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EDITORIAL

At last another newsletter. There has been rather a long interval since the last one, and we apologize for the delay. To bring everyone up to date, we have had some very interesting meetings this year, with a tape recording of the SUN conference to enable us to hear the talk on UFOs. Mrs. Elise Thompson kindly gave us a talk on Telepathy, and how she feels it is connected with UFOs. Mr. Peter Evans, Compère of last year's RTV programme, "Shores of Infinity" came and talked to us giving his opinions of UFOs which were decidedly ANTI.

Recently we had another skywatch, which we are happy to say was better attended than our last one. The secretary reports that twenty five people attended, including children and friends. Unfortunately the weather was not too pleasant, and no UFOs were sighted, but everyone enjoyed themselves, and as it cleared later on the moon and stars were surveyed.

In recent weeks there has been little activity as far as the sky is concerned, but we have had reports from South Africa. These will be dealt with later on. Once again we appear to be drawing all too quickly towards June 26th and the next International Skywatch; we hope that this date will bring us a long awaited sighting. It has been suggested that we drop the Maleme Dam site in preference for another. Details will be released when they are available.

We are trying to gather more interesting data for club members, and with this in mind letters have been sent to different parts of the world to try and obtain tapes, films, etc. As we receive further details the members will be informed.

As many of you know, Contact has many branches around the world, thirty to date, and our newest member country is Hong Kong. Each country has an ICM or International Contact Member, who is basically there to keep a loose tie with the Founder Member U.K. and other members. In this light, we often hear from our Contact Brother in South Africa and their new ICM Mrs. Maisie Mitchell, who has kindly forwarded a lot of information for our perusal. We also received greetings and Best Wishes from our ICM in Yugoslavia, Mr. V. Strmenik. We have in turn, sent information to our friends in Contact, and we are very proud to be a member of an organization that can cross the many barriers set up by our modern world.

BRIEF ON THE INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

In the latest International Newsletter sent to our ICM by the International Chairman, the Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench, he welcomed three new members to our clan and it was interesting to see Hong Kong listed under Mr. Henry Chan. I suppose that Hong Kong is one of the furthest points from Rhodesia, and yet it shows so clearly how the organization has spread.

It was announced in the newsletter, that in the U.K., a Data Research Division is doing a good job of collecting information on UFOs to form a register of sightings. In future the ICM will receive data from the research, and it will be available to all members.

Also of importance was a reference to one Mr. K.J. Palmer, an ex member of the UFO organization that stood prior to it reforming under the heading of Contact. It would appear that he has been trying to persuade Contact members to join his group. We are sure all members are of the same opinion as is the writer, that we take a dim view of such tactics and back our International Chairman in reaffirming that Contact (Rhodesia) will remain with Contact International. From what we have seen of their ideas, organization and togetherness, we are very much in favour of the unity.

Bilawayo.
Monday, 18.10.71.

THEOSOPHY AND THE U.F.O.

To the Theosophist, the idea of the UFO is nothing very new, as the existence of other evolving and intelligent beings in the Universe, has always been accepted.

Whether one is dealing with the physical side of Nature only, or other planes of existence, called sometimes the occult (hidden), one is bound to acknowledge that intelligences and their machines are approaching this planet. but who they are and for what purpose so far remains a mystery.

One curious and interesting phenomena observed is the ability of the UFO to appear and disappear at will from our sight, the only suitable but rather vague explanation being that when disappearing they are going into another dimension, either higher or lower than our own, i.e. if we accept our world as three dimensional, they tend to vanish from sight when apparently entering the fourth dimension, or for that matter the second.

All told, occultism cannot give an explanation for the UFO any more than anyone else, except that teachings from higher sources have always proclaimed these phenomena both physical and super-physical. In conclusion may we of the planet Earth, as we call it, so behave ourselves that these intelligences will be able to make contact, bringing with it the many and varied advances, both scientific and moral, so necessary to our evolution. This day may not be far off.

R. Webster.

WORLD ROUND UP.

Letter from U.K.

