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THE AIMS AND OBJECTS OF AQUARIAN ESTATES

1. To provide, in this world of increasing unrest, a place of peace, harmony and beauty for any who search for knowledge of the deeper meaning of life, knowledge which may be applied in daily living.

For this purpose a farm at Thornville was acquired where seekers may meet for discussion, attend courses or gatherings; such seekers may also spend short periods on the farm to culture their own self-development and assist with farming activities.

2. To establish a community centre providing facilities for the development of New Age ideals and to become a centre of light and service where all who desire to learn or assist are welcome.
3. Catering to be on a vegetarian/fruitarian basis, with all food as far as possible, ultimately being provided by the farm.
4. The farm to be run on bio-dynamic and biological lines, producing naturally-grown products. All known New Age methods will be used in order to gain and apply knowledge concerning the growth and vitality of plants and trees.
5. To form a Trust, enabling acceptance of subscriptions, gifts or endowments in cash or kind.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Expansion on all fronts includes the literary side and our usual Newsletter has expanded to this, our first edition of 'AQUARIAN NEWS'. This magazine will find its way to many different parts of the globe, not only because of overseas interest in Aquarian Estates, but also because this magazine is incorporating 'SKYWATCH', which has a circulation covering some 45 countries.

So, for those who will be reading about Aquarian Estates for the first time, we will tell you about the birth of this project, which started as a thought in the minds of a small group of people - people who wanted to serve.

After much searching for a situation accessible to Durban, we finally chose this pretty farm of 235 acres which nestles in a fertile valley between Pietermaritzburg, the capital of Natal, and Richmond. We did not have sufficient funds to buy the farm outright and so carry a fairly large bond, the repayments on which are somewhat crippling. It is now two years since Aquarian Estates came into being - two years of hard work, many problems, but much growth.

In 1974 approximately 3 000 fruit and nut trees were planted, the existing farmhouse was renovated and a block of three rooms erected. The year 1975 saw still further growth with the building of a five-roomed house, the acquiring of a further 50 acres, preparation of large tracts of ground for vegetable planting, together with the making of masses of compost, and the pruning, grafting and budding of hundreds of fruit trees. In August our Farm Manager and his family arrived from Belgium - he is an expert in the field of Bio-dynamic and Biological farming, and as it is anticipated that we will soon have continuous supplies of vegetables, as an outlet, we are building a farmstall; there are also a good number of other 'outlet projects' in the melting pot.

Besides all this farming activity, a good number of Groups have taken over the farmhouse for weekends or longer periods and held enjoyable and successful seminars and get-togethers. All facilities are provided and interested Groups are invited to drop us a line. As from 1976 part of our activities will include a Self-Realisation Course the last week of each month; the first Course will be from 26th January to 1st February. Those unable to spend a full week with us are welcome to attend the final two days. The inclusive charge for the Course and full accommodation will be R5 per day. Contact us for full details.

As a healthy body is essential for living a full and happy life, a Homoeopathic and Naturopathic Clinic will be held on the first Sunday of each month.

A start is being made on another facet - Arts & Crafts. The attractive String Art symbols of the various Signs of the Zodiac on a background of toning felt make ideal wall plaques and are available at R6 each, post free to any address in the Republic.

"The blessings of God be upon you and yours this Christmas and New Year. May each day of the coming year renew the birth of Christ within your innermost being, and may your lives be glorious Christmas trees - all illumined and gift-laden - for all whom God brings to the doors of your consciousness. May your whole being become a joyful Christmas Carol, rising to the feet of God on strong white wings of love and thanksgiving".

The initials 'A.E.' are significant in that they are short for AEON, meaning a New Age. The antique world was succeeded by the Christian Age, sometimes called the Christian Aeon. The great Irish mystic, philosopher, poet and economist called George Russell, used as his professional name the two letters A.E., the first two letters of the word Aeon - new age - for which he wrote and worked. Your A.E. stands for Aquarian Estates, but it can also symbolise the new Aeon to succeed the Christian Aeon after the coming of the World Teacher, which precedes the Aquarian Age or Aeon. Carl Jung also wrote a book dealing with his research into the phenomenology of the Self, which he entitled by the one word AION, which is the Greek word for Aeon. The letters A.E. therefore have fine and very significant associations.

