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### EDITORIAL

By Mentz Kaarbø p. 3

This issue is marked by few but thorough articles. For that reason we have to postpone our astrology and astronomy columns. In addition to the latest reports we present a lot of supplementary material. We also get an instruction on how to make a «real» UFO photo with simple means. In connection with the «Pioneer Project» introduced in the previous issue, we bring you an article based on a report of a possible close encounter. Last year, three women in the eastern part of Norway experienced a time loss of about an hour. At the same time they observed a strange, rocket-like phenomenon. Jan M. Junge (M.D.) has been in touch with them concerning possible hypnotic regression. He has also written an article for our readers on hypnosis as therapy and a means to call forth repressed memories. Erling Strand, responsible for PROJECT HESSDALEN, was in northwestern Australia last year to investigate earthlight phenomena. In his article he brings impressions from his journey and presents some of the observations and registrations that were made.

### NORWEGIAN SIGHTINGS

By Odd-Gunnar Røed pp. 4-14

This winter, quite a few people have seen a glaring light disappearing slowly in the west. It was estimated to be from 500 m to a few kilometers away. Since people all over the country have observed this phenomenon at the same time, at the same cardinal point, etc, this indicates that it is indeed the same object, and that the distance is considerable. In all likelihood, the phenomenon is the planet Venus.

#### Songe in Aust-Agder, 16 May 1978

About 8 p.m. a 22-year-old man drove his car towards Arendal when the engine suddenly stalled. As he got out of the car, he became aware of two things: an oncoming Opel with the same problem - and a large object with searchlights hovering above the tree tops some 10 m away. The man stood paralysed for about 10 minutes. The person in the Opel, a woman, did not get out of the car. Suddenly, the searchlights went out, and the «thing» turned out over the Songevatn lake and disappeared in the sky with a whizzing sound. Presently, the woman drove off and was not heard from since. The man felt unwell for several days afterwards, and his wristwatch stopped 24 hours after the incident. The craft appeared to be about 50 m long, 15 m broad and 10 m tall.

#### Vassdalsvik at Meloy in Nordland in the evening of 6 February 1985

The observer was on his way to catch a ferry when he noticed a disk-shaped object that seemed to be standing on the ground by means of four or five powerful light rays in the mountainside. The object was several meters in diameter. The distance was between 100 and 150 m. Seized with a sudden fear, the man drove off at full speed. The newspapers suggested that he had seen Venus, which is unlikely since the light was observed below local horizon.

#### Ankenesfjellet at Narvik in Nordland, 20 October 1987

Two adults and seven young people were at a cottage when they late at night saw 6 to 8 lights in the sky. The lights moved up and down, then forward, as if they were «writing» the letter H. They were so powerful that they lit up the surroundings. One of the lights made a «loop». At dawn, the lights disappeared towards the east, slower than a plane. One of the adults was later questioned by the immigration police.

#### Skedsmo Church by Skedsmokorset in Akershus, January/February 1994

A 20-year-old woman was out for a walk at 2 a.m. when she heard a piercing sound that grew louder and louder. About 100 m above her she saw several large, red-orange lights that were located symmetrically opposite one another. The lights approached the ground, at the same time gliding towards the east. They disappeared behind some trees beside a schoolhouse. The phenomenon appeared to be more than 20 m long and flew at a speed of 30 to 40 kilometers per hour.

#### Evje in Aust-Agder, 13 July 1995

Two cars drove together from the south towards Evje when the six passengers - two families - noticed a cigar-shaped object in the sky. It had no wings or tail unit, and was bluish bright in colour. The object flew parallel to the road and would occasionally stand still in midair. When the families finally found a place to stop, the object was about to fly behind a mountain. As one of the observers was going to record the phenomenon on video, there was a gleam of light and the object disappeared behind the mountain. Curiously enough, it later turned out that they had not perceived the exact same thing: one of them saw several flashes of light before the object vanished before her eyes. Immediately after, she heard the others call out that it had gone behind the mountain.

