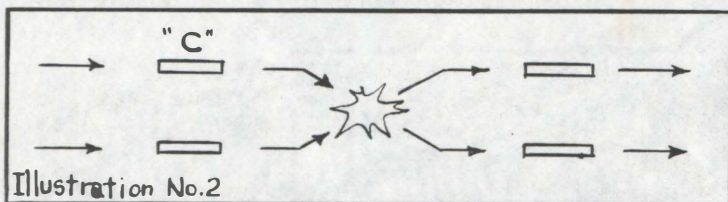
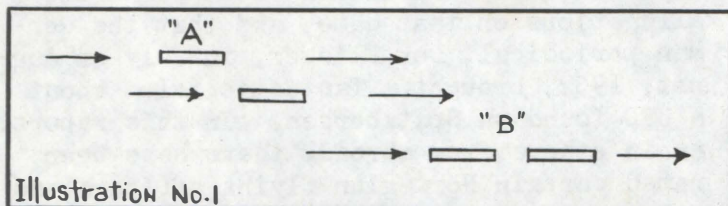
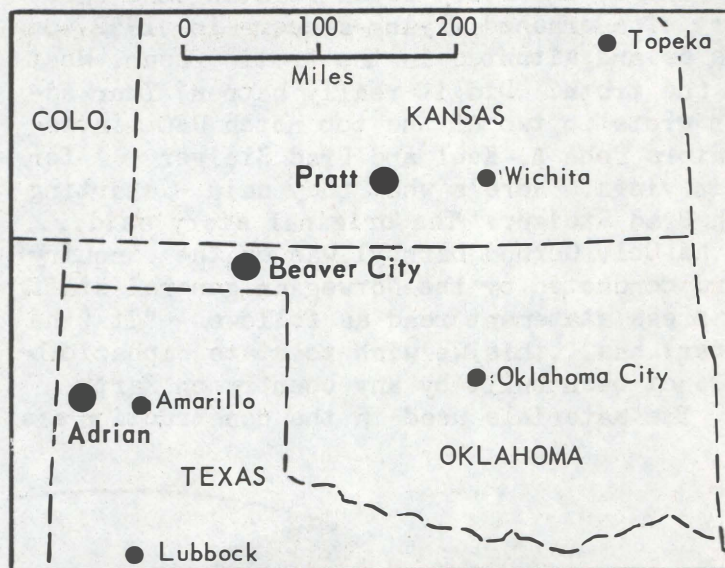
Kenneth Long, the farmer, approached the hole which was five feet wide and four feet deep. It appeared to be three pieces rivetted together, flat and smooth on one side and rounded on the other.

Tom Holland, a public information spokesman at Vance AFB said the AF sent a team with a truck "to pick up the object and brought it back to Vance AFB."

"It's manmade," Vance Chief information officer Capt. Richard Toothaker said. "It's got some numbers on it, but there's not much you can make out but a dash - five. The rest of it is worn away." It was later flown to Wright-Patterson AFB at Dayton, Ohio.

Toothaker described it as "a solid piece of laminated metal," adding, "It's kind of disappointing when you see it, if you expect flashing red lights and things."

The objects were later identified as part of a Russian Cosmos 316 satellite designed to inspect American satellites in orbit. (Sources: Sunday Oklahoman, Aug. 30; Perry Journal, Aug. 31; The Daily Oklahoman, Sept. 7. Credit: Mike Gallagher, John Dean, Colman von Keviczky, Bill Kay)



UFO FORMATIONS SEEN OVER TORONTO ISLAND

On Sunday, July 26, 1970, to take a brief respite from the sweltering 86-degree temp-

erature, Mr. and Mrs. Matern took an evening ferry boat to Centre Island in Toronto Harbor. Lying on the grass and looking at the starry sky, a formation of two sets of elongated lights (A & B in Illus.1) flew across the sky at terrific speed at 10:35 p.m.

Shortly after, a formation of two more lights ("C") came from the same direction, criss-crossed making a large glow when they merged and then flew in the same parallel course only their positions being reversed. (Illus. 2)

It is interesting to note that Mr. Matern being somewhat skeptical of some UFO reports he has read about, recently wrote an article for a German publication concerning the Peoria, Ill., UFO convention last June which he attended.

GIANT ROCK

On October 9th-11th, 1970, the 17th annual Giant Rock Spacecraft Convention was held on the desert near Yucca Valley, California, some one hundred miles east of Los Angeles. The purpose of these annual get-togethers of the UFO faithful is to hear speeches by alleged experts in the field and hopefully to catch a glimpse of the Space Brothers themselves. Even more so than in previous years, the 1970 convention was something of a disappointment to many of those who attended, and perhaps even to whatever Space Brothers may have been watching from a safe distance.

Nothing can surpass the natural beauty of Giant Rock, situated far enough from civilization to attract overnight campers, yet within just a few miles of all modern conveniences. The good-natured proprietor of the Rock is UFO expert George van Tassel a former test pilot who has lived there in semi-retirement for over twenty years. George leases the property, which includes a small airport, from the U.S. Government. Over the years he has improved the environment at his own expense, with such items as a small restaurant & numerous sanitary facilities.

A couple of miles away, Van Tassel has property of his own, which includes perhaps the most intriguing structure ever built - a dome-like building called the Integraton. Actually, the Integraton is not the building itself but a marvelous machine said to be inside it, the blueprints for which were originally supplied by the Space People themselves back in the early 1950's, according to Van Tassel. A metal sign near the building modestly informs us that it is "a 'Time Machine' for basic research on Rejuvenation, Anti-Gravity, and Time Travel."

The Integraton, like the legendary Fountain of Youth, will make a person feel younger and better upon leaving it, though he will look exactly the same. Back in the "good old days" of ten or fifteen years ago, the annual crowd at the Rock ran into many thousands of people and donations for the Integraton came to many thousands of dollars, mostly from a handful of the hard-core faithful. This year, however, George admitted that although the machine is "approximately 82½% completed," work on it has stopped dead for lack of funds. Unfortunately, it is hard to prove how much work has actually been completed. Years ago, when this writer and other members of the public were allowed inside it, the building was absolutely empty. In recent years Van Tassel has refused to allow entry to anyone except trusted research associates.

One is all the more tempted to question the 82% figure when told by Van Tassel that the 1970 Spacecraft Convention attracted about eight thousand people. Less biased observers would have put the crowd at something under one thousand.

Even so, there might have been hope for profit among the inevitable sellers of UFO books and souvenirs, except for one important fact: Gone, for the most part, are the little old ladies and wild-eyed theorists of yesteryear, who came with open pocket books and closed minds, to sit in rapt attention as speaker after speaker reconfirmed their already well-entrenched belief's about the existence of interplanetary saucers.

