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Cover illustration :

Adamski Photographs (top to bottom).

1. Taken on March 5th, 1951. 'Mother Ship' releasing 'scout ships'.
2. Frame from 8mm movie film taken by Adamski at Silver Spring, Maryland two months before his death.
3. 'Mother Ship' taken by Adamski in California in 1952.
4. Venusian 'scout ship' taken by Adamski in December, 1952.
5. 'Scout Ship' taken in California in 1952.

Also shown : strange symbols allegedly written for Adamski by one of his space contacts. Right hand column shows our solar system with three more planets beyond Pluto.

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All in the Mind.

It has often been a source of annoyance to ufologists to hear the sceptics dictum that the solution to the UFO mystery is the negative dismissal that 'It's all in the mind'. Ironically it is offered as the way out for the numerous alternative theories to the ETH. (the flesh and blood spacemen in some kind of manufactured spaceships). It has mistakenly been posited for the answer to all kinds of ideas, such as alternative universes, parallel realities, psychic projections, elementals etc. Only recently one newspaper carried this very headline over an interview with a BUFOS member, and misunderstood - or misinterpreted - what was stated simply because the member concerned did not necessarily accept the ETH.

In one sense everything is in the mind, everything in creation ! The mind is central to all experience. The philosopher Emmanuel Kant realised this when he said that the world is a construct of thought, that there is an inner identity between the world and ourselves, that matter and form are activities of the mind. "Space and time are not objective realities, only subjective ways in which we cognize realities which in themselves are non-spacial and non-temporal. All phenomena are not in themselves things. They are representations and can not exist apart from the mind.....But the empirical truth of phenomena in space and time is guaranteed beyond the possibility of doubt". So UFO's, whatever they may be, can be just as real to us as buses and trains, but the experience of them still has to come via mind. By the same token this does not infer a solid ETH solution either, necessarily.

Similarly the eminent psychologist, C.G. Jung was also misinterpreted. He did no such thing, as some believe, as offering the notion of externally projected psychic material, but was referring to an internal projection from the unconscious to the conscious awareness. Although there might well be some truth in his original theory about changes in the human psyche and its archetypes, he concluded that UFO's are real objects ! The word 'myth' in the title of his book, "Flying Saucers - a Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Skies" was also misconstrued. Jung was employing it in the original Greek sense, not in the way it is used today.

Yet, fascinatingly, modern physics is moving towards a more accommodating view of mind. It is saying that we are somehow involved in the nature of reality in a fundamental way, that the precise nature of reality has to involve the participation of a conscious observer. It is even saying that physics cannot study reality, only the connection between the mind of the experimenter and the system he experiments on - the act of measurement may change the object being measured !

All this tells us nothing about the UFO as such, but it could tell quite a lot about the mind, However if someone tells you its all in the mind, ask them to find something which isn't.

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GEORGE ADAMSKI - 30 YEARS LATER. - RAY COX.

This is intended as a personal reflection on the George Adamski affair, which any analysis of Ufology must take in to account. It does not intend to condone the man or his claims, or to deride him, as a too-simplistic view will not do. This has been the shortcoming of many, whose appreciation of the most famous of alleged contactees has been polarized into either reverence or derision. (I might well posit some middle ground occupied by psychic factors - and so perhaps be accused myself of some ephemeral 'mental' factor as an easy way out).

Adamski (1891-1965) was the most controversial figure in our subject, and still remains the most extraordinarily enigmatic one, even though a generation has passed since his heyday. In an odd way, the subject of UFO's, or 'flying saucers' as they were termed then, would be the poorer without him, the quintessential personality, his claims and photographs the classics of the time. To put it crudely, this subject without GA, as he came to be known, would be something like literature without Shakespeare or music without Beethoven. It seems strange that, since the date of his experiences, 1952-53, dozens of other folk around the world have claimed not only similar sightings of his 'scout ships', (the famous bell-shaped saucer emitted by the cigar-shaped 'mother ships' in outer space), and have related contactee stories far wilder and more fantastic than anything Adamski said, yet have been listened to with more respect by researchers. Perhaps he is old hat, too straight-forward, too neat to be true, too overtly philosophical and romantic in his all-embracing picture of the world as given to him from his 'extraterrestrials'. (GA was the first to claim that extraterrestrials live among us).

It was just twenty-five years ago when I met George Adamski. He was on his 1959 European lecture tour. On the evening following a lecture in Birmingham, he was the guest at a meeting of a local group. I remember him vividly, even though, largely agreeing with Lou Zinsstag(1), Adamski's loyal Swiss representative for seven years in the fifties and sixties, who describes him as "modest, soft-spoken, with a gentle patient face, who answered every question politely, without evasion or the slightest show of hostility.....If anyone believed him he was glad; if they did not, it was too bad, but what could he do about it? Adamski was so normal....He believed that he had made contact with a man from Venus".