Extract from a letter received from
H.S., Cape Town.

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A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF
RUDOLPH STEINER

Rudolph Steiner was born on the Austro-Hungarian border in 1861. From an early age he was both spiritually and scientifically inclined, finding no fundamental contradiction between the two. At the University of Vienna science was his principle subject, but at the same time he was immersing himself in the great works of philosophy, as well as taking a keen interest in all branches of the arts.

The works of Goethe held a great attraction for him and he eventually edited many of the great author's scientific works. By this time he was writing books of philosophy himself. He did not believe that rational thought and intelligence must be suspended in order to achieve enlightenment; on the contrary, he was convinced that man's reason was an important tool for spiritual advancement. At the close of the 19th century he came in contact with the Theosophical Society, maintaining a close association with them for ten years, and becoming General Secretary of the German branch of the Society. However, it gradually became evident that his own ideas were tending to veer away from those of the Theosophists, so that ultimately he broke away to form his own movement, the Anthroposophical Society (the Greek word 'anthropos' means man, while 'sophia' means wisdom). Writing about his movement the year before his death, Rudolf Steiner stated: 'Anthroposophy has its roots in the perceptions - already gained - into the spiritual world. Yet these are no more than its roots. The branches, leaves, blossoms and fruits of Anthroposophy grow into all the fields of human life and action'. And so, indeed, it has proved.

In the field of the arts, Rudolf Steiner wrote four mystical plays, and at the same time he developed a completely new art which he called eurythmy - speech and music in movement. Courses in eurythmy are now held in centres all over the world, as well as courses in speech and drama, painting and other aspects of the artistic media, based on the inter-relationship between these various means of expression and spiritual consciousness. As an architect, Steiner designed the headquarters of the Society in

Switzerland.

Toward the end of his life he was lecturing and writing on a formidable range of subjects including mathematics, astronomy, science, theology, philosophy, education, economics and many others. Specialists in the particular fields were impressed at his detailed knowledge.

During the 1920's he turned his attention very particularly towards medicine and agriculture, applying both scientific and spiritual knowledge. His curative preparations were based entirely on natural substances, which could counteract the imbalance which caused the particular disease. To meet the demand for these medicines the Weleda Company was formed in Switzerland in 1923. Shortly after, branches were introduced in many other countries, including Britain. At this stage, until the outbreak of World War II a large proportion of the products distributed by Weleda were imported from Switzerland; however, since that time the U.K. company has concentrated on making their own preparations.

At the same time, because the skin is a vital organ of the body which breathes and absorbs, the principles indicated by Rudolph Steiner were carried over to the field of toiletries. These beauty preparations, all of which use only natural substances such as herbs, vegetable oils, honey, seaweed and plant essences, often gathered fresh from Weleda's own garden, have become increasingly significant in this age of mass-produced synthetics, and the escalating use of animal products in commercial cosmetics.

Also of increasing importance is the pioneer work which has been carried out in organic growing methods. By planning the sowing times of different seeds and concentrating on the basic health of the soil, the Bio-Dynamic method produces high-quality crops without using artificial fertilisers. In the U.K. and on the Continent there are Bio-Dynamic Agricultural Associations giving advice and practical help on farming and gardening and in the U.K. there is a newly-formed School of Bio-Dynamic Agriculture and Earth Science.

Social welfare has never been neglected, and there are Steiner-based homes, schools and village communities for

handicapped adults and children, as well as for mal-adjusted and delinquent children. Co-educational schools are located in many countries, starting from the earliest years right up to university age, and offering vegetarian catering at all stages.

A truly great person was Rudolph Steiner. The idea of a mystic usually conjures up an image of someone somewhat divorced from life on this earthly plane, but this man was a scientist as well as a mystic and his unique contribution of bringing down to earth in a practical manner spiritual ideals, has pointed the way of the New Age. The potential is infinite.

