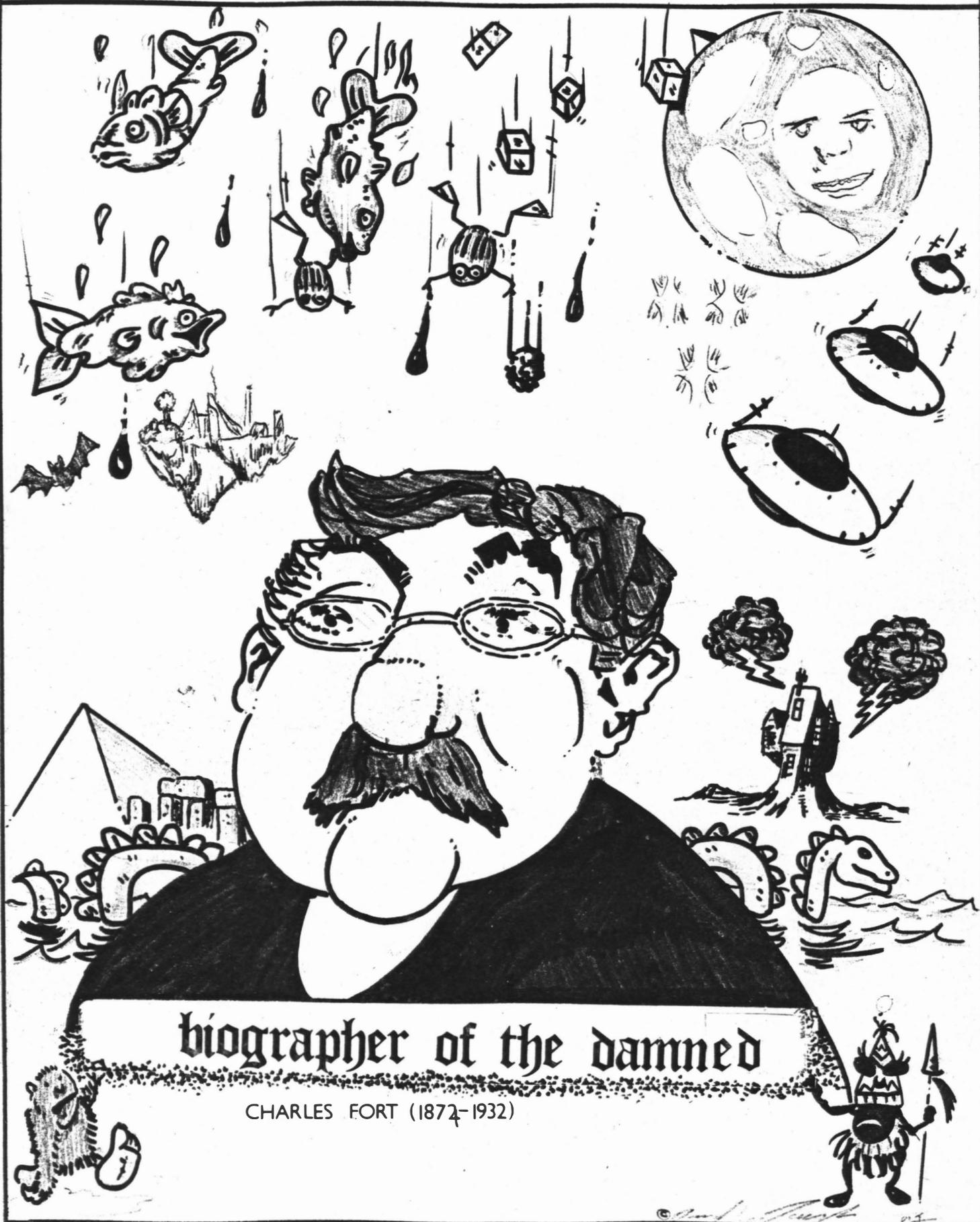


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In a recent announcement I promised that I would give a report on the exciting new developments taking place within our Society. During the past few months I have been working out the details and holding meetings with various members who have been responsible for certain functions within BUFOS. This has meant delays in printing the Journal and Newsletters. However, this was not the whole story. We also found that we had no facility for printing the Journal, our previous facility being no longer available to us. However, our membership secretary Maureen Hall and her husband Michael, have very kindly given BUFOS a new printing machine. May I take this opportunity to personally thank Maureen and Michael for this valued gift and to also thank them on behalf of the membership.