I am assuming that readers know the principal details of Adamski's story. If not, there is very useful old and new literature

outlining it.(2). But briefly -as space is limited- his fame rests more than anything else on his first alleged (a word always to be repeated), encounter with a spaceman in the Californian desert on November 20th 1952. Regardless of what happened later, the heart of the matter, as Lou Zinsstag says(3) "lies in the acceptance or refusal of this event". Apparently GA was accompanied by a group of witnesses who waited by the car while Adamski went in to a small canyon and met a Venusian who had stepped out of a 'scout ship', and with whom he communicated telepathically and by sign language. After the 'spaceman' had left, Adamski noticed his footprints in the sand, within the outline of which were strange hieroglyphics. One of the witnesses, who happened to have some plaster of paris, was able to make a cast of the footprint.....

However, what did happen later ?

Well, there were subsequent claims of further meetings, including four space flights, with the 'Brothers', as he referred to them; the publication of a series of famous photographs; further books (4) in addition to the famed "FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED", (co-author Desmond Leslie); the inauguration of the ' get-aquainted' programme, in which representatives in a number of countries would disseminate Adamski's messages as outlined by the 'spacemen' (who were, incidentally, from a number of planets, including Venus, Mars and Saturn), and lecture tours, during which he was received by such notables as Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, and Pope John at the Vatican.

Steuart Campbell, in a recent scathing attack on GA as a fraud (5), says that Adamski had to invent the subsequent claims of meetings and trips in to space in order to explain what he had already invented. But a fair list of points in favour and against could be drawn up, still trapping us in to a perpetual either/or syndrome - where a jury would be out a long time.

As a matter of interest here are some :

FOR : There have been numerous reports of similar descriptions and some photos - but never exactly the same - of the 'scout ships', as well as the cigars, eg. the well known Coniston craft taken by teenager Stephen Darbishire in February 1954 ;

Adamski's description of the radiation belts around the Earth, not discovered for some years later, by James A. Van Allen;

Adamski's description of the 'firefly effect' on his first trip in to space in February 1953, and later, in 1962, similarly described by astronaut John Glenn;

The faithful retelling by GA of the main story without retraction right until his death. (There are some pitfalls as time went on, detailed by Lou Zinsstag and Timothy Good, to which the reader is referred, but which do not invalidate by themselves the November 1952 claims; but cast some doubt on the later, eg. the trips to Saturn and Venus, where, in the

description of which GA may have been trying to bolster his own ego at a time when things were not going too well for him - eg the original set of 'Brothers' seem to have left him !

AGAINST : The main stumbling block seems to be GA's assertion that the planets were inhabited. According to Lou Zinsstag (6) GA often stated that his life would be much easier had he claimed that they came from other systems. Timothy Good (7) says that Carol Honey, one of GA's closest co-workers in California, stated that GA himself said that the names Venus, Mars, Saturn were the names given to certain locations in other systems - "like a code so you could tell which they were". So the 'space people' themselves did not refer to our Solar System ! However, Desmond Leslie (8) neatly invokes an esoteric explanation : "The 'brothers' are able to 'materialize' in our environment but their own planets are on a 'higher vibratory frequency' than ours, hence life as we know it has not been discovered in our solar system";

Adamski's background; (much played upon by Stuart Campbell) (9), his parent's philosophical and deeply religious approach to 'the wonders of creation'; Adamski had been the head of a mystical cult called 'The Royal Order of Tibet'; and in the late 1940s he wrote a science fiction novel, 'Pioneers of Space' about an imaginary trip to the moon, Venus and Mars. (The opposite view might be : well, of course, GA was just the suitable person to be contacted).

So the real question is, perhaps, is there another answer other than the either/or ? If GA was telling the truth, were his visitors lying ? Who were his visitors ? If a fraud, what motivates such a philosophy, expounded and developed wilfully for so long ? Could the original experience be true (to GA if not objectively) and the rest a concoction ? Some patterns have emerged since his time. One is that contactees these days do not say, usually, that their 'spacemen' are coming from Mars or Venus, but from other stars, or planets of those stars, if they say anything, and the blond-haired, handsome humanoids seem to have gone, replaced by something often more gruesome, and the stories are not so imaginative or the leading players so heroic. It's a little analogous to the comparison between modern films and the old Hollywood.

Well - if you're all itching to know where I stand, I'll just say that, as an introduction to GA - really a reflection, - how about, for a start, reversing that comment : where would flying saucers be without George Adamski and asking, where would George Adamski be without flying saucers ?