With thanks to 'L.L.'

"The human hearts can go the lengths of God.
 Dark and cold we may be, but this
 Is no winter now. The frozen misery
 Of centuries breaks, cracks, begins to move;
 The thunder is the thunder of the flows,
 The thaw, the flood, the upstart Spring.

Thank God our time is NOW when wrong
 Comes up to meet us everywhere,
 Never to leave us till we take
 The longest stride of Soul men ever took.

Affairs are now Soul size,
 Where are you making for?
 It takes so many lives to wake
 But will you wake for pity's sake?
 The enterprise, is exploration into God".

Christopher Fry.

Character is the only garment you can weave
 in this world and wear in the next.

Anon.

WHAT IS AN AGE.

The Celestial Zodiac is a band of twelve constellations lying close to the ecliptic, or to the path of the earth around the Sun. These constellations have a profound influence on our solar system as energy is channelled from this larger field to the lesser field of our solar system, which is in motion within that area.

There are three movements of the earth that bring in Zodiacal influences. Firstly, as it turns on its own axis every 24 hours, secondly as it revolves around the Sun every 365 days, and the third movement by precession of the equinoxes which determines the Great Year of 25 800 years.

The unequal pull of the Sun and Moon on the earth's bulges causes the poles of the heavens - the point in the sky to which the axis of the earth points - to move round in a circle. It is the same as the slow circle described by a spinning top, but in the case of the earth a precession takes place in the opposite direction to its rotation.

The North Pole of the earth's axis at present points almost at Polaris, our Pole Star, and in the year A.D. 2 000 will point directly at Polaris. In the year A.D. 14 000 Vega will be the Pole Star, and in about A.D. 28 000, Polaris will be the Pole Star again. So the axis of the earth will have traced a circle in the heavens, and it takes approx. 25 800 years to complete one full circle. During this great period of time the constellations visible from the hemispheres, change.

This rotation of the earth's axis, causing the precession (retrograde motion) of the equinoxes, affects the evolutionary process of planetary life as the Sun appears to pass through the various constellations. As there are 12 Signs of the Zodiac, the Sun appears to occupy each Sign for an average of 2 150 years, constituting an Age, also called a Great Month of the Great Year of 25 800 years. The Sun is not in each Sign for the same duration of time - for instance the Age of Aquarius is of longer duration than that of Pisces, but for convenience an Age is referred to as a 2 000 year period.

Aries is the first Sign of the Zodiac and Pisces the

the twelfth, but because of precession by the earth, the Sun appears to move through the cycle of the Great Year in a contrary direction, beginning with Pisces and ending with Aries. Thus with the birth of Jesus came the birth of the Piscean Age - the first Great Month of the Great Year. Now, as we approach A.D. 2 000 the earth is experiencing the intermingling of the outgoing influences of Pisces and the incoming energies of the New Age of Aquarius. Apart from the Sun moving into the Sign Aquarius by precession of the equinoxes, it is also the esoteric proposition that our solar system is moving closest to the constellation of Aquarius at this time and in the next 2 000 years. In addition, it is known that the Great Zodiacal Year of 25 800 years is governed by Aquarius, so that the influence of the Water-bearer is stronger at this time than at any other period in human consciousness - "... a most amazing happening and full of import in our planetary history; it is a coincidence of which our Planetary Logos is well aware, and of which He is making full and intelligent use". (The Externalisation of the Hierarchy p. 567, by A.A. Bailey).

Nearly 2 000 years ago men gathering on the shores of Galilee began to make the Sign of the Fishes on the soft sand. It was to denote not only that they were following the Great Fisher of Men, but that they were aware of a new era dawning. Those who were initiated into the deeper mysteries were becoming increasingly aware of what the Age of Pisces, the Fishes, had to bring forth. They knew it was to be an Age in which an attempt would be made to spread the philosophy of the Brotherhood of Man. They knew that it was to demand, of those sensitive enough to react to its energies, devotion and sacrifice, whether in the arena or in service to Mankind, of an order hitherto never dreamed of. And so it was. The seeds of universal brotherhood found fertile soil, though that soil was oft' to be nourished with the blood of martyrs.