During September it became clear to the committee that a change in philosophy was needed. UFO reports were very scarce and there seemed to be a corresponding feeling of disappointment among the membership. What was needed was a (BUFOS) nationwide stimulus, and UFO reports were not providing enough of this. When I took over as Chairman it gave me the opportunity to make various proposals to the committee, based on ideas and theories that I have had for a long time.

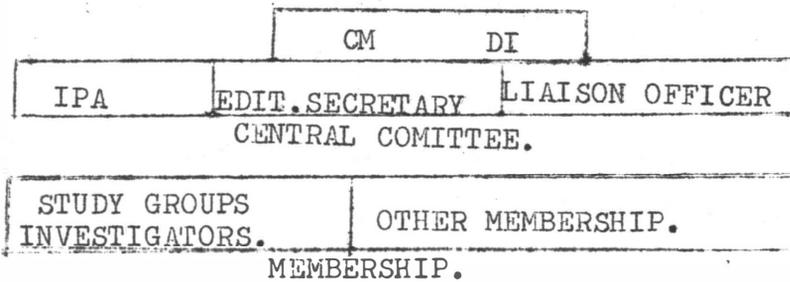
The introduction of these new ideas actually took shape more than a year ago. The BUFOS report form now in use bears my name in design, and this report form can be used, with minor changes, for any type of strange encounter, not just for UFO reports. Why not use the report form and the expertise of our investigators to the Society's best advantage and investigate various types of strange encounter, not restrict ourselves to just one area of the 'paranormal'? (There is actually a valid scientific reason for the change in direction, but I will not go into this now).

So my first proposal was to develop a wider scale of investigation so as to include other fields of the 'paranormal'. However, in doing this, the Society's name would then not be wholly applicable. It would not tell people that we were interested in other types of strange encounter. So my second proposal was that our Society's name be changed to THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION for STRANGE ENCOUNTERS - B.A.S.E.

The committee agreed to the proposals, BUFOS will not be forgotten for B.A.S.E. will incorporate BUFOS and letter headings etc will say so. The new B.A.S.E. emblem has been designed and will appear on the first issue of the B.A.S.E. Journal in 1986.

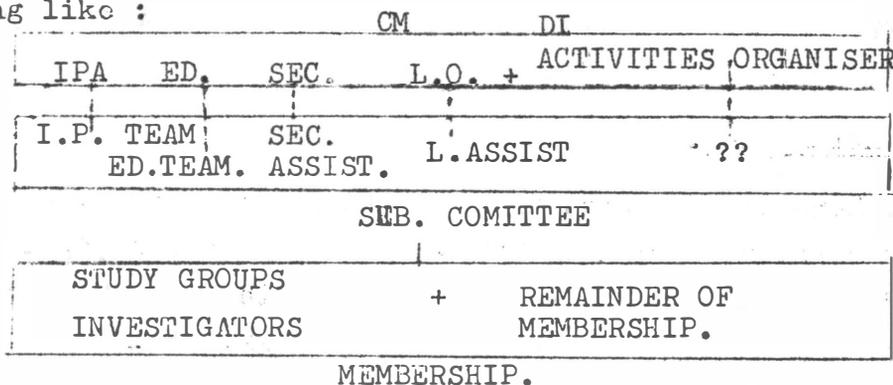
What will this change mean for the members? Firstly it will mean that if you are interested in other 'paranormal' fields as well as UFO's, then B.A.S.E. will provide an opportunity for you to become active in more than one field but still only pay one subscription. Your Journal will contain reports on a wide variety of topics, thus giving greater value

for your subscription. Training seminars will also be organised in the near future. No further application is needed from members. If you are a member of BUFOS on January 1st, 1986 you will automatically become a member of B.A.S.E. The initial structure of B.A.S.E. is shown below :



I.P.A. = Investigation Projects Assistant. These will work closely with study groups and Investigators, being under the direction of the D.I. The Liaison Officer will arrange publicity and advertising nationally and be involved in cooperation with other groups.

However, the four depts of the Central Committee are expandable, so that, hopefully in the future, we will see an Investigator Project Team. The structure may develop, with the help of the membership, in to something like :



So there will be opportunities for more members to become actually involved in the organisation of the Association. You will notice an extra position on the Central Committee, that of Activities Organiser. This is only a provisional title for a position that I will have more to say about next year, once the Central Committee have had a chance to consider it.