Recently Mr. Guyatt, editor of "Awareness", the U.K. Contact magazine, in his letter stated, that the production of "Awareness" had recently undergone a reorganisation. He felt that in the magazine, perhaps one of the best produced of any country, there should be a world spot, where people from all over the world could feature their articles.

Any reports or ideas you wish to put on paper would be most welcome. Any member who would be prepared to put forward any such articles can either send them to our secretary, or to:

Contact (U.K.)
c/o Mr. D. Guyatt,
83, Stornoway Road,
Southend on Sea,
Essex, England.

Sightings in South Africa.

On 12th February, 1972, at 7.15 p.m. a Mrs. S. Dreier of Durban saw a UFO. She saw a bright light, larger than a star and within our atmosphere, which she watched for nearly one and a half hours. The object appeared to be solid and was still for a long period finally drifting away from behind the hills of Berea, Durban. She states that no sound was heard and describes the bright radiating glow as a very bright yellow/red with silver streaks within the body. She was lucky enough to have her husband and a neighbour present and that their description compared very favourably. Their drawings of the object show a tremendous eye for detail and it is this sort of sighting that we in Contact are looking for. It is clear, concise and well thought out.

We thank Contact (S.A.) for the above information, and thank you Mrs. Dreier for such a competent report.

SUMMARY AND COMMENT

Have you got your copy of Erich Von Daniken's book "Chariot of the Gods"? You may remember that a popular South African Magazine published a synopsis of the book about two years ago. Well, the book is now in the shops so please get a copy. As a paper-back it is well worth the 95c you will have to pay.

We feel that the magazine article did not do justice to the book. It is appreciated that the magazine put the book before us and we are grateful for such articles, but the book is both informative and readable and extremely well presented, a point that the magazine missed in its presentation.

Much research has been done by the author, and although we may not agree with some of his speculative comments, or even his overall conclusions, we are impressed by his information. Unlike so many books, the author presents a solid argument, and yet, allows the reader to collect his own thoughts and also draw some of his own conclusions. So often in the past, such controversial books have tended to brow-beat the reader, which could sometimes make the reader anti rather than a supporter.

The book deals with a number of aspects pertaining to spacemen being our forefathers, or even our mentors. He feels that the foundation of our culture could lie in the work and communication of space peoples. He produces historically accepted documents, artifacts and stories that he feels show that man has been and is in contact with space people. His book covers the globe with sources of information gathered from the four corners.

He sums up the book well, in his first statement of the Introduction, "It took courage to write this book and it will take courage to read it". "Chariot of the Gods" is a must for all UFO enthusiasts.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO ?

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Says one witness, "they were so frightening that they made my hair stand on end". This is not an uncommon comment after people have reported seeing UFOs. Some people claim to have fainted from shock, while others felt unsafe and afraid for their lives. The opposite is also just as common, for some people express awe, a sense of wonder or enlightenment. Of course the in-betweeners are those who see what is to them a light behaving oddly enough to be unidentified, and in their good time mentioned or reported as a matter of fact and nothing else.

But what would you do as a person who believes in UFO not only as Unidentified Flying Objects, but also, in some cases, as vehicles transporting people of other worlds, even star systems, through our atmosphere. So often UFO enthusiasts have not seen the 'real mackoy' themselves, and have to rely on others' comments, books, films and talks. Would you be astounded and unbelieving, thinking "well, I never thought it would happen to me", or, "oh golly, what should I do". Suddenly it happens and all those years of waiting are rewarded, but will you have the presence of mind to be alert. So alert that you will take note of size, shape, speed, colour etc., let us hope so. And readers, will you have presence of mind to stand your ground both physically and mentally. Will you let your fears take over, or will you realise that it could be the most important breakthrough for Mankind. That you, miserable, lonely you could be the bridge between space and Mankind.

Fantastic, unbelievable you say, but is it? Many people claim to be contactees, and I am sure many are what they claim, but as yet that gap is still pretty strong. Surely this is one of the aims of Contact. So prepare others and ourselves to be ready when the time comes, to be able to stretch forth a friendly and helping hand. Are you ready, what would you do?

Anon.