In their place has arrived a new breed of campers, many of whom this writer found to be only vaguely aware that any UFO convention was taking place. This new and younger breed of desert enthusiasts ranges from hard-drinking motorcycle riders to pot-smoking hippies, many of whom screamed obscenities far into the night from the safety of nearby hills. George Van Tassel, though basically a conservative middle-aged individual has learned to bend with the changing times. Said he: "I'm not going to get all hopped up about whether they (the hippies) are hopped up or not." Quite wisely, he professes to believe in the freedom of the individual, though he deplores the way that some of today's young people harm themselves through drugs and other means.

As in previous years, almost all the speakers at the 1970 convention were "contactees," i.e., people who claim to have had personal contact of some sort with the presumed occupants of flying saucers.

There was, for example, a long discourse by Daniel Fry, founder and director of a

nation-wide group called "Understanding." Back in the early 1950's, Fry wrote a classic UFO book about a cross-continental trip he took aboard a flying saucer. Although he has had no further such experiences since then, he continues to be in demand on the lecture podium, especially at Giant Rock.

Inevitably, there was a long-winded speech by Dr. Frank E. Stranges, a Protestant minister whose most famous book, "Stranger at the Pentagon," tells of a spaceman who infiltrated the very core of our military-industrial complex. Frank heads a church which is absolutely genuine by all legal standards, though he has had occasional problems with the state of California regarding the selling of ministerial degrees. His UFO documentary motion picture, cryptically called "Phenomena 7.7," was shown Saturday evening, at the height of the convention. We were told that Stranges had brought this 5-year-old movie up to date by adding new stock footage about the recent landings on the Moon.

The showing of Dr. Stranges' film had certain comic aspects which were not lost on this writer. The sound was for some reason terribly low, causing fifty or so of the faithful to huddle together right in front of the screen. The rest of the audience was divided between those who were annoyed because they could not hear, and those whose psychedelic "trip" was such that they were fully satisfied to see the picture without sound. From the latter could be heard shouts of "Right on!" as well as various good-natured obscenities which floated across the night from various points in the hills far beyond the screen.

Perhaps the most colorful speaker at the convention was Vern Cameron, a long-time California resident who has invented various psychic devices, including something called the Aura Meter - a machine well known to hardcore UFO buffs. This year Vern showed up with a device which measures one's psychic wing-span. After being measured carefully with the contraption, this writer was informed he had a wing-span of 27 feet - "far above average," according to the inventor.

Present but not lecturing this year was Gabriel Green, president of Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America (AFSCA), Gabe possibly reached the peak of his career in 1960, when he ran for president of the United States under the slogan, "Abe in 1860; Gabe in 1960." Although he attracted several thousand votes in his native California, history tells us that he lost nationally to John F. Kennedy.

Other speakers included Mel Noel, a controversial figure even within the loosely-knit UFO field, who claims to know the location of a base in the jungles of Brazil where flying saucers are being built by a group of Earth scientists with the help of scientists from other planets. This knowledge has caused Mel many problems and persecutions, real or imagined, which are quite interesting but too long for discussion here.

There was, indeed, at least one real scientist at the convention - a physicist from Pennsylvania named Stanton Friedman, a "non-contactee" whose talk was so sensible that it seemed lost on this particular audience. Friedman seems to have gotten the feel of Ufology, as he too had a booth at which he personally sold UFO books except for the short time he was on the open-air lecture podium.

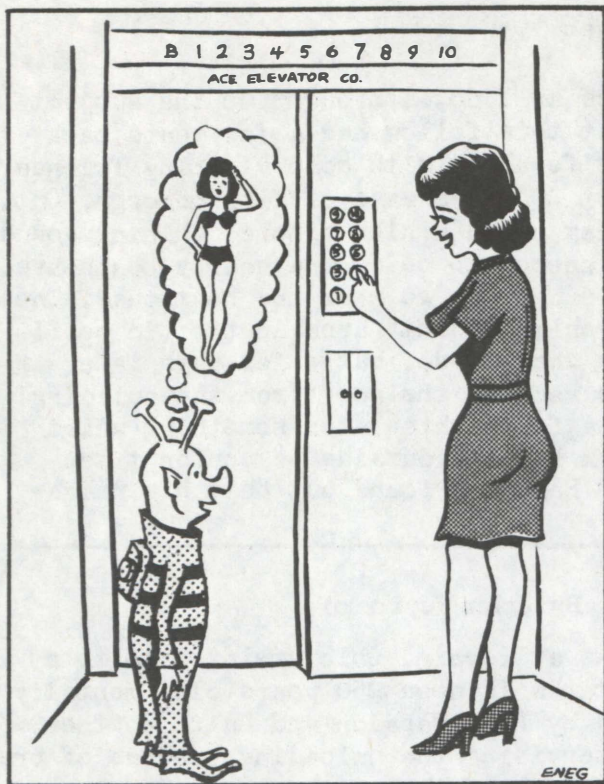
However, book sales were so bad this year that one nationally-known researcher grossed only \$28.00 at his booth during the entire convention. This left little room for profit, as the booth had been rented from the Rock's genial host for the sum of \$25.00.

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Not everyone with something to say gets a chance to do so, even at Giant Rock. Your writer got into a private conversation with Trevor James, a well-known UFO contactee we met this year for the first time. Trevor remarked that the entities he is in contact with are "no negative," and he has never been invited to speak about them. Just as we were becoming convinced that Trevor was far more sensible than could be imagined from his writings, he started to snap a series of five or six pictures in quick succession, of what appeared to be an ordinary blank sky.



GIANT ROCK - Con't.

Then, somewhat relieved, we spotted a high-flying plane in the area and asked what he found so interesting about it. But no, it was not the plane he was photographing; it was the blank sky! He had seen something there which was apparently invisible to ordinary mortals.

As in previous years, your writer made a brief speech of his own from the famous podium at the Rock. In spite of our long history as a semi-skeptic, Van Tassel has extended us this courtesy each time we have returned to Giant Rock; and to give due credit to our host, it must be stated that he has a wonderfully tolerant attitude toward all opposing beliefs - an attitude which is all too rare in the UFO field as well as among people in general.

We used our allotted time to relate a few details about a meeting we had the day before with a rather weird individual. This man had claimed there would be a UFO landing or near-landing the next night (Saturday), provided that "the vibrations of the crowd were high enough."