It is my opinion that B.A.S.E. will become an Association of considerable expertise and knowledge, being objective but adventurous in its approach. Nearly all fundamental changes within any group can be controversial but with BUFOS expertise and enthusiasm we will MAKE B.A.S.E. SUCCESSFUL. I hope that you will join with me in this exciting new venture.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who spent much time in organising the eve of B.A.S.E. launch. Your Journal editor Ray Cox, David Taylor - Liaison Officer, Mark Sampson - IPA, Alan Crowe IPA. All

listened and discussed the various ideas, acting constructively throughout. My thanks to Maureen Hall, Secretary, for organising membership details at very short notice and for organising banking facilities, Lastly; but by no means least, thanks to my wife for her patience, help and ideas.

Tell your friends about B.A.S.E. B.A.S.E. is going to be the Association of the future with many new and interesting projects to be announced in 1986. May I take this opportunity to wish all members a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

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U.S. SCIENTISTS MAY HAVE FOUND A NEW SOLAR SYSTEM.

Scientists have released photographs of what may be a new, young solar system 470 trillion kilometres from our own. The photographs show a swarm of particles around the star Beta Pictoris. Source : Montreal Gazette.

NEWS FROM THE U.S.A. & U.S.S.R.

NASA has announced that it hopes to have a base on the moon within 25 years. The Russians have gone one better and have suggested that they could put a man into orbit around Mars in eight years !

SOVIETS HEAR ALIEN CALL.

Soviet researchers have intercepted an intergalactic radio message that astonishingly asks, "ARE WE ALONE ?" - and begs for a reply ! Astronomer Dr. Anatoli Ugolnikov said that the signal originated trillions of light years from the Earth, from the centre of the Milky Way. The signal was composed of incredibly complex mathematics.

Ugolnikov said that round-the-clock research is now going on investigating this signal. "Now we must figure out how to reply", he commented. However the KGB has forbidden the release of any further information until their importance can be determined. Source : World Weekly News. U.S.A. 1985.

THE COSMIC STRING.

Cosmological speculation is getting more and more bizarre. Some astronomers are now postulating a kind of 'Cosmic String' which is very strong, very thin, extremely taut and enormously massive. This 'string' exists only in closed loops or infinite strands. It seems that the 'string' ties the universe together gravitationally. Where will it all end ?

BIOGRAPHER OF THE DAMNED.-Examining the views of Charles Fort.

It is not the intention of this article to write a biography of Charles Fort, but rather to examine his views. However, having said that I feel that it would be useful to mention a basic outline of the life of Fort.

Charles Hoy Fort was born in 1874 in Albany, New York, U.S.A. to a fairly prosperous family of Dutch origin. Throughout his not too enjoyable childhood Fort suffered physical punishment at the hands of his father. In later life this led Fort to resent authority and dogma. When he was eighteen he left home to hitchhike around the world. He spent the early part of his adulthood earning a living from journalism and preserving butterflies. At the age of 42 he came into a small inheritance which permitted him to devote the rest of his life to collecting unexplained data. According to his biographer, Damon Knight, Fort was 'built like a walrus....an utterly peaceable and sedentary man. He lived quietly with his wife, almost never went out or had visitors'.

Fort spent many years collecting reports of strange phenomena which were ignored by science. By 1915 he had several thousand notes and began work on two books. One was called 'X' and explored the idea that the Earth was being controlled by events or beings on Mars ! His second book 'Y' dealt with a race of sinister beings living in the interior of the Earth. When writing to his friend, the great American novelist Theodore Dreiser, he commented, "You have at least one thing to be thankful for - I might have begun with 'A'". Dissatisfied with the lack of publishing interest in his books, he destroyed the manuscripts for 'X' and 'Y' and began writing a third, gleaned from his fabulous collection of notes. The result was 'The Book of the Damned'. Dreiser was so taken with the book that he persuaded his publisher to use it. Due to its strange contents the book was a limited edition and did not sell in any significant numbers. (The 'Damned' referred to phenomena neglected by science).

When 'The Book of the Damned' appeared in 1919 most critics did not know what to make of it. It obviously presented a radical critique of contemporary science but it was fragmentary, by turns compassionate, violent, poetic, ironic and deceptively wise. It was written in a difficult stream-of-consciousness style. Fort himself said, "I do not know how to find out anything new without being offensive". After "The Book of the Damned" Fort wrote "New Lands". Over the years "New Lands" has been the least successful of all his books. It was largely a satirical attack upon the pomposity of astronomers, who he said were, "Led by a cloud of rubbish by day and a pillar of bosh by night". In 1929 Fort wrote and published "Lo!", which again dealt with mysterious falls from the sky. i.e. food, blood, ice, frogs and even strips of human flesh.

