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Those who are studying the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects are still frequently open to ridicule although the subject is becoming less and less of a leg puller. In this copy of "Skywatch" the reader will see an article published in one of S. Africa's national newspapers in which it states that the Russians are hoping in the foreseeable future, to make intelligent contact with thinking beings living in the galaxy. The question to ask is how is this going to be done? The obvious way to the scientist is through radio contact using advanced electronic equipment; the less obvious way is through telepathy which brings one into the field of E.S.P. (Extra Sensory Perception). We are told that both the Russian and American scientists are conducting scientific tests into the possibilities of telepathy and are obtaining surprising results. One of the qualities appears to be a rapport between the two people taking part in these tests. Distance makes no difference to results which appear to be almost instantaneous. It has been demonstrated by the ordinary man and woman and also under test conditions that telepathic contact does exist between people in the next room, the next town, the next country over the sea, half way around the world and if there are recorded cases between people on earth there are also recorded cases between people of Earth and visitors to the Earth. The interesting point emerging as we reach the last quarter of the century is that science is broadening its frontiers and appears to be considering quite sanely and with great interest that which the "Ancient Wisdom Teachings" have stated through the ages. Young men and women

are breaking down the traditional barriers of investigation. Some Universities have a chair for the study of metaphysical subjects; experiments are being carried out under test conditions and are being accurately recorded and the result seems to be that what has been said by Seers and Avatars in the past is being proved scientifically in the laboratory. In "Contact" one of the avenues of approach is the scientific study of UFO's, both the "old science" and the "new science". Let us therefore be on the alert to accurately record along both these lines. What we see and hear with our senses and what we perceive with our intuition and the subtler forces at work around us. Let us always remember the thought provoking words of one of the great Teachers of Humanity, "Spirit is matter in its highest form and matter is spirit in its lowest form".

CONTACT MAGAZINES

Our readers will be most interested to learn that other Contact groups throughout the world are publishing their own magazines. Below are the names of these magazines with the country of origin and the names of their Editors. If there are any readers who would like to receive these magazines we would suggest that each one writes to the editor enclosing the relevant subscription for the year.

| <u>Country of Origin</u> | <u>Name of Magazine</u> | <u>Editor</u> |
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| 1. "Contact" U.K. | "Awareness" 10/- | c/o Editor, 59D Windmill Rd. Head- ington, Oxford, U.K. |
| 2. Contact. Canada | "Topside" \$ 3100 | c/o Editor, 95 Quatre St., Aylmer, East Quebec, Canada |
| 3. Contact. U.S.A. | "Contact" U.S.A. | c/o Editor |
| 4. Contact New Zealand | "Aquarius" | (P. Austin) |
| 5. Contact S.A. | "Skywatch" R1.20 (12/- old rate) | Mrs. E. van Vloten "Contact" S.A. P.O. Box 743, Durban |

We will try to publish at least one article from each of the overseas editions every quarter as we feel there is a very high standard of readable matter in these magazines and many UFO sightings are recorded. We feel that each member and reader will be able to link up personally with overseas "Contact" groups, which will further strengthen the International relationship.

THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE

by Brinsley le Poer Trench

The following article is taken from "Awareness" Contact (U.K.) journal of March 1970. We think our readers would be interested to hear about activities on the International Scene.

Contact is now operating in twenty-two countries. A full list is given at the end of this article.

We have had our teething troubles in the international sphere too, and they are to some extent still with us. Some good people have given up through illness or lack of time, and others because they couldn't arouse enough interest. Nevertheless, despite these setbacks Contact is growing steadily around the world and new enthusiasts appear to take on the job of organising our movement in fresh countries and in those where others have made no progress. Shortly, we will have Contact established in Israel, Australia, and I hope once again in Yugoslavia.

Countries with the largest number of members are the United Kingdom, South Africa and Pakistan, followed by Norway and Puerto Rico. Most of the others have less than fifty members each and some less than a dozen. However, this is due chiefly to them being new or comparatively new.

Contact (U.K.) has about 400 members. At one time they had many more. Then for a time they descended into the 'dark ages' and the membership slumped to a figure well below the present one.