Today we are entering an Age in which the seeds of brotherly love, so carefully planted in Pisces, are to be nurtured and coaxed into outward manifestation not only within the small unit of the family, but within groups of people and within the greater community of nations. Now comes a breaking away from established traditions, a revolt from authority, whether of the church, of dogma, doctrine

or theology; a tending towards self-determination and an overthrowing of the old standards and of old barriers of thought and the divisions existing between races and faiths.

Whilst the peoples of the planet have in the last 2 000 years been prepared to accept all blindly and with faith, the Aquarian Age demands a replacement of 'I Believe' with 'I know'. Today the young men and women of our universities and colleges demand facts that they may make their own deductions.

Traditionally the Age of Aquarius is the Age of Enlightenment, the Sign of the Man, of Humanity and of Brotherhood; its characteristics are unity, vision, memory, co-operation, synthesis, detachment; and through it the three aspects of the mind - conscious, unconscious and superconscious - seek simultaneous expression.

In this changing order from 'I believe' to 'I know', we must play our part and be prepared to spread the doctrine of enlightenment, of the brotherhood of Man in the language of the day. We need to alter our methods and our ways so that souls now incarnating are helped into the New Age of Aquarius, where they will play an even more enlightened, creative and important part than ourselves.

A.M.

THE RETORT INFERENTIAL

While the Buddha was once seated in meditation, a man of bitter words heaped abuse upon him. To all his deriding, reviling, abusive language the Buddha listened in silence. Finally the speaker paused for want of breath.

The Buddha thereupon asked him a question. 'If a man brings a gift to another which is not accepted, to whom does the gift return?'

The abusive person replied, 'To the one who sent it'.

'Very well, then,' the Buddha rejoined. 'I do not accept your gift of abuse'.

From 'Great Images'

THE WORLD IS CALLING FOR YOUR HELP

Yes, this world - our world - needs our help. Will you send a blessing to the world?

Each stanza of this Buddhist Blessing, known as 'The Blessing of the Four Divine States', should be repeated with a few moments of silence after each, for radiation of the quality being sent forth and the visualisation of it reaching all Beings upon Earth.

Love to all Beings
 North - South
 East - West
 Above - Below
 Love to all Beings.

Compassion to all Beings
 North - South
 East - West
 Above - Below
 Compassion to all Beings.

Joy to all Beings
 North - South
 East - West
 Above - Below
 Joy to all Beings.

Serenity to all Beings
 North - South
 East - West
 Above - Below
 Serenity to all Beings.

As parasites on the skin of our planet, we can be truly successful only when we become aware of its pulse and learn to pace our lives to the rhythm of its deep, untroubled breathing.

Dr. Lyall Watson.

A man's ideal, like his horizon, is constantly receding from him as he advances towards it.

W.G.T. Shedd.

DON'T QUIT.

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
 When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
 When the funds are low and the debts are high
 And you want to smile, but you have to sigh;
 When care is pressing you down a bit -
 Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns
 As everyone of us sometimes learns,
 And many a fellow turns about
 When he might have won had he stuck it out.
 Don't give up though the pace seems slow -
 You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than
 It seems to a faint and faltering man;
 Often the struggler has given up
 When he might have captured the victor's cup;
 And he learned too late when the night came down
 How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out -
 The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
 And you never can tell how close you are,
 It may be near when it seems afar;
 So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit -
 It's when things seem worse that you mustn't quit.

When the Avatar comes at the close of this century
 and makes His power felt, He will come as the
 Teacher of Love and Unity, and the keynote He will
 strike will be regeneration through love poured
 forth on all.

Extract from:
 'Cosmic Fire' by A.A. Bailey.

The whole day-to-day and future destiny of every
 nation is in the hands of individuals. The
 external harmony and progress of the entire human
 race is founded on the internal harmony and
 progress of every individual.....