#### Between Los Angeles and Phoenix, Arizona, 25 July 1995

At night, a 21-year-old Norwegian student and his girlfriend drove between L.A. and Phoenix when they

noticed several lights in the sky. They pulled over at a graveled road and got out of the car. Several fighter planes pursued the UFOs but were outmanoeuvred all the time. Occasionally, the UFOs passed right above the two observers. At most there were 10 UFOs and just as many fighter planes in the sky. Soon after, the fighters flew south towards the air base in Yuma. The spectacle was still going on when the couple drove on. The following day, when the girl went back the same way, there were two military officials there asking questions to everyone present. The student's wristwatch reset itself during the UFO sighting.

#### Vikedal at Ålvik in Hordaland, August 1995

A 70-year-old man was out for his customary walk in the woods when a disk-shaped object enveloped in an intense light came towards him at an estimated speed of 200 to 300 kilometers per hour and stopped right above his head, making a whizzing, rumbling noise. It was so close he could have hit it with his cane.

#### Skien in Telemark, 21 October 1995

A woman was out in the park one night when she noticed what she assumed to be a star. A while later, she saw small, red lights on this «star». It came up on the side of her with a rumbling sound, and she thought it was a plane. All of a sudden, the light went out, and it was quiet. The woman looked up and saw a metallic bottom with a large, circular hole in the middle. The size was 5 to 10 m in diameter. The object shone in blue. Around the edge of the hole there were small windows or lamps that bulged outwards. Immediately after, the red lights were turned on, and the craft took off at an angle of 90 degrees to the speed direction. Then the white light was turned on, and the object rumbled off like an aeroplane.

#### Fidjeland at Tjørholm in Vest-Agder in the evening of 29 October, 1995

«About one kilometer from our house there is a barrage 90 m tall. I was out on the balcony and noticed a glaring light on the left side of the barrage. At first, I thought it might be an excavator. But it was not a workday, and it was late in the evening. After a couple of minutes the searchlight went out and an object ascended with glimmering lights. It came directly towards the east, glimmering alternately in green and orange (at the rear and in front). I observed the object in my binoculars and saw two yellow-white lights on its sides, like a quadrangle. The object disappeared over a mountain. The weather was nice, but no sound could be heard.»

#### Klæbu in Sor-Trøndelag, 27 November 1995

A live-in couple saw a large, yellow-white and soundless sphere hovering above Mount Vassfjellet for about 1,5 minutes. Then it started moving, making a high and whistling noise. Its colour changed from red to red/green/white. The woman took pictures of the object. It moved towards the southeast, then northwest towards Bratsberg. At first, the speed was fairly high. Then the object stood still at a low altitude, glimmering red. Above Bratsberg the colour grew more intensely reddish, and the object seemed to be landing. Ten minutes later the observers got in touch with the local radar station. It proved unlikely

that they had seen a plane. The pictures taken seem good and will be examined by UFO-Norway.

#### Gjettum at Sandvika in Akershus, 13 February 1996

A 76-year-old architect from Gjettum had a peculiar experience outside his house. «In the morning I caught sight of a huge, cylindrical object with blunt ends. It was white, and there were no signs of wings, tail section or windows. It moved soundlessly from the east towards the west some 500 m above me. After a few minutes it disappeared behind a hill.»

#### Hemsedal in Buskerud in the evening of 20 February, 1996

A 50-year-old woman had been visiting her sister-in-law in Hemsedal. «We saw three large, pulsating lights outside the cottage, each of them more intense than a star. One of the lights suddenly transformed into a red light that rose and vanished. After a while it cropped up again. The other two lights moved north towards a lake 3 kilometers away. There was no sound. While I was driving home, something large with two pulsating lights came over the car from behind. I got out of the car to make sure it wasn't a plane. The phenomenon was soundless. As I drove on, the object disappeared over the tree tops. The craft was about 40 m away, and about 15 m in diameter.

#### UFO photographed over Hemsedal, Easter 1953

At noon, a married couple was making a skiing trip above the timber line in Hemsedal Valley. The wife caught sight of a luminous, reddish sphere that moved slowly, disappearing into a cloud. She managed to take pictures of the phenomenon. The illuminated sphere was the size of the sun, with distinct colours plus a «tail» stretching behind the actual sphere. The pictures were put in the family album, and were not taken out until the 90s. Our expert on film and photo first thought there was a drop of water on the film, but eventually he had to acknowledge that there is no immediate phototechnical explanation of the phenomenon. The large, extended «tail» cannot be formed by occasional drops. Besides, one cannot ignore the fact that the woman saw something in the sky that day. UFO-Norway does not discount the possibility that it might be a meteor approaching the earth in a horizontal orbit through the atmosphere. We will consult an astrophysicist, who may be able to shed more light on the matter.