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However, I am happy to report that they are now climbing again. They recently elected a new national chairman, Mr. F.W. Passey who has introduced some beneficial ideas, and new blood has been brought into their committee which has also proved stimulating. Jimmy Goddard continues to play a fine part as Hon. Secretary and also fulfils an able role on the editorial board of this excellent magazine "Awareness". Derek Mansell is building up Contact (U.K.)'s reputation on the UFO research aspect and confidently expects that before long it will be the finest in Europe. He has a team of scientists assisting him, including a geologist from Oxford University. Derek is also the hard-working membership secretary. He also tells me that he is confident, now that "Awareness" is published more regularly again, that the membership will continue to climb steadily.

Miss Anne Patterson is doing sterling work organising meetings, as well as building up the London groups. Finally tribute should be paid to all the hard work put in by committee members, Doris Cropper, David Lloyd and Adrian Turner.

We are all very sorry that Silvia Staples, who has served diligently on the Committee, finds that her hours of work at the B.B.C. are too unpredictable to allow her to attend meetings. Although she has resigned, she is continuing to give a great deal of help on the correspondence side, and we are very grateful to her.

I know something of the problems that have beset Contact (U.K.) during the last year or so, but they are building on firmer foundations and are now the largest and most progressive UFO organisation in the U.K.

Contact (South Africa) has four branches, Durban, East London, Johannesburg and Pretoria. This is a splendid part of Contact and they maintain a fine liaison with your International chairman. They hold regular meetings, skywatches and publish their own magazine called "Skywatch" which contains very interesting material.

The National Chairman of Contact (S.A.) is Mr. John H. Elliot and his address is P.O. Box 51, Hillcrest, Natal. Both Mr. Elliot and his wife have not been able to take on as much activity as they would have liked in the affairs of Contact (S.A.) for health reasons and we send our best wishes to them both for the future. The Hon. Secretary of Contact (S.A.) is the charming Mrs. Evelyn van Vloten. I had the pleasure of meeting Evelyn when she visited this country a few years ago. She is a wonderful worker for Contact and that is why they now have 300-400 members, as well as a working arrangement with the South African Air Force for the exchange of UFO information.

At the time of writing the number of members that Pakistan has is not known to me, but I have reason to believe that they are a well-knit organisation spread all over that large country. Contact (Pakistan) owes its formation largely to the efforts of M. Habibullah Bahar, a businessman.

Contact has three very good friends in Norway. I call them "The Three Musketeers" because they work 'one for all and all for one'. They are Nils Jacob Jacobsen our international committee member, Knut Assheim and Sverre Wiseth. I met Sverre when he paid a visit to London recently. A very likeable young man of great ability. These three run a group called UFO Informasjon in Norway but are participating in Contact.

Contact (Puerto Rico) is actually one of our new member countries. Strictly speaking Puerto Rico is part of the U.S.A. but as it is an island on its own in the West Indies we are letting them have their autonomy! Our man in Puerto Rico is Noel E. Rigau. When I first got in touch with Noel there were three separate UFO groups on the island (amazing isn't it how the flying saucer story has spread around the world?) but now he has managed to incorporate them all into Contact (Puerto Rico) and in a recent letter advised that they now have over 100 members. Noel has been very active participating in TV and radio programmes on the UFO subject.

Incidentally, Jimmy Goddard and also the editor of "The Ley Hunter", Mr. Paul Screeen, will be interested to know how Noel and some of his members recently flew to Mona Island for our

world-wide skywatch last June and discovered some interesting lines on its surface which may have something to do with Leys. He has promised serial photos. For the record, Noel is a member of the Aero Club of Puerto Rico and a keen pilot.

In Argentina Professor Richard A. Frondizi is our international committee member. He is a brother of a former President of the Argentine Republic. Professor Frondizi is hoping to send me some information soon about possible UFO bases in the Salta area of his country, as well as similar data concerning Lake Titicaca which is 12,000 feet up in the high Andes on the borders of Peru and Bolivia.