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.

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EDITORIAL

Contact International is a U.F.O. investigation society based upon making contact with the space people and civilisations beyond our planet Earth. We aim to combine the nuts and bolts approach of our scientifically orientated members with the intuitive awareness of the spiritually orientated members and as such, here in South Africa, we keep records of all UFO sightings, have field activities when groups go out into the lonely places of our country to keep watch upon the skies. We also study such subjects as Telepathy and Meditation in order to make communication easier when the great moment comes.

In our last edition of Skywatch we published the story of Peter and Francis: a young couple who were teleported by a UFO from Fort Victoria to Beit Bridge in Rhodesia. We will hear more of them in the coming issues; it was found that only under hypnosis did the details of their experience come to light. Our readers will be interested to know that their experience ranks with some of the best in the world and can be classed amongst the top cases of this century.

In the following pages will be found the Aims and Objects of CONTACT and also an account of our National Conference held at Everglades Hotel in the Natal midlands. We would like to say how much CONTACT welcomes this opportunity to link up with Aquarian News and we hope our association will be profitable to both groups of readers.

THE HISTORY OF CONTACT INTERNATIONAL IN SOUTH AFRICA

Contact was started in 1967 by Ann and John Elliot at the request of Brinsley le Poer Trench, who was the International Chairman of an organisation called International Sky Scouts; Ann and John approached a few friends late in 1966 and all agreed it would be a good idea to start a UFO group here and join on an international basis. On the night of the full moon in February 1967, International Sky Scouts (S.A.) was born; it was a Friday evening at 8.00 p.m. There was a very good response, as Ann and John knew many people who were interested and who became founder members.

There were monthly meetings under our first chairman Mr. Philipp Human. Gregory Roberts, now a professional astronomer, Ruth Griggs, Ton Koolman who designed the heading of Skywatch, Frank and Eve van Vloten were all on the founding committee. Amongst the field activities organised was the first of a series of expeditions to the Drakensberg Mountains at Loteni camp, of the Natal Parks Board, where nine people embarked in the middle of winter to brave the elements and have an all-night sky watch. Three cars made the journey and for at least five of those people the Drakensberg area was new and unexplored territory. The previous day it had been snowing and we well remember the joy of the group when a handsome snowman was built alongside the road to Loteni; several of those present had never seen snow!

After arriving at Loteni at midday, we all lay absorbing the sun's rays after lunch when John Corlett suddenly said that he could see a star! There were incredulous exclamations but first one and then another could see it and finally all nine of us saw this star. It was Venus, at 1.00 pm in the middle of the brilliant day. Incredible but true! On that first skywatch no UFO's were seen but on subsequent visits to the mountains these were spotted and recorded. In the day time Frank van Vloten led the energetic ones on a mountain trek; we really felt that the mountains and ourselves were the only ones to exist. In the evenings after an early supper, meditation was suggested when we tried to align ourselves to the thought of the space people with whom we wanted to make contact.

One of our early members had had a very wonderful contact with one of the visitors from another star, outside our planetary system and his story can be found in the No. 3 edition of Skywatch. An unusual story and absolutely true. As this member was very retiring, Philipp Human told his story to the group; we were later given permission to print it. Unfortunately he is not now a member of Contact but we still hear of him and he still has contact with his friend from outer space.

Our International Chairman arranged for a concentrated effort by all member countries to take part in a planned day of skywatching and then to report back to him the results. Natalie Banks was the member who sat in her flat all day to receive the telephone calls, country wide, on any reported sightings. One midnight watch over the New Year as we were observing the skies from a small hill at Assagay, Natal, 118 flying objects were counted crossing the night sky. Some, of course, were satellites, but our good friend Gregory Roberts said that they would not account for 118 objects in one night. That same night there was a report of a beautiful and clear sighting of a UFO in the Queensburgh area of Natal and also one in the Kloof area. One man was able to take a few feet of film of one object. We were able to interview him but he told us that he was selling the film and story to a big American magazine to make a lot of money!