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LOU ZINSSTAG (1905-1984).

The pioneering Swiss researcher and writer, Lou (Louise) Zinsstag, died in Basle on 19th January this year. She was related through her mother, to C.G.Jung, great psychiatrist and teacher. In addition to a number of absorbing hobbies, including UFO's, she wrote and spoke several languages, and over the years gathered a large collection of UFO material. These archives have been deposited in the Basle University Library. Lou Zinsstag began corresponding with George Adamski after her interest in UFO's had begun following a reading of "Flying Saucers from Outer Space", by Donald Keyhoe, and "Flying Saucers have Landed", by Desmond Leslie and George Adamski. In 1957 she became his Swiss co-worker. In 1964 some disagreement and uncertainty about his later claims forced her to leave him, but she remained steadfast in her conviction that many of his original claims were true. She was also concerned about the worldwide political, economic and ecological situation and attributed official secrecy on UFO's to international financial interests. R.C.

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APOLOGIES TO MARK SAMPSON FOR THE INCORRECT SPELLING OF HIS
NAME IN THE LAST ISSUE OF BUFOS JOURNAL.
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After the successful activities of BUFOS members in Chesterfield, (See "Putting BUFOS on the Map in Chesterfield" in the last issue, and the current Newsletter), below is a similar report from Alan Bramhill on Merseyside.

BUFOS UFO TEAM STARTS IN MERSEYSIDE - Alan Bramhill.

When I attended the first meeting for active members (28th January, 1984), I decided to start my own club in Merseyside, on the understanding that all interested had to also join BUFOS. I contacted Stuart Schofield and told him of my intentions. He was very pleased and promised to send me posters, application forms etc. Within a couple of weeks the Merseyside UFO Investigation Team was formed. All of us are BUFOS members, some of us are also investigators. All of us have a function in the team, a chairman, secretary, treasurer, we even have a team publicity officer continuing to spread the word about BUFOS around the North West. We have also been promised help from a top laboratory chemist, who is willing to do a CELL soil analysis for us if that sort of case comes our way. Also, a fortnightly magazine in Merseyside will be placing an article about BUFOS and our team.

So all this came from one little line in my local paper, and displaying BUFOS posters around the Merseyside area. We now have a meeting every month, as a club, hold skywatches, and are now ready to tackle cases for BUFOS. My advice to BUFOS members reading this is, if there is a quiet spell in your investigations, do as I did : Spread the word about BUFOS, and watch it pay off !

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ARE THEY PROJECTIONS ? - David Taylor.

Over the years, since the term 'serious' UFOlogy was coined there have been two theories for UFO's at loggerheads. These are, of course, the ETH and the Psychic Projection. In recent years the ETH has been disregarded by many scientists and some UFOlogists, this is mainly due to the problems with space travel (or so the scientists claim). It was then that the Psychic Projection theory became a life boat for UFOlogists desperate to find an answer.

It was Carl Gustav Jung who pioneered the idea that UFO's may be projections from the human subconscious, and UFOlogists who insist that this is the answer cling to Jungs theories, most of them probably not realising that before Jung died in 1961, he stated that he had reached the conclusion that UFO's did appear to be alien spaceships.

The Psychic Projection theory may prove to be the answer in sightings where there is only one witness; the problem begins when we have a multiple witness sighting. What are we to think then ? It is in this aspect that most supporters of the projection theory begin to clutch at straws, explaining the sighting as a mass psychic projection.

By far the biggest problem is that of the CELL categories. It is in this category that supporters of the ETH begin to ask how a projection from the mind can show up on radar, cause EM effects and landing marks. The latter is by far (as far as I am concerned) the hardest to explain away in terms of psychic projections. Many projection supporters claim that such landing marks (like the rings at Westbury) are fakes, manufactured by hoaxers. This notion is quite amusing, as one can imagine groups of people racing around the country for the sole purpose of making circular rings in fields. The case of photographs may, at first, seem a problem but as always the projectionists have a ready answer, claiming that such photographs are produced by the mind of the witness.

There are, of course, many arguments for and against the existence of Ets and psychic projections. I have concentrated my article on the projection theory, and I hope that it will prompt some supporter of this theory to write a reply. It has always been mans downfall to enhance and twist evidence to fit his own personal beliefs. It is not only the psychic projectionists who are guilty of this, but all of us who are interested in UFOlogy, (or any other subject for that matter).

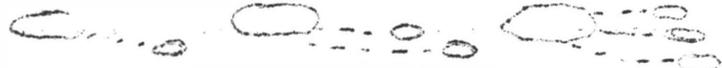
It would seem to me that by studying the Psychic Projection theory we can find out more about the witness and less about the UFO's themselves. Maybe this is a good thing, who knows? By investigating the witness rather than the actual sighting we may, in fact, come up with the answer to what the UFO phenomenon may represent, if this is so then the UFOlogist will take over the role of psychiatrist.