We have very much pleasure in welcoming Mrs. Carol Halford-Watkins as our new international committee member for Canada. This very charming lady recently gave a talk to Contact (U.K.) at the Caxton Hall, London, during a visit to England last year.

Carol has now taken over Contact (Canada) from Jim Deacove. Jim who runs a school community, is a very fine person but has found it increasingly difficult to combine the two interests, especially as he had recently to move his community from one area to another. Here was a problem of priorities and obviously Jim has to look after his community. I would like to thank Jim for carrying on in difficult circumstances for so long and we all wish him well in his activities, and know that he will remain a member of Contact.

Carol is already well-known to many UFO researchers as Hon. Secretary of Ottawa New Science Club and editor of that excellent UFO magazine "Topside". She tells me that the name of her club will now add the words "... and Contact (Canada)", and that Contact will have considerable publicity through her magazine. This is wonderful.

In the Fiji Islands we have another young enthusiast. Yugeswar Prakash, who has collected a fair number of members, that is about twenty-five at the last count. Now that Yugeswar has passed a pretty difficult examination there is more promise of building up Contact (Fiji). Like many other

Contact countries they are short of useful material - books, magazines and UFO photographs for distribution to members. This certainly is a problem but as regards magazines, I hope that the U.K., South Africa, and now Canada, will be most kind and send at least one copy of their respective magazines to each of the international committee members of countries in Contact listed at the end of this article, free and gratis. This would be wonderful and give our member countries a real feeling that they are not alone. Another thing that Yugeswar has suggested is a UFO course for members. This has been proposed to me by school teachers in the United Kingdom who have gone so far as to propose that the subject should be introduced into their school curriculums. The proposed course that Yugeswar and school teachers interested in the subject have in mind would include the historical aspect of UFOs, their propulsion, where they come from, why they are there, and of course, many other interesting points. Well, what are we going to do about this? As always, it is a question of time and money. I think something should certainly be done about it but at this stage would like to know readers' ideas. There are so many books and magazines on the subject already and that the question arises "Is it really necessary?" On the other hand there are people throughout the world who are not able to afford to buy books and magazines, and perhaps in some countries there are no public libraries like we have in England. This is something worth thinking about.

Another new member country is Italy. Dr. Alberto Perego who has just finished a five year term as Italian Consul in Bela Horizonte, Brazil, is going to organise Contact (Italy). He is the author of several UFO books in Italian and recently wrote a paper entitled "Forty Flying Saucers in a Cross over the Vatican City" which is published in this issue of "Awareness". We are very pleased to welcome such an interesting and distinguished man to Contact.

In fabulous Mexico we have Ian Norrie, an Englishman, who has lived out there for some years with his family. Ian is an engineer by profession, highly intelligent and very interested in our subject. I know Ian and his charming wife Else, and have met them both on periodic visits to England. Mexico is a fairly new member country but already has an active group under way.

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Several people have made attempts to start Contact (U.S.A.). It is a mystery to me why it is we should find difficulty getting off the ground in the United States of all places, where so much UFO activity has been reported and where there are so many UFO groups. Possibly the last point may be the answer. Anyway, first of all, Timothy Green Beckley, a well-known UFO researcher tried. This did not work out as he already has his own group and magazines. Then Don Karr who works for the famous Keystone Studios tried but he had to give up because of a serious illness involving several operations and now Mrs. Madaline Teagle is going to try her hand. We wish her all the best. Maybe it is third time lucky.

In the Phillipines 28-year old Mr. N.A. Villarruz has recently started Contact. He has previous experience of running clubs outside the UFO field and is very keen to get Contact going. At the moment he is choosing his colleagues to work with very carefully in order to secure good foundations upon which to build his organisation. He has already made a good start.

A recent new member country is New Zealand. Actually, we did have some friends there who made an attempt some time ago but did not get the necessary support. However, Mr. P.R. Austin is confident of forming a successful group and has a number of friends interested. We offer him our best wishes for success.