These were a regular part of Contact's activities and did much to cement the nucleus of the group. In that first year we studied telepathy with Fran Pearce, who helped us in this procedure; for those who are interested we will supply the details of how we proceeded with the study. We started with a 2% accuracy, if we were lucky, and after six meetings spaced at fortnightly intervals, meeting regularly and developing a harmonious relationship with each other, we were able to conclude the experiment with an 80% accuracy both in transmission and reception; we recommend that the Centres try this for themselves.

In 1968, I.S.S. Headquarters in Japan unfortunately altered their policy which resulted in the resignation of the International chairman; it was required that all countries take an oath of allegiance to Japan, and certain

books were to be banned to members. We felt that this position was untenable, and also resigned from the organisation. Meanwhile, Brinsley le Poer Trench was organising those countries who had resigned into another group called 'Contact'. This new group rapidly gained member countries; we hope to give an account of the International side of Contact in the following issue of this magazine.

In 1968 East London started a branch of Contact and later on that same year Johannesburg started their branch. In 1969 Pretoria started; 'Contact' was growing. Early in 1968 it was found necessary to form a separate group to run the National activities. The Durban group was privileged to have Philipp Human as their Chairman. We had suggested that the young people should come forward and run the Durban Branch and this has been the policy ever since in this area.

The Johannesburg group was very active and their leader, Mrs. Neslie Schmutz, organised the meetings with great enthusiasm. One day in October 1970, a group of eight members went up to Johannesburg from Durban. We were received by Neslie and given a wonderful reception; Neslie managed to accommodate the whole group in her home and all the other ladies in the Johannesburg group helped Neslie with the catering. They had planned a wonderful weekend with the two Contact groups and we were taken to the Planetarium, the Republic Observatory, where we met Gregory Roberts who was now a full-time astronomer, (he writes the article 'The Sky at Night', for the newspapers.) Gregory took us to view his magnificent telescopes at the Observatory. The following day we had the great privilege of going over the deep space tracking station at Hartebeeshoek. There was a very harmonious gathering of the two groups in the evening and here we were able to meet Mrs. Elizabeth Klarer for the first time. After Neslie had been Chairman for some time, she handed over the group to Roland and Anne Seilaz who carried on the good work. Later on the leadership went to Elizabeth Klarer who is still the Johannesburg Branch Chairman.

In 1972 we held our first National Conference at the Everglades Hotel, Dargle, where representatives from

Johannesburg and Durban met to pool knowledge and discuss the latest activities in South Africa. Each year since then this national co-operation has drawn us close to one another. In August, 1972, the Cape Town branch of Contact started under the leadership of André Nestel and so then we had the main centres of South Africa covered. However, in East London our friend Mr. Buttner was called to a higher hunting ground; the group was taken over by some of the other members but later folded up because there were not enough workers. The Pretoria group also withdrew due to lack of support and at the time of writing we have groups in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban, with the National body in Durban.

There is a lending library for members of Contact, and those who would like to avail themselves of this service should write in to Skywatch and ask for details. We also have a tape library which is available to our members upon application.

This, then, brings us up-to-date. There seems to be waxing and waning periods in the various centres, but each branch still carries on; the subject is such a vast one and can be approached through so many different ways.

One of the great difficulties is to keep people alert and interested and this can be done by new methods of approach. Meetings with talks; film shows from the embassies have been a great success; slide shows from the Astronomical Society. Field activities are also much appreciated by our members. These are just some ideas. One person should be appointed to gather accurate information on any sightings and Mr. Cecil Alder did a wonderful job in Durban until he, too, was recalled to other spheres.

We would be very glad to hear your comments and have your suggestions. Please feel free to write in to the editor of Skywatch - the address is on the back page where our notices are printed.

AIMS AND OBJECTS OF CONTACT INTERNATIONAL (S.A.)HISTORICAL NOTE:

Fiery chariots, pillars of fire, flying scrolls and other strange flying objects in the skies have been recorded throughout history.