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UFO SIGHTINGS from Len Harling.

Listed below are a number of old and new reported UFO sightings.

(1) Dunning, Scotland. Date 13.4.84. Time : 10,50 pm.
 Three lights said to be like stars moving rapidly across the sky.
 Objects seen for approx. 2 minutes. (Insufficient data available).

(2) Cambridge. Date. 7.5.83. Time approx.: 8pm,
 Three disc shaped objects came out from behind a cloud, Duration of sighting approx. 5 mins. Objects in formation.



(3) Barry, Glamorgan. Date. 13.5.84. Time : 9.35pm.
 Objects appeared to have two rows of six white lights with two brighter lights, one on each outer edge. Travelling in an East-West direction, changing course to a southerly direction before disappearing. As the objects disappeared a deep hum was heard which lasted about one second. (currently being investigated).



(4) Stanmore, London. Date: 26.4.84. Time : 9.45pm.

Object described as a 'rotating multi-coloured object' giving off balls of light. Object seen by police and public for approx. 2 hours. Object eventually moved further away until it disappeared from view. (currently being investigated).

(5) Staveley, Nr. Chesterfield. Date: 31.5.84. Time : 10.20pm.

Two very large bright, white lights that shone forward. The object was solid, dark and dome-shaped on top with two smaller lights underneath. Lower part not clearly defined possibly due to the glare of the lights. Comments : Query shape because of the glare of the lights.



INVESTIGATORS ! HAVE YOU GOT THE FOLLOWING ?? :

1. A current timetable of flights over your area.
2. A map of flight paths over your area. Available from local ref. library.
Book : UK 'Air Pilot' & GAFG.
3. Ordnance survey map 1 : 50,000 of your area.
4. Town/street map.
5. List of major installations. ie Gas, military, radio stations/masts, Power Stations, underground works, reservoirs etc.
6. List of local newspaper contacts, flying clubs, Coastguard Stations, local Astronomical Society and Radio Station.

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INVESTIGATORS PLEASE NOTE !

SOLAR POWERED AIR SHIPS ARE NOW ON SALE : (marked 'UFO-SOLAR'). They inflate to approx. 10ft by 3ft and can reach extraordinary heights, so the ad. states. WATCH OUT - IT MAY BE YOUR NEXT REPORT !



(colour not known). Price £3.99.

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NEWS FROM THE U.S.A.

Our correspondent Jerry Garces has sent me news of two interesting and controversial events which occurred recently.

SOVIET UNION CAPTURE UFO.

The Soviet Union appears to be making headlines everywhere with regard to UFOs. Following the story of the new Investigations Committee recently set up Jerry passed me details of an alleged captured UFO! The story appeared last October in the 'Globe'.

It tells of a UFO shot down when attempting to take off after a crash-landing. The site was the Shantar Island in the Sea of Okhotsk 500 miles NW of the Korean Air disaster. It was claimed that the 'ship' and 'crew' were possibly transported to a secret research centre near Yakutsk in East Siberia.

The story is based on reports by eyewitnesses as well as testimony from Japanese spies in the area. Mark Stanley, former CIA agent, based in Washington said it was a worrying situation. Eyewitnesses also report rail trucks, used for transporting heavy equipment, were seen moving in and out of the area for 10 days following the event.

Details are as follows:-

Late Summer a UFO was seen landing on the Island a few miles from the fishing village of Chumika and disappeared behind some pine trees. Suddenly there appeared boats, helicopter gunships, all carrying troops and using glaring searchlights. Jets were seen circling above in order to prevent the UFO taking off. As the jets flew overhead a glow was seen from the site - as if the UFO was attempting to take off. It was met by a barrage of rockets from the jets. At this point the troops landed. Witnesses claim that 2 jets and 4 helicopters were disintegrated. The area was cordoned off and thousands of troops moved in.

There were also stories of crates shipped out resembling cages containing living creatures!

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UFOS AND CATTLE MUTILATIONS.

The second report from Jerry was from the 'National Enquirer' dated 15th May '84 and concerns a new outbreak of cattle mutilations in the South Dakota Hills. Cases appear to coincide with an increase in UFO activity.

Bright lights were seen 5 times between Feb. 8th and March 6th near Norris, South Dakota by policemen and ranchers. Two of

these sightings, at least, coincided.

The first sighting was on Feb. 8th. Witnesses saw lights hovering for 20 minutes which then turned away quickly South. The following day a neighbour of the witnesses found a cow on the ranch mutilated. The eyes, ears and udder had been removed - almost surgically.