Another new member country in Contact is Tasmania which is being organised by Mr. Alwyn Bird. He has already got in touch with Contact (U.K.)'s research officer Mr. Derek Mansell, and has started to exchange information. This is fine and what we should all do. After all, our name is CONTACT. At this point I would like to stress the importance of all member countries keeping in close contact. The research officer for each country should exchange UFO information with other research officers and in this way contribute to making us the finest UFO research organisation in the world. Additionally, international committee members should maintain constant contact with me so that I in turn am fully in the picture and can pass the material on to you

all. The President of Contact (Tasmania) is Mr. J. Holden and they already have sixty members.

We have not heard for some time from Ivo Brodsky, our friend in Czechoslovakia. His silence may be due to the political situation there. We can only hope that he is all right.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to another new member country, Belgium, and its delightful international committee member, the Comtesse R. d'Oultrement. She has some flying saucer enthusiasts to assist her in forming Contact in her country and our best wishes go to her.

In Colombia we have a young man called Albert Ron who is a great saucer enthusiast and is busy building up a group of dedicated young people for Contact.

In Ceylon, Holland and Sweden we have representatives who have our interests at heart but not a great deal of progress has been made. This is no reflection on those concerned but is due to the lack of interest in those countries.

Our newest member country is Cyprus. While extending a warm welcome to Mr. Coudounaris, we wish him and his friends every success in their enterprise.

You will see from this report that it has been an uphill struggle but we are making good progress, and spreading our wings.

What is really needed to stimulate interest in member countries is an international magazine for Contact. I have plans for this but it means that your international chairman must have the necessary financial support to implement this project. Some member countries are aware of this situation and Contact (South Africa) has very kindly undertaken to find some satisfactory solution. At the present juncture an international magazine is an ambitious and costly project. However, I am hoping to circulate an international newsletter to international committee members of Contact countries. This will assist to link us all together more closely.

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In this article lack of space has not permitted me to give as much detail about member countries as I would have liked. However, I hope it has been of interest. I would like to conclude by thanking all member countries for their hard work and wish them a steady growth in membership and plenty of saucery in the Seventies.

STOP PRESS We are delighted to announce that Contact (Australia) is now launched. Their international committee member is Peter Burnham Jr., 6 Ashleigh Road, Armadale, Melbourne, Victoria. This brings our total of member countries up to twenty-three.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations . . . "Contact Rhodesia".

Since the above article was sent to the press Contact Rhodesia has started and had its inaugural meeting on the 17th June, 1970 in Bulawayo, Rhodesia. If any of our members and readers know of any friends interested in UFO's perhaps they would let them know of this very welcome development. Their International Committee member is Mrs. Rhona Dippenaar, P.O. Box 145, Bulawayo, Rhodesia. She would be very pleased to hear from those who may wish to contact her.

It seems that Rhodesia is the twenty-fourth country to join Contact. The undermentioned are the countries:

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| Argentine | New Zealand |
| Australia | Norway |
| Belgium | Pakistan |
| Canada | Philippines |
| Ceylon | Puerto Rico |
| Colombia | Rhodesia |
| Cyprus | South Africa |
| Czechoslovakia | Sweden |
| Fiji Islands | Switzerland |
| Holland | Tasmania |
| Italy | United Kingdom |
| Mexico | United States. |

SIGHTINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Given over the Port Natal Radio at 6-30 p.m. on 19th July.

"A round and fluffy object was seen by about one hundred people at 2-30 p.m. on Sunday 19th July for twenty minutes at Umkomaas, Natal. It disappeared travelling in an Easterly direction". So far we have heard nothing further but we are investigating the matter.

From the Daily News ... May 1970.

A silent and mysterious object alarmed Durban residents last night when it is said to have whispered through the night skies with a revolving orange light, climbing to the East until it disappeared from sight.

Dozens of people from the Bluff to Greyville telephoned the Daily News just after 9 p.m. reporting a "slow-moving, silent ball which travelled low across the Bluff and moved upwards and eastwards until it was lost to sight.

One caller said the revolving light was below the level of the buildings at one stage, and said he thought of telephoning the police to take action.

Inquiries threw no light on the subject and an air-traffic control officer at Louis Botha Airport said today that no reports of the incident had been received there.

9/7/70 Cape Times. Sent in by Betty Walton.