However, it was in 1947 that unidentified flying objects began to be seen in large numbers. Since then, millions of people all over the world have seen UFO's. Where do they come from? Are they terrestrial or extra-terrestrial? And what does their presence mean to mankind? These are all vital questions to be resolved.

INTRODUCTION:

Contact International (S.A.) is committed to the premise that the UFO phenomena and associated manifestations are important enough to warrant in-depth study. It is a non-profit making, non-political movement and is run by responsible, intelligent people, variously qualified and from all walks of life, who are prepared to give of their free time to assist in trying to resolve one of the most interesting enigmas the world has ever known. Contact International (S.A.) is neither a cult, nor a restricted research unit and adheres to no particular hypothesis or ideology. It DOES approach the UFO phenomena with open-minded interest, progressive thought and properly-placed speculation, at the same time helping to undertake a continuous programme of objective research, which is conducted in the U.K.

It is, in fact, part of an international movement of close mutual co-operation between people committed to the investigation of this great world mystery.

The Society was formed in 1967 under the name of International Sky Scouts. In 1968 the name of the movement was changed to Contact (S.A.) and in 1973 there was a change at the international level to Contact International (S.A.). It is now one of the largest civilian UFO organisations, with member countries in every part of the world.

OBJECTIVES

- 1) The Society operates without bias, prejudice or preconception, and adopts a scientific approach in its research. At the same time, it is conceded that this approach may well lead on to philosophical and spiritual considerations.
- 2) An important aim is to associate ourselves with other similar societies in mutually advantageous projects leading to the overall advancement of unidentified flying objects research, and peripheral studies.
- 3) To assist in promoting an international recognition that the UFO phenomenon is worthy of intense international, scientific study.
- 4) The aims of Contact International (S.A.) are to examine and present the evidence for these mysterious phenomena, and to foster better understanding of them.

RESEARCH

The primary function of the Society is to collect, investigate, evaluate and disseminate, reports of UFO manifestations. Therefore, the Chairman and membership of each group in South Africa are charged with the primary function of obtaining and researching as far as possible all such reports within their areas. These reports are forwarded to CONTACT INTERNATIONAL'S DATA RESEARCH HEADQUARTERS in the U.K. This enables the team at International Research HQ., to form a good picture of the overall

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global UFO pattern. They can then rapidly correlate trends, prepare a permanent statistical record, and this information enables them to co-ordinate international research projects.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of Contact International (S.A.) is open to all people, subject to approval by each group committee. Membership fees are determined by each branch of the Society and the funds are used for running expenses, in addition to affiliation fees payable annually to Headquarters in the U.K.

ACTIVITIES

Each branch of the Society is encouraged to hold regular meetings and sky watches. Activities include lectures on various aspects of the UFO subject, discussions and debates, and the publication of the quarterly magazine 'Skywatch' which is circulated to all members. Each year, too, International Headquarters organises world-wide sky watches in which all member countries can participate, and the ensuing publicity from these events brings in new members for National Associations.

APPLICATION FORM

Having read the aims and objects of CONTACT INTERNATIONAL (S.A.), I wish to become a member, at an annual subscription of R3-00, which I enclose.

NAME: (Block letters please) _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

REPORT ON THE 1975 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 4th National Contact Conference was held this year at Everglades Hotel, Lion's River, in the foothills of the beautiful Drakensberg mountains, over the third weekend of August. This weekend was well attended by the Durban and Johannesburg members. The conveners must thank Elizabeth Klarer and her members from Johannesburg who took the trouble to attend this conference and make it the success it was.

On Saturday afternoon, after the welcome on Friday by the National chairman, Mr. Les Mitchell, the group met for a meditation and discussion and then in the evening there were talks from the new Durban secretary, Miss Elsa Willies, Mr. Dermot Stranix and Mrs. Elizabeth Klarer. Elizabeth mentioned some of her experiences within the space craft and her contact with the great souls who came so far to make contact with some of the earth people. The great advantage is, of course, that Elizabeth has had actual experience of the contact and has been taken by her friend to his home star. The group then discussed the many different aspects of contact and all it meant and the implication of contact with these advanced souls from the other spheres. Dermot led this discussion and gave the conference some very interesting pieces of information regarding contact on the telepathic level.