Although many visitors to the Rock that weekend were about as high as one would want, it can

be assumed that the vibrations were wrong, as no near-landing occurred. However, just when you are ready to write off all such talk as being a lot of sheer nonsense, something happens to make you wonder, and even to renew your "faith": A conservative UFO writer whose integrity we consider to be beyond question (but who asked not to be named here), told us Sunday that while watching the sky Saturday night, he saw a luminous cloud-like object, four Moon diameters in length, moving horizontally through about one degree of arc per second. It disappeared at high altitude after several seconds and was not seen again. Although an experienced observer, our friend had no idea what it was, nor did anyone else.

So, possibly the Space Brothers (if they exist) really were there, watching at a safe distance, as was suggested at the beginning of this article. If they are as intelligent as they are supposed to be, they may have had some good laughs among themselves at the foibles of the primitive people below. But if the Space People are as god-like as the contactees claim, they would not judge us harshly, knowing that Earthlings are doing the best they can. Like their Earthly mentor George Van Tassel, they would give us the right to our opinions, however wild, and even to our errors, however gross. □

NEW KODAK FILM SEES THE UNSEEABLE

Kodak has developed a film called 2484 Pan Film which can help you keep an eye on fact-revealing shockwave phenomena. Its sensitivity captures a variety of elusive objects. It can record impulses streaking across a radarscope. It can capture shadowy blurs in a wind tunnel. Seems ideal for UFO photography. Saucer photos, anyone?

TV HAS NEW PROGRAM CALLED "UFO"

A British-produced series involving SHADO (Supreme Hdqs., Alien Defense Organization). The group was formed for the protection of Earth from aliens from outer space. The first program on Sept. 13 begins with a mystery being cleared up by a captured alien. On CFTO-TV (Toronto) every Monday night at 7 p.m.

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OMEMEE MYSTERY

By John Cuneo

While talking with a man who works at the same place as I do, I brought up the subject of UFOs, and was surprised to learn of an experience that this fellow had a few years back in the summer of 1964. The man (name on file) and his wife along with some visiting friends were at a cottage at a place called Omemee which is about 20 miles east of Peterborough, Ont.

One night these people were sitting outside when they heard a high pitched whining sound in the air. They couldn't see any object but the noise seemed to be over a nearby boathouse.

I was told the whining was so loud that nobody could bear to go near the boathouse. The next day he went to look around and found a darkened circular "burnt" area in the tin roof!

He notified the O.P.P. but they didn't seem to know what to do, but a few days later some men from Ottawa(?) came down in a special truck and removed the roof from the building!

Nothing was ever heard any more about the roof but a few nights later something weird happened again - the man's dog howled all night, but when he went outside he couldn't see anyone or anything that would be disturbing the animal. He later found out that his neighbor's dog had also been acting up that night.

Ore boat crew see saucer

By John J. Locko

Edward (Sparkey) Sparks, foreman on the U.S.S. docks at Lorain, Ohio, related to me a story of a UFO which was seen in the spring of 1969. Sparks is about 50 years old, mentally alert and very intelligent. The interview was witnessed by Pete Pabalon and Ralph Bortner.

Sparks told me that while he was on an ore boat supervising the unloading process of ore and almost dark - 8:30 - 9 p.m., he saw a UFO. It hovered above the ore boat and Sparks got the first mate of the boat and a lift operator to see the thing. Sparks said the thing was big, (about as big as the building we were in - about 40 feet long) and the thing was circular. He didn't see any lights on and that was the first time he had seen anything like it and when it took off, it took off with tremendous speed and in a few seconds was gone.

Sparks said that the object came in from the west over the Hi-level (21st St.) bridge and hovered about 100 feet above the ore boat. He said it was sort of a purple color and definitely a solid, metallic object. He told a few other employees and they laughed at him, so he quit talking about it. He stressed that it didn't make any noise and hovered for about 5 minutes

Other persons told me at the time of this incident that they were travelling over the bridge when they saw the UFO come over and thought that the UFO went in the water. (John Locko is the director of U.U.R.B. in Lorain, Ohio.)

EVULON

HOLLAND'S MOST BIZARRE AND UNOFFICIAL 'FLYING SAUCER'

Evulon is actually an inside attraction of an unofficial "flying saucer" at Philips' permanent exhibition center of industry at Eindhoven. Students of ufology will be interested to learn that when a visitor pushes a button, a small platform starts to rise while a soft "zooming" is heard - typical UFO characteristics.

Photographic layout, showing a projection of planet Earth in outer space, with a "flying saucer" (model EVOLUN) hovering alongside.

Illumination inside the building is of a soft, hazy blue light, which can hardly be experienced as "light", and seems to come from nowhere and everywhere.

Many items of archeology and other prehistorical findings are shown here, in sharp contrast with the most progressive inventions. (Credit: Rey d'Aquila, The Hague, Holland)

FLAMING METEOR LANDS IN LAKE NEAR ISLAND

A large, flaming meteor raced over Toronto Harbor the night of August 7, 1970 and landed in Lake Ontario just west of Toronto Island Airport. Described as a "big ball of fire" by Toronto Harbor Police, the meteor was first seen in the eastern sky, travelled over the harbor and splashed down into the water at 9:47 p.m. Both harbor police and University of Toronto switchboards received calls from Metro residents who had spotted the meteor.

A spokesman for the Island Airport said the flaming hulk appeared to be about 10 feet wide. Dr. M. Clement, assistant professor of astronomy at the U of T said that meteors large enough to pass through the earth's atmosphere are unusual. (Source: Globe & Mail, Toronto)

NIGHTMARE

AT A LONELY
SUMMER COTTAGE
IN SPAIN ---

THE PLACE: Two summer cottages outside Aracena, Spain, about half a mile from the town district.

THE DATE: July 6, 1969

WITNESSES: Mrs. L.; Mrs. M.; Mrs. C. and two little girls. (Mrs. M. is Mrs. C's sister)

SCENE & CIRCUMSTANCES: Mrs. M. and Mrs. L. live in a cottage we shall call No. 1. (see map). Mrs. C. lives with her two daughters in No. 2 cottage, about 70 yards from the first, but no direct communication between.

The husbands of these ladies had spent the weekend with their families there but had to return early on Sunday evening, July 6, 1969 as they had work on Monday morning.

It was a moonless night, but the stars were shining brightly in the clear sky. Around ten minutes to eleven the strange events began.

CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF EVENTS:

Mrs. M. and Mrs. L. are watching TV when interference appears on the screen.

Suddenly, the electric current is cut off and they realize that the whole town of Aracena is in darkness. In the middle of the screen however, there is a tiny reddish rectangle visible. When they call the Electric Power Station by phone, they are informed that there has been some sort of breakdown.