Two Eastern Cape Golfers and a group of caddies are claiming the latest sighting of an unidentified flying object (UFO) in South African territory.

"One saw it as a flying teardrop, and another thought it looked like a rugby ball, but all agreed that the object moved at tremendous speed against the wind". Mr. R. Dederick, a Cape Town man on a visit to Walsingham, near Graff Reinet, told the Cape Times last night.

The UFO was spotted around at the Pearston Walsingham golf course at 5 p.m. yesterday by Mr. Eben de Villiers.

secretary of the local divisional council, Mr. de Villiers said it appeared as a "tear or water drop, travelling at high speed from south-east to north-west against the wind".

Alerted by his partner, Mr. Johnny van Daalen, proprietor of the Pearston Hotel, saw the object as "shaped like a rugby ball, very high in the sky and of a bluish-green transparency, going at great speed and taking barely four seconds to move from horizon to horizon".

His son Hans confirmed the sighting, as did a group of non-white caddies.

22/7/70 The Natal Witness. Pietermaritzburg.

'RED BALL' WAS NOT THE SUN

A resident in the Otto's Bluff area, Mrs. A.C. Dennison told the "Natal Witness" yesterday about a red object in the sky early yesterday.

Mrs. Dennison described how her husband, rising at 5.25 a.m. was attracted by a light from the east. Thinking it strange for the sun to be up so early he stepped out on to the verandah to get a better view.

He saw a large red ball low in the east, almost as big as the sun. It was slightly oval in shape.

He watched it for several minutes, then stepped inside to call his wife, but when they returned the ball had vanished.

The sun rose at 5-50 a.m. so there could have been no confusion.

from Natal Mercury 29/7/70

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

"Stone Discs suggest visit from another planet"

A few years ago scientists here received from China a package of 716 odd looking stone discs, covered with unreadable heiroglyphics apparently dating back several thousand years.

Each of the discs, which had a hole in the centre, looked like a gramophone record. And from this hole there spiralled out a double groove that eventually extended to the outer rim. For nearly 200 years the Chinese experts on ancient writing and archeologists had grappled with the secret script but had been unable to solve the mystery of the spirals.

Piecing together bits of knowledge, one Chinese expert had formulated a theory about the stone objects, discovered in caves in the Bayan-Kara-Ula Mountains on the China-Tibet border. He wrote a scientific paper with the intriguing title, "Groove Writing Relating to Spaceships, which As Recorded On The Discs, Existed 12,000 Years Ago".

Eager to investigate the Chinese hypothesis that the discs were "calling cards" left by "interplanetary travellers" (whose descendents were the frail tribe of man, 1.728 (4ft. 2 ins.) in height, who live in the Bayan-Kara-Ula Mountain caves and who hitherto have defied ethnic classification), the Moscow scientists scraped the odd stones from off the adhering rock particles and made a shocking discovery.

The discs gave off a vibration with an unusual rhythm as if they carried an electric charge or were part of an electrical circuit. The Moscow science community has found the 12,000-year-old celestial orbs somewhat of a challenge, and at this writing they remain very much a mystery, perhaps one that will never be solved in our century. They suspect, pretty much unanimously, that travellers from outer space may have once landed on Earth.

Talk today on the subject of flying saucers is not pooh-poohed in Russia. In fact, the Soviet Union has set up a special scientific centre at the Byurakan-Astrophysical Observatory in

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Armenia to deal with extra-terrestrial civilisations and to establish contact with them.

Prov. Mstislav Agrest, Soviet master of physico mathematical sciences, recently told Literaturnaya Gazeta in an interview that he believes a spaceship from a remote area of the Universe made a landing on Earth and after a short period of observation, the visitors built a launching platform in the Lebanese Mountains and soared back into the blue again.

He explained that no one has yet solved the mystery of the Baalbak terrace, a huge platform of stone slabs in Lebanon. According to Prov. Agrest, they were probably built by space travellers either to launch their craft or in commemoration of their visit to Earth. To support this theory, he added, mysterious glassy bodies, called tektites have been found in the Libyan Desert.