Later on that evening it was thought that a few of the members did see the physical evidence of the space people in the form of their ships in our skies. The atmosphere was charged with an unusual energy and at the beginning of the evening all the hotel lights went out and stayed out until the following day. This had not happened very often before and there were no storms in the area to cause a power cut!

If the foregoing seems too far-fetched to our new readers we have only to remember the reaction of a completely illiterate tribe in central Africa when they witness, for instance, a helicopter dropping out of a clear blue sky, a few white-skinned men jumping out of it and switching on their communications radio - on speaking into it, a reply is heard from the so-called 'box'.

On Sunday morning the National Committee met, with the two branches, to discuss the next year's plans for the organisation.

During the weekend there was plenty of free time for all to enjoy the quiet of the beautiful country. Those who were energetic were introduced to the 'bell' stone, a phenomenon of nature where, if a certain large rock is struck, it emits a deep, metallic, bell-like sound which reminds one of a monastery bell. To our knowledge, there are only a handful of these in the whole of this country and we were fortunate indeed to have this one virtually on our doorstep.

There was a great spirit of co-operation and togetherness during this National Conference and an experience that all who attended it will treasure in their memories.

GREAT MINDS HAVE BELIEVED IN INTERPLANETARY COMMUNICATIONS (With acknowledgements to 'Heralds of the New Age').

Nikola Tesla (who died in 1943), originally Yugoslavian, was one of America's great minds, who declared that he was not an inventor but a discoverer of (new) cosmic principles which he had learned from the deep secrets of Nature herself. Like many great ones, he was 'before his time', and although his scientific discoveries were hailed and put to use, his philosophies were disregarded or scoffed at. Scientists were incredulous when he announced that he was - and had been - in constant touch with other planets!

This man, who extended the fields of communication and light, (among others), stated that he spent two hours daily for 15 years, sending and receiving 'inter-planetary messages'.

Although an American citizen for over 50 years, he died a pauper in the land for which he had done so much to assist in the mighty industrial revolution. The benefits of his works are legion and range through modern radio and T.V., to remote control by radio, neon lighting and much more, all this at around the turn of the century. Perhaps his greatest gift to our world was his discovery of the

polyphase alternating current system, the backbone of our electrical distribution networks without which our industries would long since have stagnated. Even textbooks on electrical engineering give only extremely scant credit and recognition to the genius of these modern times.

Here was a man who suffered greatly from man's ignorance. Surely it is a cardinal mistake to dismiss anything, prior to right and proper investigation? Tesla's 'interplanetary communication' was never taken seriously, despite his being a brilliant scientist. This, apparently, was so 'off beat' that it was relegated to the realms of the sort of thing which springs from an eccentric. Why should such a brilliant man suddenly become 'eccentric' with regard to a different type of communication, when he first established his worth through concrete evidence in the scientific field?

Let us hope that the day is not far off when further honours will be poured on this man, when interplanetary communication will become an acknowledged scientific truth.

MEETING TIMES AND VENUES OF THE BRANCHES

DURBAN: The fourth Wednesday of every month, (except during December), at 8 p.m.

Venue: The Centre, 3rd Floor, Progress House, Hermitage Street, Durban.

JOHANNESBURG: The first Monday of every month, at 8 p.m.

Venue: Kindly contact Mrs. Elizabeth Klarer, at 3 Cottage Place, 394 Rifle Range Road, Towerby. For details phone 322084.

CAPE TOWN: The last Friday of every month, at 8 p.m.

Venue: Kindly contact Mr. André Nestel, 9 Schoonvught Lane, Constantia, for details.

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The Great Invocation

From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into the minds of men,
Let Light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men,
May Christ return to Earth.

From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little wills of men -
The purpose which the Master knows and serves.

From the centre which we call the race of men
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light & Love & Power restore the Plan on Earth.