Ten minutes later the electric current is reinstalled. Then they hear Mrs. C. shouting anxiously at them to come and collect her and her two daughters.

Mrs. M. and Mrs. L. hurry to the car to

drive to the other cottage.

Just as they are about to start off in the car they see a luminous object on the horizon, measuring about 34 inches in diameter, white in color, with rims and bowl-shaped, descending slowly and silently.

When they arrive at the cottage Mrs. L. goes in, and Mrs. M. waits at the steering wheel of the car.

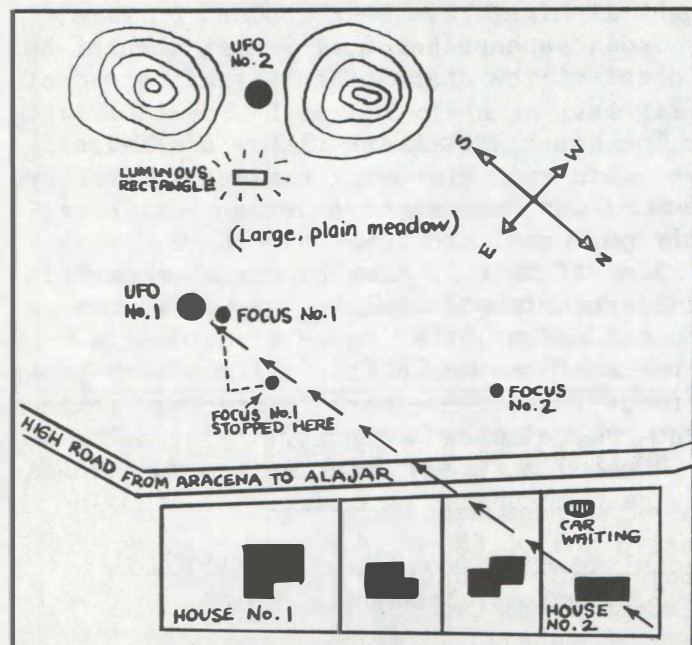
Mrs. L. asks Mrs. C. what happened and why she has been calling so frantically. Mrs. C. then explains that when the lights went out she struck a match and went to her daughter's bedroom and as she was passing the stairway, she heard a loud and violent noise, which came from upstairs, and at the same time she felt a shrill paralytic current run down her spine. But when the electricity came on again, she felt she could not bear to spend the night at home alone with her two little daughters, since what she had experienced seemed to be very unnatural. Then Mrs. L. asks her if she has seen anything in the sky and she says she has not since she was not outside.

Meanwhile, Mrs. M. is pressing the horn of the car persistently. She explained later she felt she was being watched by 'invisible presences' although she had the headlights on at full strength.

When they returned to cottage No. 1, they decide to watch the object through a little telescope which was kept in a tool box. They go up to the 23 foot high terrace on the first floor but are unable to spot the object. Instead, they see a strong FOCUS light (approx. 8 inches) move obliquely through the air along the nearby road, proceeding from the same spot where they have seen the object descend. The possible 'foofighter' suddenly changed its direction, proceeded along the road and stopped in front of the cottage for about 20 minutes.

When Mrs. C. looked at the FOCUS light through the telescope, it threw out a long beam of blue light - about 33 yards in length, and the thickness of a pencil, which slowly approached the cottage and dazzled Mrs. C. to such an extent that she dropped the scope which gave her adequate time to see it normally, then it illuminated the three observers. The two others watch the beam pass and move on, releasing a white object.

Terrified, they go into the cottage and close the terrace door, but being women, their curiosity gets the better of them. So they decide to watch it through a window. Mrs. C. in another room and without the consent of the others, tries to communicate with the FOCUS by turning the light on and off. Finally they look through the window to find that the FOCUS light has disappeared but in the distance a



RECTANGLE of reddish light (about 65 feet in length) is visible, outlined by a faded light which blinks now and a gain, changing intensity. The rectangle can be seen all the time but inside it does not show those classical and beautiful zig-zag flashes of a normal thunderstorm.

Later a second FOCUS light, about three inches in diameter, appears between the branches of one of the trees which line the roadside about 100 feet away. The others thought that it was behind the tree holding the silhouette of the tree by a counter-light effect.

Around 3:30 a.m., the luminous effect of the FOCUS light can still be seen. Then Mrs. M. and Mrs. L. put their beds together and go to sleep, having refused Mrs. C's suggestion to go out and investigate that counter-light. The eldest girl also goes to bed while the younger one stays up with Mrs. C.

Mrs. C. and the younger girl witness what they describe as a huge DOME which appeared near a mountain village. They maintain that the dome-shaped object at its bottom rim showed a row of detached and alternate lights which really made the shape of the dome clearly visible. The next morning they look at the same place where this has occurred and vaguely see a village on the horizon, although a little more to the right.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS: Mrs. L. phoned her husband who advised her to be calm but to continue the observations.

All the dogs in the area howled all night, but never once barked.

No one at the nearby inn had any knowledge of the previous night's happenings as they all went to bed early. The nightwatchman heard the dogs but didn't investigate. (Credit: Southern Group of the Spanish National Team of Researchers; CEDNI; Ignacio Darnaude; Manuel Osuna; M. Osuna Llorente)

DIPLOMATS SEE UFO FORMATION IN LAOS!

It is reported (AP teletype #311, 312 & 364 which reached Tokyo) that illuminated flying objects flew across the sky over Vientiane in Laos, were seen at the beginning of a party, sometime around 7:15 p.m. on November 9, 1967, given by Jan Vithek, Polish commissioner to the International Commission in Laos. Present at the party were practically all senior diplomats in Vientiane along with many Laotian personalities.

Reports said that the flying objects to be three moving points of lights flying close together with the center point slightly ahead of the others. Each point trailed a stream



of smaller lights in the westerly direction towards Thailand. It was difficult to assess its size because of distance. An air force officer of the Canadian ICC delegation assessed it to be a long distance away in which case the objects were vast and travelling fast. If it were only a few hundred feet away, it would have been 20 yards long and travelling at the speed of a circling plane.

Everybody saw it except for one American and one North Vietnamese diplomat who were in too deep conversation. Everybody had a different idea of thought on what they could be.

A Chinese communist diplomat and a correspondent thought it was fireworks.

American ambassador Bill Sullivan suggested it might be debris from a space vehicle.

Canadian commissioner Stewart Cooper and Russian ambassador Boris Kirnassavsky agreed to Sullivan's suggestion.

British charge d'affaires Justin Staples thought it might have been a plane on fire.