The witnesses Clayton Merchen and his wife Sheila saw lights again on the 27th and the next day two more mutilated cows were found.

The rancher concerned, Jerry Grass, took up vigil and the following two nights observed '2 big reddish lights with an orange fringe'. They were in sight for 4 hours. On March 6th the Sherriff's Chief Deputy and a patrolman went out to investigate. Parking on a hill overlooking the area they spotted some lights in the air hovering 100 to 150 feet off the ground. "They approached at slow rate of speed coming within 200 yds of the car before flying off to the SE."

The local police chief confirmed a mutilation in the same area.

DEIRDRE O'NEILL.

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CASES FROM ITALY.

'UFO NEWS-FLASH' is a publication from Italy which gives a view of the Italian UFO scene in English.

Copies can be obtained from; UFO News-Flash, Mr Massimo Greco, PO Box 29 25121, Brescia, ITALY.

Here are a couple of cases from the latest bulletin.

I) July 21st 1983. 21.00 hrs.

A bright, orange-coloured, ball-shaped object was seen hovering over Lake Garda in Northern Italy. The object was seen to slowly descend and disappear behind the trees.

Attention was attracted by the strange behaviour of the object. Witnesses claim that after remaining motionless for some minutes it it moved very slowly as if 'scanning the coast'. Numerous independant witnesses have come forward.

Mr Pino Dolci a manufacturer of dolls' dresses was leaving his house when he spotted the object motionless and emitting a light. He called his wife and son who were in time to see it descend slowly "as if it became deflated" and then disappear.

Mrs Angela Rizzetti from Manerba describes a 'bright orange-coloured balloon in the Moniga direction.'

Manerba's Mayor Dr Marino Mattiotti reports that he had calls

from local people wanting more information.

2) July 13th 1983.

Three men observed an object for half-an-hour in the morning near High Tevere. They saw it move, rotate on it's axis and then disappear.

Each of the witnesses made sketches of the object. The incident occurred at 6.30am as two of the men were returning from dropping workers off at a local factory. The object was 200 metres away, 20 metres from the ground. As the men stood watching it moved 300 metres then turned on it's axis and moved to the men's left. Turning again it moved in front of them all the time emitting a light similar to a welders light. They also described a 'halo' surrounding the object.

Luciano Urbani explained that it was possible to see it from two different angles as it moved. It appeared to be 4-5 metres long.

The third witness Mr J. Amantini arrived and stopped his car to watch the phenomenon. The UFO made a half-circle then rose until out of sight.

DEIRDRE O'NEILL

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THE GOAL HAS NOW BEEN REACHED, NOW FOR THE NEXT ONE.

The Chesterfield Branch of BUFOS has now been formed. It all started about eighteen months ago as a passing thought, and has resulted in a society with a membership of around twenty. The advantage of having a local branch in your own area is that you can have your own regular meetings like we do once a month.

The Society has also formed links with other societies, such as the Chesterfield Physic Study Group. Eileen Perry and myself paid a visit to one of their meetings some weeks ago and have agreed to keep each other informed of any information that may be of interest to either party. Now that we have an organised Society we are getting a better response from the media and public.

The most pleasing thing for me to emerge from this new branch is the enthusiasm shown by one of our younger members Jamie Boler. Ten year old Jamie has attended our local meetings and has become an active member of the Society.

At this point I would like to thank all the people who have helped in any way in the forming of this local branch and to the elected Committee for the continued running of the Branch. The first goal has been reached, so what now? It's been proved by the Chesterfield public that they wanted a UFO Society in the town by their

response to our advertising, so our next goal must be to try and achieve the same results in other areas.

This is already under way in some parts of the country such as the West Midlands where David Taylor and Andrew Simpson are advertising with posters and in other ways, in the Cardiff area where Malcolm Chamberlain is doing a similar job, and members in the Runcorn area have now formed a group of their own. My thanks to all these people for their efforts. Advertising is not an easy job, especially when your funds are limited, but word of mouth costs nothing, putting up a few posters in public places costs nothing, getting in touch with your local paper, radio station, library, telling them that you would be grateful for any sighting reports they may have all costs nothing but it's surprising how many good contacts can be found this way. The areas that need the publicity agents most are the areas with low membership. These areas are listed below.

Cambridgeshire, Berks, Yorkshire, Ireland, Scotland, Devon, Somerset, Northants, Leicestershire, Essex, Norfolk, in fact any area where members are willing to become publicity agents. The main problem with areas of low membership is the obvious shortage of active members in these areas such as Investigators, the result being that a lot of good sightings go unrecorded by the Society.