"These tektites", he said, "contain radioactive isotopes of aluminium and beryllium, showing that they are at least a million years old and are products of extremely high temperatures and powerful radioactive radiations.

Soviet Astronomer Nikolai S. Kardashev's theory is that the inhabited worlds which exist in the Universe (he calls them "supercivilisations deep in space") have been calling attention to themselves by transmitting vast amounts of energy on radio frequencies.

Russia is certain it will soon establish intelligent contact with thinking beings who live out there in the galaxy. All they need is a little time - and space.

International Skywatching Week-end. Sunday June 14th, 1970.

"I Tommy Mitchell write this letter to serve as record purposes in reference to a most unusual, and I might say welcome sighting which Bernard Lowe and I observed approximately 12.35 a.m. on Sunday morning 14th June, 1970.

We were driving along a side road in the immediate area of Port Shepstone, looking for a suitable spot to observe the early morning skies.

My attention was drawn to a saucer-shaped object in the north. It was approximately 2 to 3000 feet above the coast line. We stopped the car and got out, so as to get a clearer view. After about ten minutes, two other saucers appeared and took up formation on either side of the first saucer (see diagram)



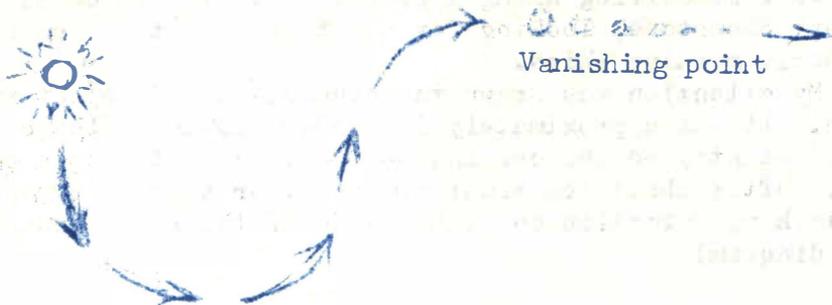
the approximate size of the moon, which at the time was on the horizon and approx. 90° from the saucers.



After observing these three saucers for about another five minutes, I glanced into the skies above me and saw a circular object flash overhead. This object was seen for approx. ten seconds.



Soon afterwards our attention was drawn to a bright circular object approx. 2x the size of Venus. This object was also directly overhead. This object performed a U shaped manoeuvre ... and disappeared.



I trust the above information will help in building the recorded sightings book of Contact.

N.B. The sky was extremely overcast and no stars were in sight.

With thanks,

Tommy Mitchell

Taken from the Sunday News. (Bulawayo, Rhodesia) 28.6.70.

South African flying saucer spotters who joined the recent world-wide "Skywatch" of Contact, the international organisation devoted to serious UFO research, have reported five confirmed sightings to Contact's London Headquarters.

A spokesman for the Rhodesian branch of Contact said in Bulawayo yesterday that she had received a letter from the International chairman of Contact in London, Mr. Brinsley le Poer Trench.

"He asked if we had had any sightings in Rhodesia, and said that he had received five confirmed reports of sightings from South Africa.

"This is very exciting. Although Mr. le Poer Trench gave no details of the sightings, they must have been very good or

they would not have been reported," said the spokesman.

The world-wide "skywatch" was held over a 24 hour period two weeks ago. Rhodesian watchers saw no signs of flying saucers.

The following story is a true account of an interview between a Basuto woman, Mrs. Matsiliso Jingoos and Philipp Human who is a member and past chairman of Contact S.A. Basutoland is now Lesotho, and is a self-governing nation in the southern part of Africa.

INTERVIEW WITH MRS. MATSILISO JINGOOS

'Mamathes, Lesotho, October 18th, 1969

May I start from when I was a girl?

- Yes, right.

In the year 1942, it was winter. I was cooking outside in the evening late, having come from the fields. I was stirring some porridge in a pot. It seemed that three stars came from the East. When I looked up at them like this (looked up with her fingers over her eyes) I was so frightened that I jumped over the pot, and then went inside and told my parents what was happening outside. The whole family came out, and they could see them standing like this (hovering above the house) but then they went on.