Indian ambassador B.B. Sanyal thought he could detect the shape of an airship ahead of the lights.

The North Vietnamese charge d'affaires Nguyen Chan said "probably a missile fired by insert either Russian or American - it's certainly no ours", and laughed.

"And if this is mass hypnosis, remarked an ambassador's wife looking around at the astounded and uplifted faces of diplomats from all parts of the world, then it's a very powerful force". Everyone here is now very anxious to know who else had seen it.

"Nobody has been drinking too much VODKA yet", said a Russian diplomat.

(Special to SS&S from CBA INTERNATIONAL, Naka P.O. Box 12, Yokohama, Japan)

Research Group Confirms Evidence of UFO

By GEORGE SIMOR

On a clear spring evening in 1968, Matthews stood on the back porch of his home in Alberton, South Australia, and unknowingly photographed what reputable UFO experts believe was an interplanetary spaceship hovering about a mile from the lens of Matthews' 8mm Bolex movie camera.

Matthews, a 37-year-old building contractor, attached no significance to his activities on the night he shot the UFO on color film — and so is uncertain of the exact date and hour of his strange sighting.

As Matthews recalls that day of filming, he had in the afternoon taken some scenic shots on a family outing in the Adelaide Hills near his home. Later in the evening, between 8 and 10 p.m., he gathered his camera equipment from a table on the back porch.

In the habit of properly caring for all mechanical equipment, Matthews routinely checked to see whether the wind-up spring mechanism of his camera had been discharged as recommended by the camera manufacturer. He found it tightly wound. So he opened his 43mm zoom lens all the way to 1.9, set it for infinity, pointed it toward a distant, small but bright object in the sky and pressed the release button for several seconds.

Thinking he had photographed a star of some sort, Matthews retired to the house, not to use the camera again for months.

When the film was ultimately processed in January of 1969, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews and their four children gathered to see the projected movie.

During the viewing — sandwiched between closeup shots of bees pollinating wisteria blossoms and a scene of the Matthews' children playing in their backyard — a brief flash of bluish light lit up the screen, lasting about three seconds.

Matthews took the bluish object to be some sort of film damage — until he examined it more closely on a second run-through of the film. Closer observation revealed an object like no other he had seen.



Microscopical magnification (30x) of frames 8, 9, 10, present a swinging beamlight through the compartment window against the silhouette of a mechanism.

Matthews recalled: "The object on the screen seemed ring-shaped and radiated a brilliant, bluish light. It was apparently stationary and had a number of round spots along the edge . . . Suddenly, it occurred to me that I might have shot a UFO and that those round spots might be portholes of a strange space vehicle!"

He showed the filmstrip to the secretary of a local UFO investigating organization. The secretary, dumbfounded, suggested Matthews show the material to Captain Bruce L. Cathie in Auckland, New Zealand.

Capt. Cathie is reputed to be one of the world's leading UFO experts. A former New Zealand Air Force pilot, now with New Zealand National Airways, he was recently appointed adviser on UFO matters to the New Zealand Government.

Capt. Cathie received 20 of Matthews' 52 frames. After careful analysis, he concluded:

"This is absolutely not a hoax. It is an authentic photo of a nonterrestrial aerial vehicle. It is the most interesting photograph I have seen in my 17 years of UFO research."



Compartment window 300x enlarged. Bird-like mechanism moving against a cusp.

Cathie took a 10-frame section of the film and late last year passed it on with his evaluation to Major Colman VonKeviczky, founder and project director of ICUFON (Intercontinental UFO Research and Analytic Network) in New York, an investigating group claiming 100,000 members internationally.

At this point ICUFON and Maj. VonKeviczky took over investigation of the Matthews space phenomenon. Maj. VonKeviczky — a former Hungarian Army officer, who holds science and engineering degrees and is also an expert in photographic technology — immediately sought to achieve the best possible enlargement of the spaceship image. On the 8mm film it was the size of a pinhole.

The Zeiss Company, German mak-

ers of fine microscopes, recommended he take the film to the Julius Weber Laboratories, specialists in sophisticated photography for medical research. Through a series of photographic steps, the Weber lab produced black-and-white 8x10 prints of each of the 8mm color frames, magnifying the original pinhole size image 1,000 times.

Mathematical and phototechnical analyses of the motion picture frames and prints led Maj. VonKeviczky to certain conclusions.

"I did not release this picture or information until my studies were completed — and I was sure of its authenticity."

He added: "The object seems to be a ring-shaped vehicle without wings, propellers or turbo engines. It radiates a bluish light all around its perimeter, except for a small portion 'wiped out' on the left side of the picture."

"The object is unidentifiable with any earthly commercial or military aerial vehicle construction . . . the self-luminosity is positively not identifiable with position lights required by international aviation regulations . . . a meteor or satellite could not be stationary for 1/18 of a second and wouldn't present such a clear-cut image on photographic film . . . Therefore, based on thorough analysis of the original filmstrip and the photographer's statement, we have concluded that the filmed aerial vehicle is most probably of nonterrestrial origin."

Other UFO experts who participated in and concurred with the ICUFON analysis and authentication of Matthews' filmstrip included West Germany's Karl L. Veit, president of the largest UFO research body in Europe, and Harrison A. Hoffman, a New York mechanical engineer who has spent 20 years in UFO research.

Meanwhile, Ellis Matthews has this to say of his sighting:

"It was all a strange accident. But I am glad it happened. And I hope that my film will bring mankind and science closer to the solution of the UFO mystery."

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ALLEN HYNEK ATTENDS UFO CONVENTION

"Either it is completely trivial or it is extremely important, and I wouldn't be spending my time on it if I thought it was trivial," Prof. Hynek said at the Midwest UFO Convention last June. He urged others to concentrate on "greater specialization in obtaining hard core data" on the UFO phenomenon.

In an interview he said, "A growing number of serious scientific people are becoming concerned over the UFO phenomenon." Hynek maintained that 20% of all reported sightings remain unexplained and that the percentage has persisted since reports began in 1948.) (Source: The Herald-Whig, Quincy, Ill. Credit: Walt Andrus, Quincy, Ill.)

FOSSILIZED CREATURE FOUND

A geology professor says the fossil may be the missing link in the evolutionary development of animals with backbones. It was found in Central Montana by Wm. Melton, curator of the geology museum at the University of Montana. The creature is 2½" long and appeared to be a direct ancestor of primitive fish. (Source: Montreal Gazette, May 19, 1970)

MORE UFO CENSORSHIP?

