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LOOKING FORWARD

by the C.U.N. Council

In the long vacancy period since the last issue of NOTIZIARIO UFO appeared in the newsstands, C.U.N. has not died. Indeed it's more lively than ever, after reviewing its own structure in a critical and selective way, while a new internal newsletter, QUADERNI UFO, kept our members posted. And now here we are again, though we will no longer publish 20,000 copies per issue.

On July 8, 1980, our President spoke upon invitation before the British House of Lords about UFOs. His paper was then requested and published in the RIVISTA AERONAUTICA (Aeronautics Review) official journal of the Italian Air Force. After that some more articles were requested and published both in such review and in the NOTIZIARIO DI AVIAZIONE (Air Force Newsletter), where the Centro Ufologico Nazionale is presented as the only civilian organization in Italy qualified for seriousness and competence. It's even been rumoured that NOTIZIARIO UFO was indeed still being published, in the pages of the Air Force journal. Of course it's not so, but our relations with the Military Authorities have never been better.

NOTE: This issue tries and covers the two past years and it contains the last parts of interrupted articles from earlier issues.

U F O s I N C H I N A

by E. Russo

A detailed account is presented of the Chinese UFO and ufology story, since the first years, the rare dripping of unverified news in the 50's and 60's, the following evolution which took to the creation of a Chinese ufological association, the known recent reports, older cases, military involvement, an abduction and the recent treatise with the USA, mentioning UFO information exchanges.

U F O N E W S

- THE SOUND OF THE UFO

by J. A. Hynek

Case history of a recorded UFO sound in Oregon, from the International UFO Reporter.

- CUN AT CUFOS CONFERENCE

by L. Parenti

A brief survey of the Second Conference held by CUFOS in Chicago in September 1981.

- ITALY-USA A CONSOLIDATING RELATIONSHIP

by R. Pinotti

Impressions and comments by our President about his visit in the USA to attend the CUFOS Conference, personal guest at Hynek's home.

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THE ARMS OF THE HUMANOIDS -Part 3

by P. Toselli

Third and last part of a long article about those "instruments" sometimes held by entities in CE-III reports. Seventy-three case histories from all over the world were presented in the first part; an analysis of the effect of the arm-like objects on human witnesses and the induced paralysis phenomenon formed the second part. In this third one, the torch-like, camera-like and tool-like objects are analyzed and commented. The author presents some reflections on the theme "why the armes" and, though not willing to make some conclusions, stress the links and adaptation of the phenomenon to the witness.

ITALIAN CASE HISTORIES - THE YEAR 1980

by G. P. Grassino & M. Nebbia

Short summaries of about 60 UFO/IFO reports in CUN files for 1980 are presented with the only aim of informing of their existence. Full sources available from CUN Data Bank at reproduction cost. Not included in the list the November 11th reports (about 100) which will be fully analyzed later. Witness names are reported only if already published elsewhere, according to recent decisions by the CUN Council in order to protect witnesses from undesired publicity.

Here follows a translation of the most interesting cases.

January 10, at 06:00 - Fabbrico (province of Reggio Emilia)

Mrs Luciana Bianchi is walking to work when she is enveloped in an orange light from above, which "blocks" her, mostly in the right part of her body. After about a minute the light is "sucked" up again and the witness can see a "priest-hat like" body, red in color, moving away very low and noiseless. Other witnesses. (Investigated by L. Bartoli & M. Bertolani, CUN-Reggio E.)

January (several days and hours) - Trento

Mr Vittorio Benetti watches for longer than one month "a spacecraft flying over Trento from south to west at about 50,000-20,000 meters" between 17:00 and 19:00. The witness describes the "spacecraft" in detail, with even the "pilots" within, at their places. After investigation it is shown that it was but the planet Venus looked at by the witness through an old binocular on each evening through the closed window, with all possible refraction effects.

("L'Adige", 31/1/80; inv. A. Cortellazzi & F. Girardi, CUN-Trento)

February 26, at 18:45 - Ancona

Members of a RAI-TV troupe coming back from external shots watches a star-like light moving in the sky for about 15 minutes, when the light accelerates and moves away. After an initial malfunctioning of the electronically automatic focus of their TV camera, witnesses are able to film the light (a second evolving light is visible in the film).

(Inv. G. Scozzari, CUN-Ancona)

March 11, at 22:00 - Cosenza

Barman Francesco Fragale with his parents at home hears strange rustling noises from outside and tappings on the windows. After opening the door he finds what he calls "a Martian, but without light, black, taller than two meters: like an all-black gorilla, giant, soundless, for just a few seconds. I just saw it beside me. Had he lifted his hand he'd have caught me". Frightened, he shuts the door and calls the police, which finds nothing.