The message here is that if you would like to have your own local branch of BUFOS. Then why not start by getting in contact with other members in your area and have a discussion over a pint in your local and take it from there. But don't leave it to the other members to start the ball rolling, do it yourself. If any member wishes to have the names and addresses of other members in their area then let me know and I will forward them to you. Goal number two will then be well on it's way to being achieved, but this can only happen with your help. With a bit of luck our local Branch members may be giving your local Branch members a visit this time next year.

STUART SCHOFIELD
(BUFOS PUBLICITY OFFICER)

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David Taylor, one of the Society's younger members, joined the June 30th Skywatch at Warminster and below is his own report of the day trip.

WARMINSTER REVISITED.

Despite popular belief Warminster is alive and well and although

it's number of UFO reports has certainly dropped since the mid-
sixties Warminster is still a great place to visit.

As you all know, the EUFOS 1984 Skywatch was held in Warminster again this year. A mini-bus was laid on for West Midlands members who arranged to go. I'm sure we would like to thank Mr Ken Taylor for arranging the transport and Harry the driver for taking us.

Once we were in Warminster our destination was 'The Old Bell' public house for there we had arranged to meet members of the Society. Time passed (or to be more accurate - hours) and eventually Miss Deirdre O'Neill and friends arrived. The sun was getting lower in the sky. Dusk fell, and still we waited for other members. But at that moment we had another problem. Where had Deirdre gone? Had she got lost, been abducted by alien beings, or was she secretly propping up the bar in one of the local pubs? (I think the last is the most likely.) But despite desperate searching she could not be found and it was decided that we should make our own way up to Cradle Hill.

When we arrived at Cradle Hill we found that we were alone. (Members who attended last year will no doubt remember Laurence and his companions). While it was still light I decided to venture up to the Copse. Those of you who have visited Cradle Hill Copse will remember the famous barn and the UFO graffiti written on it. One such message was "UFOs are coming in 1984". (Let's hope they hurry they've only got six months left.) Daylight faded, and night slowly crept upon us. By now it was 11 o'clock and I was beginning to ask people if they had seen Deirdre. (We were also wondering if the EUFOS Chairman did exist or if she was a figment of our imaginations) Just then a squadron of cars came up the hill. When everyone had got out our questions were answered. YES, the EUFOS Chairman did exist. Her apparent delay was due to her waiting for members of the Chesterfield group to arrive and so, while she waited, Miss O'Neill had had a few drinks to pass the time. (A likely excuse.)

During the night Cradle Hill became very active. Even more cars had now arrived. Hippies and drunks wandered about the hill. Most of the hippies were high on drugs. This was evident as one of the hippies said "Hi, Jesus" to a drunk who wandered by.

As the small hours crept upon us my attention was drawn towards a light in the trees of the Copse. (DON'T PANIC.) Was this a UFO.. an alien spacecraft from a distant star? Did it contain intelligent life forms with high technological powers? The simple answer was... NO. It was a flash light attached to a branch.

I jumped over the fence and made my way up to the Copse followed by Andrew Simpson and Mark Sampson. As I walked up the tarmac road I thought of all the cases I had read about disembodied laughter and invisible footsteps and I quickly decided that one of the two others should go first. When we arrived in the Copse it was evident that it was a hoax but try as we might we could not get it down and in the end it stayed up there until we left.

Our next destination was Bratton Hill, Westbury, famous for it's White Horse. West Midlands members had breakfast laid on for them This consisted of sausages on rolls and as many cups of tea as you could drink. Many thanks to Ken and Harry for providing the grub and cooking it.

I'm sure I'm right in saying that a good time was had by all and on behalf of all other members who attended I would like to thank Mr Ray Cox, Mr Alan Crowe and Mr Ken Taylor for organising the Skywatch.

No doubt if we return to Warminster next year we will probably meet someone who will tell us "You should have been here last week. There was a CEIII on Cradle Hill." Oh well, one day we may be lucky.

DAVID TAYLOR

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PARANORMAL POTENTIAL.

by

EILEEN PERRY

"Seeing is believing, I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it for myself"...It might be more truthful to say "I wouldn't have seen it at all if I hadn't already believed it in the first place".

At the 'Institute of Psycho-Physical Research' in Oxford Celia Green collected reports of experiences with apparitions - 'things that aren't really there'. She made no judgement but simply recorded what is said to have occurred. Two thirds of the encounters took place in the subjects' own homes and another portion in the homes of relatives and friends. Only 4% at work and very few in unfamiliar places. 97% of all apparitions were experienced without prior warning. I know that to be true from my own experiences.