UFOs Anonymous sent their recording "UFO-Eyewitness Accounts" to a Professor Frondizi in Argentina. In a letter from the professor to Leo Sprinkle, professor of Psychology in Laramie, Wyo., we find that although the record had been forwarded to him he was unable to receive it personally because of governmental censorship regulations.

HOW TO TAKE UFO PHOTOS FROM TV

Next time there is a UFO program (Star Trek, The Invaders, UFO, etc.,) on TV, and you'd like to take photos for posterity, here is how to do it. Buy Tri-X film and open the aperture of the camera to 1/25 or 1/30 at F/5.6. A 35mm camera works best for this.

HUMPY BLACK THING IN LOCH NESS

Two young women said they saw the fabled Loch Ness monster early last June. It surfaced and they saw three humps, black and shiny surface and then submerge. They were fascinated by the thing's steady progress through the water.

PURPLE PEOPLE-EATER?

Melbourne - The hunt is on in western Australia for a mysterious beast whose tracks have been found in the lonely outback.

Local aborigines say the tracks belong to the legendary people-eating tjangara. A government-employed hunter, Peter Muir, reported finding the mystery tracks about 90 miles northeast of the nickel town of Laver-

ton. Muir works for the Agriculture Protection board. He said the tracks appeared to be those of a creature with a soft pad like a camel's and with two elongated toes, at least 10 inches long, on each foot. These seemed to be tipped with a hard toe-claw or nail which had kicked the dirt back slightly at each stride.

Muir said the aborigines described the creature as something like a caveman who carried a big club for a weapon. The mystery beast has been branded "the abominable spinifex man" (spinifex is a low-growing desert bush on which cattle graze and which carpets the outback). (Source: Rocky Mountain News, Sept. 1, 1970. Credit: Ken Steinmetz, Denver, Colorado)

SAUCER SIGHTING OVER NEW ZEALAND FARM

Mrs. F. Moreland, the wife of a farmer in the Blenheim area of New Zealand, reported to the Rev. L. Browning on the 14th of July, 1959, that on going to milk the cows at 5 a.m., the previous morning as was her custom, the whole paddock was suddenly lit by an eerie green light. She became frightened and ran towards some trees where she hid herself.

It was then that she saw a strange circular flying object hovering above the ground. "As it drifted slowly towards me," she said, "I noticed that it had two bands of jets all around like rays from the sun which whirled at great speed, accompanied by a loud humming noise."

"The top was made of some clear perspex-type of material and I could see two figures seated in the cabin. They were dressed similarly in almost skin-tight silvery suits like aluminum foil which gave off little points of light like aluminum does if it is crumpled and held under a light. Huge helmets covered their heads and took in almost from one shoulder tip to the other."

"Suddenly the rear figure stood up and leaned forward onto his hands and looked at something in front of him. There was a flickering light which was lighting up the figure in front but I could not see what it was. It has been suggested that it was a radar screen. Suddenly the rear figure sat down, the ship tilted slightly, the bands of jets stopped whirling, disappeared, then reappeared in the fixed sun's rays position and then shot straight up into the sky at a speed that had to be seen to be believed and with a high pitched shriek which was most unnerving."

"After a moment the air around me became noticeably warmer and there was a strong smell like burning pepper which seemed to stick in my throat for hours." (Cr: Michael Hervey)

WHAT THEY'RE DOING & SAYING

EARL NEFF is really busy since giving nationwide prominence to an Air Force textbook which warns cadets on the probability of UFOs and being operated by aliens. Long distance phone calls have been numerous; ABC-TV flew Neff to Chicago to do the Kennedy & Co. morning show; an hour-

long TV program for the Howard Miller Show; and on Nov. 13 was on the Alan Douglas radio show in Cleveland which is now heard in 38 states and Canada!.....HENRY MCKAY, an SS&S associate, was the guest of LOTTA DEMPSEY in her column in the Daily Star, Nov. 16 issue. The subject, of course, was UFOs and included a description of a visit to the U of T's Aerospace facilities just a couple of miles away from your editor's home..... CAROL HALFORD-WATKINS, editor of TOPSIDE, informed SS&S that her husband recently sustained several heart attacks but is regaining strength and we wish both of them our heartfelt best wishes.....RILEY CRABB, director of Borderland Sciences Research Associates gave two lectures in Toronto, one on UFOs and the other on white and black magic in Hawaii last Oct. 18th.Readers of SS&S in the Toronto area are urged to send the editor their phone numbers so that they can be notified in time for future lectures from UFO personalities.... JOHN KEEL informed us of a UFO flap in Arizona lately.....GIANNI SETTIMO, editor of Clypeus, an Italian UFOzine wrote us to say that SS&S will be displayed in his new Saucer Museum.....GLADYS FUSARO, long time correspondent with SS&S died of cancer last August on Long Island, N.Y.....The UFO Report Center of Cleveland, Ohio says the only major flap of any kind occurred in January in the Kansas area.....We understand that GABRIEL GREEN'S wife, Helen, passed on after a prolonged illness.....DORIS FICKELSHER of A.S.A. Confidential Newsletter has been attending the University of Niagara for several lectures on UFOs by a Prof. Norman Brennan who has done academic research for 23 years..... RICHARD WINER, a Ft. Lauderdale film producer has researched the "Bermuda Triangle" for two years and found that the only other place on Earth where the compass points true north is exactly 180 degrees through the center of the Earth from the Bermuda Triangle..... BILL VARNEDOE, rocket engineer and spelunker says, "Most of us can only dream of going into orbit. But tomorrow any of us could be standing where no man has ever been before - in a cave."The theme of the Midwest UFO Conference last June was "UFOs, An Unexplored Scientific Horizon"....PROF. ALLEN UTKE says, "Instead of welcoming the unknown, scientists have become defenders of the status quo." Utke is a university chemistry professor and a believer in UFOs.....SS&S will be listed in the Psychic Register International of Phoenix, Ariz., for those interested in paranormal activities, esoteric studies and metaphysics..... SS&S is also listed in Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory of New York which goes to libraries and businesses.....KURT GLEMSER is putting out a new quarterly called The Flying Saucer Collector" - articles from rare and out-of-print saucer magazines.