He completed his last book 'Wild Talents' in 1932, which dealt with the psychic abilities of humans. A few weeks later, on May 3rd, 1932, Fort was admitted to hospital; he died within a few hours.

What is different about trying to examine the views of Charles Fort is that he never openly expressed his theories for fear of being pinned down to one particular view. This was the reason why, in 1931, he declined to join the Fortean Society. ('Fortean' is used to collectively describe a group of strange events.)

When, in the 1960s, Erich Von Daniken published his 'Chariots of the Gods', he was considered a radical (maybe lunatic) thinker. However, anyone who has read the works of Charles Fort knows that Von Daniken's thesis was by no means new. In 'The Book of the Damned' (1919) Fort is quoted as saying :

"I think we are property.

I should say that we belong to something.

That once upon a time, this earth was No-mans land, that other worlds explored and colonised here, and fought among themselves for possession, but now it's owned by something : that something owns this earth - all others warned off".

You may remember that, in Fort's original work 'X' he proposed the notion that life on Earth was somehow controlled by events or beings on Mars. This idea has been brought full frontal in to Ufology. A reference to early saucer material ('Behind the Flying Saucers', "Is Another World Watching?" etc) will show that when the Extraterrestrial Theory (ETH) was accepted, the majority of it's proponents believed that the saucers originated from Mars. Over the years this idea has not changed. Today, instead of flesh and blood aliens, the new contactees (psychic contactees) claim that Mars and Venus are inhabited by beings on a 'higher vibrational frequency'.

As for the original contents of 'Y', no one can be sure where Fort claimed to have found information to support the idea of malevolent inhabitants of a Hollow Earth. One thing that is known is that in the 1940's, eight years after Fort's death, a man by the name of Richard Shaver claimed that an evil race of beings called 'deros' lived inside the Earth.

It is thanks to the works of Charles Fort that such mysteries have been brought to light. No doubt someone would have come along sooner or later and, like Fort, discovered these bizarre reports; but it is thanks to Fort's intervention that we have a great number of very early reports. Fort's studies have now led to international organisations and publications, some continuing the work of their founder better than others

The study of strange phenomena is clearly not in the same stage of development as mainstream science. When the scientific community see some advantage in pursuing some of the questions raised by Fort THEY WILL turn to Forteans and other paranormal investigators for the data. Forteans owe it to

themselves to be more than ' scientific' and explain. As Fort himself wrote :
"There never was an explanation which did not need to be explained itself".

One day, when orthodox science widens it's view on reality, material
collected by us will be needed. The job of the Fortean researcher can best
be compared with Enid Elsford's book on medieval fools - "The fool does not
lead a revolt against the law; he lures us into a region of the spirit, where
...the writ does not run".

For the present anyway, Charles Fort was science's fool.

Further reading :

1. The complete works of Charles Fort.
2. 'Charles Fort' by Damon Knight.
3. 'Doubt'. - publication of the Fortean Society-No.19 1947.

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MYSTERY MILITARY PLANES.- In early October 1984, a military style transport
plane flew in low over the Selly Oak area of Birmingham, England. Both R.A.F.
and nearby American air bases denied having any aircraft in flight at the time.
Source : Sunday Mercury. October 7th,1984.

WELSH MUTILATIONS - In September 1984 the savagely mutilated bodies of 100
animals and birds were found on the mid-Glamorgan refuse tip at Maesycwmer.
The grisly collection, in plastic bags, included goats hooves, fox heads,
canaries, budgies, moles, hares and stoats. There are no vivisection laboratories
in the area. Source : Daily Express. September 21st,1984.

Tywyn Cwyned, North Wales. About the 13th of September, around the hills of
this area nearly 70 sheep on four farms wre found to have been injured. Farmer
Richard Lewis discovered two of his lambs dead, two dying and many bleeding.
Altogether he lost twelve lambs. The injuries consisted of small entry wounds
with larged exit wounds. Source : Sunday Express. September 23rd,1984.

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Dear Friends of BUFOS,

Thanks a lot for your very fine and interesting issue
No.1 1985. Glad to hear from you again and find you in order.