A child is programmed to pick up things quickly, and it is a fact that we very soon mould him to respond to our criteria; it doesn't prove that we are right because it's what everybody else does. Children have imaginary friends, who are very real to them. Who are we to say they don't see these friends? But he has to accept our consensus and has to abandon his friends and succumb to the pressures that makes pawns of us all....

Many Australian aborigines still believe that they can kill an enemy by pointing a human or kangaroo bone at him, while singing a death chant. They think that will implant an invisible splinter of bone into the victim's body even though he might be miles away.. often the enemy dies out of sheer terror...his only hope is that a magician will go through the motions of removing the invisible...

The French philosopher, Henri Bergson, suggested at the turn of the century that part of the vertebrate brain developed as a filter, the main function of which was to act as a screen protecting conscious awareness from irrelevant external stimuli.

A few years later in a presidential address to the Society for Psychical Research in London he included telepathic signals from other people and clairvoyant information from inanimate objects in his list of stimuli which he considered to be biologically irrelevant....

Carl Gustaf Jung believed that all paranormal phenomena were probably manifestations of the unconscious mind, whose deepest strata extend into collective unconsciousness.....

CLUES LED TO VITAL SECRETS OF D-DAY.

Members of MI5, Britain's counter-espionage service who used to while away their spare time by doing the Daily Telegraph crossword noticed that some of the clues appeared to give away vital code names invented to cloak the mightiest sea-born attack of all time. The answer to the clue - 'One of the United States?' turned out to be, for instance, Utah and another Omaha...beaches on which the Americans were to land. Another was Mulberry, the floating harbours that would accomodate supply ships. Neptune was the Navel support. Most suspicious of all was a clue about some big-wig which produced the answer - Overlord, the code name to describe the entire operation. MI5 was in a flap. Was the Telegraph Crossword used to tip off the Germans?

Two officers were sent to Leatherhead in Surrey to find out. There they interviewed the compiler of the puzzles, Leonard Dawe, a 54 year old teacher. Why, they demanded, had he chosen to use those words for his solutions? "Why not" replied Dawe, somewhat indignant, was there any law about choosing any words he liked? Dawe's patent honesty convinced MI5. He had no knowledge of the coming D-Day invasion strategy....His crossword solutions were just another of life's astonishing coincidences...

Spontaneous out-of-body states seem to be directly connected to stress.

One man says "I was 7 years old and having my tonsils out under ether, I was extremely frightened as I went under and immediately found myself in a place with angles. Later he experimented with drugs and found he was eventually able to slip out of body at will..

Paranormal phenomena are part of the typical portfolio of human behaviour and can be produced at will, given the right circumstances. Anyone can learn...it is certain that all poltergeist phenomena centre on an individual, usually a child or a teenage girl...

I believe all these phenomena are linked. They are all strange happenings, like UFOs.

As we hear more of these extraneous occurrences new groups of perfectly ordinary people, without any psychic pretensions, are generating paranormal phenomena. It is gradually dawning on us that we all have this potential.....

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THE TRAUMAS OF RUNNING A UFO STUDY COURSE.

By LIONEL BEER (FRAS) - Public Relations

Officer - BUFORA.

In September 1983, Albert Budden tried to run a UFO course at Putney and Wandsworth Institute. It was promoted along with other esoteric courses under the aegis of 'The New Philosophy'. Only eight students signed up and the full-term course was closed after the first night. Albert had neglected to advise BUFORA, so we got to hear about his efforts too late to take action. It was felt in retrospect that the Institute could have done more on the publicity front, and the administration seemed rather 'laissez-faire'. Maggie Hyde, a tutor and administrator at the Mayfield Adult Centre, and official instigator of this, was not discouraged. Consequently I was invited to run a short summer course, commencing Monday, 4th June 1984. Paul Deveraux, editor of the 'Ley Hunter' and past tutor at Mayfield, sent his good wishes for success.

The run-up was not without incident. Originally the venue had been designated as The Hotham Centre on the west side of Putney. The night I went to inspect Hotham it was blowing a force 7 gale and I was lucky not to get blown off Putney Bridge into the River Thames. Hotham was found to be unsuitable, so Mayfield, West Hill, Putney, was again chosen. Locally, Mayfield was known to have an asbestos problem, and the second attempt seemed in peril. The problem was in the new building, and the administration were able