MORE DEFUNCT UFO CLUBS - For those of you who have the comprehensive UFO directory in our special publication "OUTERMOST" please delete the following: AFFA, Quebec; E.P.R.C.; UFOI of Calgary; Goodyear UFO Society; U.A.O. Investigation Group; UFO Info Bulletin; UFOsRO; U.P.I.A., South Australia. (Credit: Yves Breton, Wm. J. Finch)

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UFO MATERIAL FOR TRADE

Many UFO photos, slides, clippings, books and films to trade for other UFO photos, etc. I need the January 1958; June 1958 and Dec. 1963 issues of Sky & Telescope and any information relating to moon lights, bridges, domes, etc. Write to:

Ron Smotek, 5323 Cato Street,
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THOR HEYERDAHL'S STATEMENT CONCERNING LIGHTS
OBSERVED DURING THE RA II EXPEDITION IN 1970

Due to misleading press reports and a great number of requests resulting from the same, I would like to clarify the actual facts with the following statement.

Two of the lights observed by us had all the appearances of a usual orange colored signal flare sent up from a vessel on the horizon. There was nothing exceptional to these lights, other than the fact that no ship or ship lights were seen. This may be due to the fact that the vessel itself was behind the horizon, or else that the signals were sent up from a submarine surfacing during maneuver in international waters.

The third light seen was quite different. It appeared on June 30, 0.30 hours, and in the direction of about 300 to 310 degrees from our own position which at the time was about 15 degrees, 45'N and 47 degrees 10'W. When first observed it was a milky light, brighter than the brightest section of the Milky Way and shaped like a full moon rising like a mushroom without stem up from the horizon. It grew as three of us were observing it from the size of a rising moon to cover about 30 degrees of the compass before it faded away completely.

The sky was full of stars and there were no clouds. The effect was that of a city reflected in a hazy sky. It was not an object, although the contours were completely semi-circular, the second half of the lighting disk presumably continuing below the horizon.

The impression was that of some meteorite, if not part of a rocket having exploded into dust upon entering the atmosphere, the dust cloud growing bigger as it was heading for us, until it burnt up and disappeared entirely. (Italy, October 1, 1970. Credit: Colman Vonkevichsky, ICUFON, New York, N.Y.)

THE SILVER THREAD OF CALDWELL, N.J.

It apparently comes from nowhere and leads to nowhere...and yet it is very much there, a "silver thread" in the sky.

The thread, or wire, or whatever it is, has been suspended over the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Smith, 85 Forest Ave., Caldwell, since Sunday, and no one has yet solved the mystery of it all. Not Mrs. Smith, or her neighbors, nor the Caldwell police department who have sent men out twice to track the wire but have yet to come up with the beginning and end of it all.

Sometimes you see it. Sometimes you don't. It depends on how the sunlight strikes it. But it is no illusion. Too many people - including policemen and reporters have caught sight

of it to deny its existence. To some it looks like a strand from a giant cobweb stretching off into the clouds. Mrs. Smith says jokingly (she hopes) that it might be a direct line from the Martians. Someone said it could be a line dropped from the blimp that was cruising through West Essex skies. (Note: the Good-year blimp was cruising the N.Y.-N.J. area this summer.)

It looks rigid, as if it were a wire, not a string. It appears silver when the sunlight strikes it. On Monday it hung about 150 feet above the houses on Forest Avenue and Hillside Avenue. By Tuesday, it seemed limper to Mrs. Smith and other observers, as if one of its ends - wherever that is, had loosened. It also seemed lower in the sky. The Caldwell police tried to trace it on Monday, found signs of it up Hillside and down toward West Caldwell, but lost it in the clouds before tracking down the origins. They looked again on Tuesday with the same nebulous results.

The mystery of the silver thread among the clouds has yet to be solved. It all looks perfectly innocent and harmless - but where does it come from, where does it go, and why? (The Progress, Aug. 6, 1970, Caldwell, N.J. Credit: John A. Keel, N.Y., N.Y.)

FOLLOWUP TO ABOVE STORY...by John A. Keel...

Dr. Berthold Schwarz and other investigators in the area visited the Smith family and viewed the hanging "silver thread". It was visible periodically throughout the month of August. Since it remained stationary, dangling from the clear sky, it could not have been attached to a renegade kite or balloon.

On the afternoon of Monday, Aug. 31, 1970, Mrs. Smith heard a "loud thunderclap which she attributed to a jet breaking the sound barrier", according to Dr. Schwarz. Simultaneous with that a window fan fell out of her second floor window (first time for such) and shortly thereafter she noted that the string-whatsit had fallen to the ground. As promised on 8/28 she obtained a specimen for me and then phoned the police according to her previous agreement... They came at 3:30 a.m. to take the stuff remaining on the ground away." (My italics. JAK)

The substance proved to be nylon fishline. We visited a kite store in New York to compare it with the strings being sold. It did not match any of the types available. It is quite stiff, more like a fiber from a plastic broom, and is translucent. The terrain involved rules out simple explanations, such as something dangling from the roof of a taller building. Mrs. Smith mentioned that she had heard that the string, or another one like it, has also been seen in the neighboring town of Fairfield, N.J.

Be wary of 'invaders'

By Joseph Hewitt

In "The Puppet Masters" and "Sinister Barrier", Robert A. Heinlein and Eric Frank Russell chose for their themes the idea of "beings" or energy-blobs of some sort, invading Earth (they were invisible to human vision) and permeating people of both sexes. The idea was that only a few at a time would be invaded to prevent awareness and of course consequent panic among those effected.

Maybe, just maybe, some of you have become uneasy, a sort of vague unformulated uneasiness, about the feminist movement, or "NCW" as an example? (There are others, and they are growing - or should we say - more and more permeations are taking place).

Only the other day did I recall the Heinlein-Russell theory, when I noticed a news item that should have been given wider scope...where beings of an entirely different sort, contented with nothing less than rule of the planet Earth, have to be reckoned with.

There's the odd one, the very odd one of the feminist movement trying to tell us something. Simultaneously, I believe Heinlein and Russell to be wrong in their assumption that homosapiens of both sexes would be permeated. Only certain distaff members would be selected it appears now.

However, getting back to this one instance. The clue, the give-away, (call it what you like) is actually to be found in the title of a tune sung by what I believe to be an "invadee" for want of a better term, entitled "Trapped in This Body; Trapped in This Brain." Damn it, if that doesn't vindicate Heinlein and Russell, what does?

This song is warbled (clued) by the protagonist of a current feminist New York show called "Mod Donna". How she's able to break the master's control long enough to give out this information, or tip-off, or what-have-you, is positively amazing. However, the cat's out of the bag now.

Another thing, Heinlein claimed an invadee would show a slight hump on his or her back. He was wrong. Most of them look quite normal.

That's the dangerous part! ☐

Science-fiction used to assume that in order to take over the world, robots would look like human beings. However, they have decided to by-pass that particular handicap.

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Is it Still Happening? - YES!