#### **Strange light phenomena were Venus**

*By Mentz Kaarbo p. 11*

In the evening of 13 February both NRK1 and TV2 reported that a strange, apparently motionless light phenomenon had been observed above Oslo during the evening hours. The phenomenon seemed to move slowly eastwards. The report was illustrated by a video recording. At first, one could see a faint light in the far distance. Then it was zoomed in, and the light grew brighter. Having consulted the almanac, yours truly and Odd-Gunnar Roed at the Report Centre found that it was most likely an observation of VENUS! Roed contacted NRK and TV2 plus a news agency and two newspapers to present our view of the matter. Sure enough - the following day NRK and TV2 admitted the blunder; it was Venus that had been observed. It is no wonder that certain news editorials were hauled over the coals after this.

## **BALL LIGHTNING**

*By Knut Berg p. 14.*

I will tell you about two strange strokes of lightning at our cottage by the Heleskil mountains furthest out in the Oslo Fjord. The cottage is surrounded by rock bed and pine trees, and its cellar has a damp rock floor. The first incident took place in the 60s or 70s. A «minilightning» struck the window frame, penetrated it and ended in the ring on my uncle's finger. He was sitting close to the window but got off without a scratch. The mid-80s saw the next incident: I and 7 or 8 others were sitting in the sofa when there was this deafening lightning. A flame half a metre tall sprung up from the flooring boards and vanished just as quickly. Where did the lightning strike? The floor was not damaged on either side. Theoretically, the lightning may have struck close by the cottage and followed a vein of water or the damp bedrock up through the living-room floor. «Lightning experts» may be able to explain why it chose this path.

## **UFO-photo unraveled!**

*By Odd-Gunnar Røed p. 15*

The picture of two mysterious «horns» jutting out of the cloud cover was taken last year from an airliner on the approach to Stavanger Airport, Sola. This mystery has now been unravelled. The phenomenon is the world's tallest and largest crane ship, Italian Micoperi 7000. The gigantic crane towers 220 m above sea level, and can easily be seen from a great distance, even in fog. The vessel is usually in port north of Stavanger. At low cloud cover the boom tips often protrude from the clouds, and are thus visible to air traffic.

## **The front cover photo p.16**

On the front cover of the periodical we have tried to «con» you with a «genuine» UFO photo. It is, however, a photomontage, made 5 years ago (picture inside the magazine). The object is a carved Adamski-inspired tree box held hovering by means of a fishing rod. This is a common and simple cheating method. But there are ways of exposing these. You will notice that the photo on the cover is more coarse-grained, because it has been blown up. This gives ground for suspicion. One may also make a computer analysis of the photograph, which efficiently will expose whether or not one is faced with a fraud.

## **CLOSE ENCOUNTER AT RÅDE IN ØSTFOLD**

*By Odd-Gunnar Røed pp. 18-19.*

A quarter to two in the night of 25 to 26 August 1995: Three women, «Eva», «Berit» and «Kari», drove from Fredrikstad towards Moss. We let the driver, Eva, recount the episode: «At Gressviksletta Berit exclaims that she sees a UFO. We get out of the car and look for the object. It looks like a flying star, and moves out of sight behind a cloud. We drive on, and notice that the headlights don't work. A while later they're turned on again. After a time, in Røde, a rocket-like object suddenly approaches us. It stops for a moment in midair, then races off at an incredible speed on the left-hand side of the road. As we drive on again, the headlights go out once more. Something happens to the engine too, as if it lacks petrol or has a low battery. We notice that the streetlights have been turned off. Another peculiar thing is the time factor. We left Fredrikstad at quarter to two and arrived in Moss at