("Gazzetta del sud", 15/3/80 and 16/3/80)

March 21, at 01:15 - Gioia del Colle (pr. Bari)

18-year-old Paride Orfei (son of the "Orfei Circus" owner, Nando Orfei) and his friend Phelipe Gonzales are talking when they see a moving light in the cloudy sky, on the movements of which their testimonies disagree, for some tens of seconds. On the following morning, Gonzales finds his quartz-watch stopped at 1:15 and his left wrist with an oval-shaped burn exactly where the watch was. Orfei has similar, smaller circular burns on his belly where he had two jeans studs.

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(Inv. by A. Santoro (CSR, Barletta), by F. Dicorato & F. Ferrara (CUN-Barletta), by M. Pelillo & F. Valloni (CUN-Taranto), by G. P. Cappabianca & F. Cascella (Alpha Centauri, Barletta), by E. Morricone & E. Russo (CUN-Torino))

April 21, after midnight - Melilli (pr. Siracusa)

Photographer Antonio Garofalo is driving home with his wife and daughter when the car motor suddenly dies and the steering-wheel loses stability. Stopping the car they see a rather low, disc-shaped object seeming to approach the ground. An orange beam and shining blue lights are seen on the above part of it. After the sighting the car works regularly.

("Diario di Siracusa," 22/4/80)

May 14, at 23:00 - Briatico (pr. Catanzaro)

Antonio Commerci and three other fishers offshore see two lights in the water, one white, the other red. The boat motor dies while approaching. They can finally retrieve a cylindrical, metallic, red object with an antenna, which is later identified as a soviet hydrophonic buoy.

(Inv. M. Coppetti, SUF-Firenze)

October 2, at 15:20 - Venezia

TV-news cameraman Gabriele Coassin sees in his camera and films a greenish globe hovering, then moving sunwards and dropping into the sun. Technician Roschowitz confirms having seen the object naked-eyed, and journalist Besek says he noted a stronger light when inside a nearby house. Coassin himself later identifies the phenomenon as a bad working of his automatic focus, stimulating green sensors while accidentally pointing towards the sun.

(Inv. M. Caruso (CUN-Treviso) & A. Chiumiento (CUN-Pordenone))

H U M A N O I D S A T G A L L I O - Part 2

by A. Chiumiento

On November 24, 1978 Angelo D'Ambros, 61, retired, was wood-collecting in the Gastagh area outside Gallio (province of Vicenza). At 11:45, while turning to put down a branch, he was horrified in seeing closest to him two "unhuman beings" hovering at about 40 cm. above the ground. One was 1.20 m. tall, the other one was some 20 cm. smaller. Very thin, a yellowish skin so stretched on the bones that big veins were visible on the hands and head of the taller entity, large hairless elongated (pear-shaped) heads with enormous vertical pointed ears, they had large eyelidless embedded eyes, a big nose arriving till under the above lip. From just under their knees up to their neck the entities were covered by a dark adherent overall, covering the arms up to the wrist and leaving only head, hands, rest of legs and feet uncovered. Hands and feet were very large with very long fingers and toes with rather long "nails".

At first the entities were side by side, then the smaller one began to move sideways with very fast darts without moving his feet, as if sliding, so producing a light sound of moving air and a vegetation rustle when touching the lower branches with his pointed ears. After crying for help, the witness asked the entities repeatedly who they were and what they wanted, but the only answer were incomprehensible mumblings from the mouth of the smaller one. Then the taller one, which was nearly motionless in front of the witness, tried to take the pruning knife he had in his hand; the man resisted and the entity tried again, by catching the knife closer to the handle: this time the man felt like a light electric shock; the third time the entity used both his hands and an extraordinary strenght, but the man did not leave his only weapon and resisted desperately though distinctly feeling again an electric shock in his hand and long his arm. So he took up with his left hand a big branch to hit the entity, but they both fled. He ran behind them long the mule track, though losing them in the turns, till he found himself in a clearing where, 20-30 meters away from him, a strange "oblong object" was resting on the ground up on four legs. A little dome above, the disc-shaped was red in its upper part, white in a central streak and blue in the lower part, with grey legs, the whole thing looking like metallic. The "disc" was four meters long and two meters tall. The man saw one of those long hands shutting a porthole from inside the dome, then

the object took off trasversally at a fantastic speed, noiselessly, leaving a red flame behind.

In the clearing a nearly circular area was later found and seen by the witness and his son-in-law, 3.5 meters in diameter, where the grass looked blackened and like oil-dirty, clearly crushed anticlockwise. Two U-shaped imprints, 20 cm. long and 3 cm. deep, were found too. The traces were no longer visible (under the snow) when CUN field investigators A. Chiumento and S. Formilan could get on the spot.

The author reviews a series of sightings in the area that same day.

A full English-language report by the author is available upon request.

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