By George D. Fawcett

Dec.29, 1969 - one half dozen of UFO photographs taken at Nebraska City, Nebraska by two boys. UFO 30-35 ft. diameter. Jan.1, 1970 - UFO with 'two occupants' reported by nurses at Cowichan Hospital, Cowichan, B.C. Jan. 8 - Two young men skiing at Imijarva, Finland rendered sick by a hovering UFO that gave off a dazzling light. Jan.28 & 30 - Fruit truck and car reported "buzzed" and "chased" by UFOs near Cassia and Paisley, Fla. Feb. 10 - At 8:30 p.m., 15 year old girl reported a saucer-shaped UFO 25 feet in diameter hovering 50 feet above the electrical transmitters at Coyote Point, near San Mateo, Cal. UFO had red and blue lights. Feb.28 - Five UFOs reported by State Troopers, tracked on radar screens near Culbertson, Nebraska and reported from Colorado Springs. March 21 - A Scranton, Pa. man reported that his car had been followed by a UFO, which at times hovered above his car at 10 p.m., confirmed by State Police. March 24 - A white UFO that rose from a field and soared over an automobile was reported to have frightened eyewitnesses at Balltown, Iowa. March 26 - Photographer Richard Pipes of Amarillo, Texas obtained a photograph of a UFO, flying at an altitude of 2,500 feet. March 27 - Five teenagers watched three UFOs for five minutes being chased by a jet plane near Ronda, North Carolina between 9 and 9:15 p.m. The UFOs had steady red and white lights. April 18 - At Mildura, Australia, several persons reported seeing a large saucer-like UFO having lights around its edge flying low near an aerodrome at 10:20 p.m. April 22 - Two women reported a saucer-shaped UFO hovering 60 feet above a plowed field for three minutes at Blytheville, Arkansas. The UFO had a small white light, made a 'cranked up' whistling sound and moved out of sight in a few seconds. Now under investigation by Blytheville Air Force Base?? May 26 - Two UFOs were tracked on radar scopes at Tampa Airport and MacDill Air Force Base in Florida. FAA officials reported the UFOs were flying at about 600 miles per hour and that fighter planes from the North American Air Defense Command sent to chase the UFOs did not make contact with them. The last two cases raised the question "Why does the AF continue to track, chase and investigate the so-called non-existent UFOs?" We were told that they had closed down PROJECT BLUE BOOK! Have they? ☐

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OBJECT CROSSES MOON'S FACE

V.L. Stanley-Jones was visiting friends on the evening of April 23, 1970 and set up a telescope through which everyone had a look at the moon. Marvin Wood, a young man stayed outside and later saw a black speck move across the face of the moon while viewing thru the scope.

By the time everyone got outside again, the object was gone. The next day, Mr. Jones was informed by phone that a Dr. Pawlowski and his daughter saw some thing about 9 to 9:30 p.m. which looked like a comet in the East below and left of the moon. It moved down leaving a tail behind it and they saw it for 3-5 minutes until it disappeared behind some trees. (Credit: V.L. Stanley-Jones, Duncan, B.C.)

STRANGE ANIMAL AT LARGE

Several persons in April, 1970, reported seeing an animal either along the highway or in the woods. Mike Busby said he was attacked by it when he left his car about half a mile south of the Goose Pit on Route 3 near Cairo, Ill.

He claims the animal came at him rearing up as if to get at his throat. He said he grabbed it by the mouth and held it shut to prevent being bitten. His clothing was torn and he was scratched. (Source: Citizen, Cairo, Ill. Credit: Loren Coleman, Dedatur, Ill.)

SASQUATCH DATA FED INTO COMPUTER

John Green, publisher of the Agassiz-Harrison Advance in B.C., says that a Salt Lake City movie company is using a computer to keep track of sightings of the legendary creature. Ten persons are working in B.C., California, Oregon and Washington talking with persons who have seen or found tracks of a Sasquatch. (There is no truth in the rumor that the Sasquatch was first sighted in the prairie province of "Sasquatchewan" -GD)

ANGEL HAIR FOUND IN OKLAHOMA CITY

Tony Kimery was with a friend in the latter part of 1969 not long after sunset and was still light out. While walking down the hallway of an apartment they saw some material which had drifted in the open window. It was sticky and dissolved in the hand. Looking outside, Tony noticed a large, round, bright object appearing to reflect the sunlight. It was bright at first, turned dim, brightened again and then faded from sight. Large quantities of the "hair" were strewn about over fences and grass and in a straight line with the UFO. Other deposits were found in nearby areas upon investigation.

A LOOK AT BOOKS

Though UFO books are fast disappearing from bookstore shelves, and not because they are popular, but because they just aren't selling, we've received more books than ever from hopefuls desiring to get their story across to an apparently apathetic public. It's unfortunate that a lull is upon us at this time but if you still are in the market for more of this type of reading material, here are more reviews to help make up your mind and in some cases, where they can be obtained directly.

THE SILVER BRIDGE - by Gray Barker.

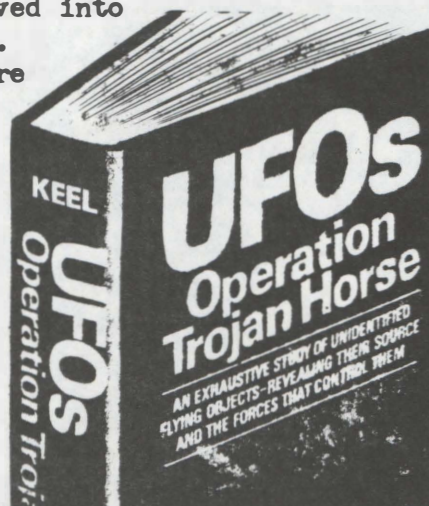
This is a most difficult book to review as Barker's literary style is quite different from anything he has done before. He almost waxes poetic as he describes events and people who make up the storyline. Basically a true story of the gigantic bird-like creature called "Mothman" by witnesses and the tale of Woodrow Derenberger who says he was stopped on a dark, lonely highway by a space man, Indrid Cold, from the planet Lanulos, Barker takes liberties to dress up the tale with skillful usage of the English language. The title is really a mis-nomer, as it was only a part of the whole story of Mothman, when the bridge at Point Pleasant, W.Va., fell into the river at the time the bird creature was seen in the vicinity. Hardcover, \$6.95 Saucerian Publications.

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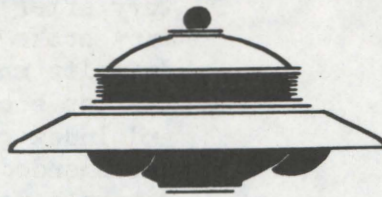
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