to make use of the adjacent older Edwardian block. On opening night I thought 'well that's it' when I saw only 3 names on the class register. But by the end of the evening some 13 people were signed and 15 by the following week. We had beaten the asbestos scare and the course was viable. However there was still the administration to come to terms with. I had been firmly promised a carousel slide projector for 7.15 pm. 7.15 came and went. A class member was delegated to make the longish trek to the office in the new building. Success, he came back bearing a black box with the projector. Next I instituted a class project to find a power socket. Guess what? The office had omitted to supply an extension cable. Second student delegated to seek and find. Success! Now what to put the projector on? Lady member suggested a filing cabinet. Decided I was not in the hernia creation business! Problem solved by placing chair on desk, and hey presto the focal distance was OK. Not the ideal start to a class! Every one of the five Monday evenings we had some problem with organising the projector. To my surprise (I am not the world's greatest public speaker!) class numbers remained constant. Albert Pudden, Mary Corr and other EUFORA members were present and made erudite contributions to class discussions. Ten of us were free to celebrate at the Prince of Wales P.H. after the final session, and I did not get home until nearly 12.30 am. For the academically minded, the syllabus was a truncated version of that used at Morley College in 1979 (featured on BBC television news) when some 44 people signed up. It was sub-divided as follows:

- 1) Introduction and general overview
- 2) Historical and mythological aspects, inc.ref. to Charles Fort
- 3) Parameters of the phenomena, classifications, theories and photographs
- 4) Official attitudes, meetings, and studies, worldwide (a book in itself)
- 5) Entity or Humanoid accounts and their interpretation

Class members were supplied with a number of background or briefing papers including two unique chronological lists.+

Did I make a lot of money? Well no, since the ILEA pays only for teaching time, and takes no account of preparation time, nor cost of slides etc. Was it a success? Regular attendances and feedback from students makes this an affirmative.

However there is an unresolved postscript. A copy of an ILEA minute was passed to me for comment, and I feel it is worth reprinting unabridged. I have carefully made my displeasure known, but none-

the-less am working on a formal and sober reply.

+(NB A set of 10 x A4 class notes or background papers is available from the writer including photocopying and postage, for £1.00. They contain much useful data.)

RE COURSE APPROVAL FOR UFO PHENOMENA

Course Tutor: Mr L.Beer.

The above course syllabus had been sent to Valerie Hider for approval but came back with a few questions. Once these questions have been answered Mrs Hider will consider the course again.

1) The aims and objectives of the course have not been clearly identified. The list of topics to be covered does not constitute a study but is a series of presentations.

2) The syllabus as it stands is insufficient to display progressive learning and involvement of students.

3) How does the Institute justify including this topic, given other pressures on resources.

4) Please let Mrs Hider have a bibliography that Mr Beer would recommend to students,

I would be grateful if the above questions could be answered as soon as possible so that Mrs Hider can consider the course again.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.

People living in London or Home Counties might be interested in one of the following slide-lectures being presented by Lionel Beer, which will cover UFO experiences and it's implications. (Any queries please telephone Lionel the evening before on 01 723 0305)

NORTH LONDON Tuesday 25th September 1984, 8pm.

Special meeting of the North London Astronomical Society, at Caxton House Community Centre, St John's Way, NI9. (About an 8 minute walk from Archway Tube Station)

The organiser says all are welcome, and you might only be asked for a small donation.

SUTTON, SURREY. Thursday 22 November 1984, 8.30 pm.

Cultural event arranged by the Library and Arts Services of the London Borough of Sutton, at the New Central Library, Civic Centre, St Nicholas Way, Sutton. (Close to Alders of Sutton, and not far

from Sutton BR Station) Nominal charge.

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COMPETITION

The British, as much as any, like anniversaries of all sorts. Why not in Ufology?

In 1972 there was the 25th anniversary of the use of the term 'Flying Saucers' (following the Arnold sighting on June 24th 1947), and in 1977 the 30th anniversary. This was, of course, an American event. Is there a British? Well, this Christmas sees the 20th anniversary of the curious Warminster phenomenon or 'Thing' as it was first called. Such is the consistency of the elusive UFO phenomenon generally that British ufology sees the Warminster happenings both in a historical and socially present context. Whatever the answer to Warminster it is certainly one of the world's most famed ufological 'shrines'.

In a small way EUFOS, being the BRITISH UFO Society will concentrate on BRITISH ufology generally for its' first issue of the Journal to appear in 1985 and offer a competition to members.

You are invited to submit an article for use in the Journal on any aspect of the subject, but with an emphasis on British UFO matters. It can be either historical and factual or personal and subjective - and need not necessarily include merely the Warminster perspective.

Type, if possible, using double spacing on A4 paper, if not print clearly. The article should not be overlong, but length will not be a consideration when judging, rather clarity of expression, correct grammar, and balance and logic of composition. The essays will be judged by the Chairman, Deirdre O'Neill and by the Editor of the Journal. The one chosen will be printed in Volume 2 No.2 and the winner will receive a year's free membership.

Send the essay to the Editor of the Journal to arrive not later than the 30th November 1984 and mark COMPETITION.

Ray Cox.

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