three-twenty. We had taken 1 hour and 35 minutes on a stretch it usually takes us 35 to 40 minutes to cover.» The women estimated the object to be about 10 m away from the car. It was 10 to 15 m long. Parallel to this incident, Eva's husband experienced something peculiar. Around 02.15 he smelled a sulphurous smell in the living room. At quarter to three he opened the door to the veranda and smelled the smell shortly before it vaporised. His computer acted strangely at this point. When Eva came home at three-thirty, he smelled «a sulphurous whiff from her hair that immediately vaporised». Had the husband's experience got anything to do with that of the women? Could the strong family tie have transmitted parts of his wife's experiences psychically? This is something UFO-Norway has difficulty in making a decision on, but we would like to hear from experts in this field. What about the loss of time? Have the women had a joint experience where they all play a part? Both Eva and Kari have been lacking energy after the incident. Moreover, they have been dizzy, bled from the nose and suffered from intense dreams. There has already been a meeting between Dr. Jan Marius Junge, «Eva», «Kari» and UFO-Norway. The women are willing to undergo hypnosis in an attempt to unravel what has been going on the missing hour. UFO-Norway has no reason to doubt their story. We will come back to this case in issue no. 2 1996.

## **THE UFO PHENOMENON AND HYPNOSIS**

*By Jan Marius Junge, M.D. p. 19*

Hypnosis has been widely used to uncover hidden memories of claimed fourth degree encounters with aliens, particularly in the USA. An advanced type of hypnosis has been used, the so-called regression-therapy. The author expresses concern, like many others, that many therapists are not really qualified for this work, and thereby puts their clients in danger of developing psychic problems. Usually the client, and also the therapist, fully believes the information that are revealed, but we cannot know if it's just a «trick» of the subconscious mind. The author states that the experts of the hypnosis profession, agree that there is no evidence of the credibility of such information.

It is referred to a Norwegian CE-IV encounter witness, «Finn C», who some years ago experienced something that he thinks may be a close «encounter». For 10 years he restrained the experience, but then he read the book *Who am I?* by Rauni Leena Luukanen, which deals with similar experiences, and has caused much debate in Norway. Then he became interested in hypnotherapy and went through several sessions, Jan Marius Junge (the author) being one of the therapists. Mr. Junge has also met four other persons who claim to have experienced close encounters. The story of «Finn C» was printed in no. 3-4 1995 of *UFO*.

## **THE ROSWELL FILM - A 16 mm NIGHTMARE!**

*By Odd-Gunnar Røed pp. 22-28.*

The author takes a look at various arguments in favour and disfavour of the credibility of the Roswell autopsy film. He thinks the behaviour and doings of Mr. Ray Santilli and Mr. Volker Spielberg in this matter are quite suspicious. Why did they not accept a full analysis of the film by the Kodak Company? They would be the only authorized institution to do this. Mr. Røed and four other persons in Europe were invited to a «secret» meeting in London in October 1995.

There they were prospected a meeting with the alleged cameraman, «JB». Then came a message that the meeting was cancelled, because the «secrecy» was broken, and the date was known on the Mufonet/Paranet electronic network in the USA! The other invited guests, Michael Heseman, Philip Mantle, Bob Shell and Maurizio Baiata, all felt that the whole thing had to be a hoax.

In the article Mr. Røed describes the well known discussions of details in the scenery of the autopsy «room». The telephone and it's curled wire: did this type exist in 1947? When it comes to an analysis of the film, there is a quotation from Peter Milson's (of the Kodak Company) letter to BUFORA (26 January 1996), and an answer from Bob Shell to Mr. Milson. They contain a discussion of possible techniques for such an analysis.

Furthermore, Odd-Gunnar Røed mentions the flow of rumours around these matters, and is not surprised if the readers of *UFO* and other publications are totally confused. We have the «original» Roswell crash, and in another version, «JB» - the «cameraman's» version, a new crash-site, some 240 kilometers away! And on different dates as well! Then there is the description of beings with *four* fingers on their limbs, but in the film it's suddenly *six*! Was there four or five «humanoids», and did one or more of them survive the crash?

Mr. Røed states that the extensive attention the «Roswell Incident», and the film, receives all over the world, is a good thing. This will certainly contribute to uncover the truth one day. The first step is to determine the truth about the film itself. Then the question of the crash will of course still be there.