Q.- Did they stand still over the house?

A. Yes, they were just above my head, where I was standing.

Q.- Were they very high?

A. Very high!

Q.- What did they look like?

A. Big shining stars, they were high.

Q.- If you put your fist up like this, would they be the size of your hand?

A. They were bigger.

Q.- How big?

A. Like this (she pointed at a bowl about 6 inches across) And then they just went away.

Then another day we were going to the sleeping room. From the kitchen.

Q.- Where was this, here at 'Mamathe's'?

- A. At Matholoana's (where she grew up). I was still young then. I could see another one again. We ran in, and said "Here is another star". But my mother said: "Huh, what is going to happen". We did not know. We were all frightened, but then we didn't tell anybody.
- Q.- How many of you were there? Who saw it?
- A. My mother and me and Mohlome's father, Monyane. (Brother and son).
- Q.- Your brother?
- A. Yes, my brother. And from then it disappeared until I was here, at 'Mamathe's.
- Q.- When you were married already?
- A. E, (yes) then I was married already. I had quenched (put out) the lamp. Ntate Jingoos (husband) was not in.
- Q.- Were you sleeping?
- A. E, I was sleeping, it was bedtime. I was surprised to see that there was light in the house.
- Q.- You had put out the lamp already?
- A. Yes, yes. I looked up. I could see that it was the star. I thought it might be that my eyes were deceiving me. I went outside. I saw that it was the star right above the "sehlohlo" (the peak of the roof). It was a big star. Big!
- Q.- How big would you say?
- A. It covered the whole roof of the house.
- Q.- And it was low, 'me, or high? ('me = mother)
- A. It looked as if it could make a hole in the roof. Then I hid my face and prayed.
- Q.- What did it look like, 'me?
- A. It looked like fire.
- Q.- Just like fire?
- A. Yes.
- Q.- Did it have a shape?
- A. It was round. With rays coming from it. Then I covered my head and prayed. I did not stop praying until I could sleep again. Because I was frightened. Ntate Jingoos returned home the next day. I told him about the star. He said, "What was it". I told him I did not know, but I thought I might be bewitched.
- Q.- You thought a witch had made you see these things?
- A. Yes. Then it came again, while Ntate Jingoos was in. I

woke him and said, "Hey, the star has come again."

Q.- What time was it?

A. We did not look at the time.

Q.- But was it in the afternoon or the evening, or when?

A. It was during the night. I said, "The star has come again!" He said, "Huh, what is this star coming again?" He said it may be fairies. We did not know what to do, and we were amazed. He said, "We'll see what it is tomorrow!"

So we went to see a witchdoctor from a nearby village; his sister's husband. The man came, and he threw the bones, and he said, "No, this is not any witchery, but this can be cured by the faith healers. I knew nothing about this. He said, "You must stop going to the witchdoctors and to the medical doctors". I did not believe him. We sat down. Some visitors from Kroonstad came. When these visitors came they asked me for a bed for the night. I told them, "Yes, you can sleep here, but you must know that this house is troublesome - stars keep shining here. I wonder what is happening to my house?"

We slept. During the night they woke me. "Hey, the thing you told us would happen, it has already shone" I said "Let us light the lamp and see whether it will go away". We lit the lamp, but still it shone. We went outside and looked at it.

Q.- What did it look like this time?

A. The same thing. It looked like fire.

Q.- How close was it?

A. Just on top of the house. Very close, and very big. And I was so frightened. I was so frightened that I could not tolerate (stand) it. The next day Ntate Jingoos intended sending me to a doctor, because I was shivering.

Q.- Which witchdoctor was that?

A. It was doctor Molise Ntale, here in Teyateyaneng.

Q.- A medical doctor?

A. Yes, a medical doctor. Just as I was preparing to go, a lady arrived, a sister Lefu, a member of our church. She was also from Kroonstad, and she was anxious to meet A.M.E. members here in 'Mamathe's, and they sent her to me. (African Methodist Episcopal Church). When she came I said, "No, I am going to see the doctor". She said, "Tell me, what has happened to you?" I told her. She said, "No, doctors cannot cure that.