#### **Autopsy of humanoids - some critical remarks**

*By Ole Jonny Brønne pp. 25-27.*

Mr. Brønne presents an analysis of the autopsy performed in the «tent scene», mainly based on an article by Kent Jeffrey in the *MUFON UFO Journal*, (no. 335, March 1995), but also his own and other investigators points of view. He begins with stating his disbelief that this film has anything to do with the Roswell crash.

1. The the four/six finger controversy.
2. The allegation from «JB», the cameraman, that the incident was in June 1947 and not 2-4 July.
3. The time used to perform the autopsy. The wall clock indicates three hours, which would be far too short.
4. The description of characters of writing on the parts of the wreck. Why would an alien civilization use the roman alphabet!
5. «JB» claims that he was present as a cameraman at the Trinity Tests, (the first atomic bomb), but documents show that no military camera personnel were present. («JB» claims to have been military personnel).
6. «JB» further claims to have been present to film a testing of the McDonnell X-20 helicopter. This claim is denied by McDonnell Douglas.
7. Ray Santilli promised to make a part of the film accessible to Kodak for tests. Still no one has seen proof that the «original» film actually exists.
8. Various confusing assertions from Mr. Santilli on «JB», or Jack Barnett's identity. He seems to have «borrowed» the name from a person that died in 1967, who never was a military photographer.
9. The «film collector» Volker Spielberg claims to have

bought the autopsy film from Santilli, but actually he is in close cooperation with him. He denies the world's right to see the film.

10. The security codes seen in the «tent-scene» are declared fraudulent by the USAF.

11. In distributed video-copies of the film, by May 1995, the autopsy itself is missing. Rumours of the film came already in 1993. The conclusion is that Mr. Santilli has had more than time enough to, possibly, produce the film and test reactions and interest among UFO-investigators.

#### **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AUSTRALIA?**

*By Erling Strand. pp. 29-34.*

In recent years there have been observations of «strange lights» in the north-west of Australia, resembling those seen in Hessdalen in Norway during the first half of the 1980's.

In Australia they are called «Min-min Lights», after an hotel in the area where they are most frequent. Mr. Strand travelled with Paul Deveraux, who has written several books about the UFO-phenomena, and is well known for his theories on «earthlights». Mr. Deveraux's work are again influenced by Michael Persinger's «Tectonic Strain Theory». For a couple of years, Mr. Deveraux now has been working with the «ICRL» - «International Consciousness Research Laboratories» at Princeton University in USA. They are performing a «Scientific Study on Consciousness-Related Physical Phenomena».

In other words, Mr. Deveraux and his colleagues are trying to show that mysterious lights seen over the whole world for hundreds of years, may be a natural phenomenon, and hardly extra-terrestrial.

(Mr. Kaarbo presented two sidebars on these subjects in connection to Mr. Strands article, namely «Paul Deveraux and Earth Lights» and «Princeton Engineering Anomalies Research» - PEAR).

Mr. Strand also engaged Lloyd Miller from Real World Studios in London, to prepare a coverage for Channel Four Television. Various technical instruments and equipment was gathered from the University of Bergen in Norway and from «Høgskolen i Østfold» (The Academy of Østfold). The most essential instrument was a magnetometer. There were also antennas, printers, cables and video recorders and a spectrum analyser. For electric power they had a petrol-fueled generator.

After weeks of preparations they left Heathrow 28 September 1995. They reached Darwin, Australia the 1 October after landings in Dubai, Singapore and Brunei. Their locations was in the territory of the aboriginals, and required special entry permits. The first observations took place at the night of the 2, and they saw white and red lights several times, and were able to photograph some of them. Underway there were poor roads and problems with the hired car. After two days they moved on to another location, and again made new observations. On their last location, they met aboriginals and listened to their folklore-styled stories concerning the lights. Not surprisingly they were afraid of the lights, and were convinced it was a kind of being or creature out there that was perilous. The work of observations continued until the 11 October.

The results gathered by the magnetometer and the spectrum analyzer, are being analyzed at the University of Bergen, and we hope to bring a report from this later.