Let's go to the church and tell them, and pray!" So we went there and told the minister. The Minister said, "Thank you, Sister Lefu, but that cannot be cured by the church. Pray hard and do everything that you are told to do in the church. You must know that you are a responsible member of the church, and you must take responsibility. Any committee formed in the church, you must be a member".

Q.- In other words you must work hard in the church, as hard as you can?

A. Yes.

Q.- And that will cure you?

A. Yes ! I worked hard in the church ... The star came again!

Q.- Soon after?

A. Soon after! I told another lady. I said it might be that they are now fairies. But I said, "Why do they stand on top of my hut?" They said "No, we do not know!" Then the other day a big one came. (This was the night my wife and I had arrived at 'Mamathe's - May 14th, 1969) The smaller ones were going out to it, then going back in. Three times they did that. Smaller ones were coming outside of that big star, then the young ones going back in again. It was a seven-pointed star. It was HUGE. I went to the faith healers. There was a man here by the name of Konene, from Johannesburg. He said I must pray for people because I am a faith healer. But I said I would not, because what would I say when I prayed, I wouldn't know what to say. I did not believe him because I would not know what to say when I prayed for a person who was sick. He said I should go to him and he would teach me. I said, "Teach me first!" He said, "Leave your church first and join my church!" And I said, "No, I can't do that. First teach me how to be perfect and I will leave my church and join yours". I could not join him before I knew how to heal people. How could I do something about which I had no clue. He said, "No, that will happen when you join my church, you will be a prophet". But I said, "I can't believe you until I see things happening to me!"

So he left leaving me like that, saying I must go to his place in Orlando. But I did not go. Now I was sick.

I approached faith healers I met, asking them to help me, but they could not remove the star ... until Ntate and 'Me Human came here (Mr. & Mrs. Human). They talked to me about the stars. (We advised her to welcome the star - which was a craft from another planet - and not to fear. They would not harm her. They came in peace.) I was about to go and pay someone the amount of £15 to heal me. (This was true! She told us about this, and we told her to rather save her money.)

Q.- A witchdoctor?

A. A faith healer. Ntate and 'Me came here. We were talking about the stars, and they told me I must look at the star until it ends (goes away). It happened after they told me about this that the star came, and I looked at it. I could see that there were some people in it. There were three people. (June 1969)

Q.- What did they look like?

A. They were wearing long robes, like those used by faith healers. They were red, with crosses on their back. One came out of the star, and then went back in. (The craft was landed.) Three times they turned around (so she could see their backs.) Then the star disappeared.

I waited, and then the other day I saw it again. But these people - it was as if they were singing, a song which I knew, a hymn. Like this : (She sang the song).

Nkhone 'Ma Human (grandmother Human) said that these things are Christian things, but other people have said that they are of the faith healers. But now I heard the song from these people. Then they disappeared and from then on I haven't seen one.

(The song starts: "Lumela, bana ba Ntate ... bana ..."
Greetings, children of Father Children ...)

PHILIPP HUMAN.

MEETINGS FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

DURBAN

September: Friday, 21st at 8 p.m.

October: Friday, 16th at 8 p.m.

November: Friday, 20th at 8 p.m.

December: No Meeting

Meeting Place: After September: Progress House, Hermitage St.
The Centre, 3rd Floor, Prince of Wales
Building, 384 Smith Street, Durban.

JOHANNESBURG:

September: Monday, 14th at 8 p.m.

October: Monday, 12th at 8 p.m.

November: Monday, 9th at 8 p.m.

December: Monday, 14th at 8 p.m.

Meeting Place:

17 Westmeath Road, Parkview,
Johannesburg. If any new friends
would like to attend these meetings,
please contact Mrs. Neslie Schmultz,
at the above address.

PRETORIA

October: Friday

December: Friday

Meeting Place:

Theosophical Hall, 424 Skinner Street,
All are welcome. Chairman Mr. Johan
Jacobs, P.O. Box 215, Pretoria.

EAST LONDON

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vals. Please contact the Chairman,
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