Here in Sweden we have had plenty of UFO sightings
during January. These will be printed in a Special Issue of our magazine
very shortly. In your BOOK REVIEW you have some information on "The Starpeople"
by Brad Steiger. It's an amazing book and we have been studying it since
last year here in our club. Personally it's quite OK for myself. Most of the
data in the book was exactly fitting in my case. I would like to exchange data
with any similar person in your group. I have always had a feeling to be from
somewhere else or from an English speaking country. I hope to hear if there are
any of your members who have the same sort of feelings.

Rogdras - Erik Frederiksson, Solna Astronomiska Forening, Box 2238, S-171 02, Solna, SWEDEN.

Dear Editor,

First of all may I thank you for being so kind in publishing my articles. I hope that BUFOS members found them of interest.

Your comments in your editorial (Vol2.No.2) about the Hollow Earth theory were, unfortunately, correct. It is a well known fact that this theory has been disregarded by most UFO researchers. I will admit to not being a strong supporter of this theory, although I have not disregarded it completely. (as far as the 'alien base' theory goes). Any serious UFOlogists owe it to themselves to remain open minded on any particular theory whether they believe in its validity or not. It would be dogmatic of us to dismiss out of hand any theory where there is no conclusive evidence to support it. (unless members know differently).

We all have our own personal theories whether we publish them or not but does that give us the right to discourage investigations in to any new field of research? Indeed if any hard, conclusive evidence came to light in the near future, evidence that without a doubt solved the UFO enigma, we would then have to accept it, like it or not.

All we can do now is hope that someone someday unravels the greatest enigma of our time and then such comments as those made by arch sceptic David Simpson ("It's like a religion to them (ufologists), they don't want to find out anything to destroy their views...."), will be laughed at.

David Taylor - Publicity Officer.

FUND RAISING. It is intended that when the new organisation B.A.S.E. is under way funds will be made available for special research projects etc. Such as financing regression hypnosis in appropriate cases and similar undertakings. If any member has any good ideas about fund raising projects nationally or locally we would like to hear them. Write to Larry Dale or Journal Editor Ray Cox. (addresses on first page).

WANTED - YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT OUR NEW ORGANISATION B.A.S.E.

Larry Dale or Ray Cox would like to have YOUR feelings about our new project. How you would like to see B.A.S.E. develop. What you, as a paying member, expect from B.A.S.E. Suggestions for projects which you feel that B.A.S.E should be undertaking. etc. ITS YOUR ASSOCIATION - LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS !

WANTED - YOUR STRANGE ENCOUNTERS ! MOST PEOPLE HAVE HAD AT LEAST ONE STRANGE, ODD OR 'PSYCHIC' TYPE EXPERIENCE OR ENCOUNTER DURING THEIR LIVES. WE WILL BE PUBLISHING A SELECTION OF STRANGE ENCOUNTERS AS EXPERIENCED BY B.A.S.E OFFICERS AND WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE A SELECTION SENT IN BY B.A.S.E. MEMBERS. PUT YOURS DOWN ON PARER NOW AND SEND THEM TO RAY COX FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEW B.A.S.E. MAG.

Possibly the most dominant feature of physical effects associated with UFO's is the alleged electro-magnetic effect. A classical example of this is the erratic behaviour of electrical equipment and the failure of car engines. But what forces could create these disturbances? Are they deliberately induced or merely the side effect of UFO's? Certainly food for thought and a problem of some magnitude for even the most skeptical of scientists to solve. For example, electro-magnetic fields must be highly concentrated or extremely strong to be able to stall a car!

An official investigation carried out for the Condon Committee studied the effects of strong magnetic fields on the pattern of magnetism in car bodies. During manufacture cars acquire a certain pattern of magnetism which is a record of the Earth's magnetic field at that precise time and place. Therefore investigating a car which had allegedly malfunctioned during a UFO encounter and comparing its magnetic field to determine if it had been altered, would prove the existence of such a field. However, two cars which did allegedly malfunction during an encounter with a UFO were studied and it was found that their magnetic patterns had not changed since manufacture. Therefore we are led to the conclusion that a strong magnetic field did not cause the malfunction? (very strange indeed).

Strong electrical fields also have an effect on animals as well as humans. Animals sometimes seem to be able to detect the presence of UFO's often displaying nervous tension. This is not unusual however - cats can detect the presence of a massive build up of electrical energy, as during an electrical thunderstorm. Often cats have been seen to make their escape before any electrical discharge takes place. But perhaps animals are reacting to noises beyond our hearing threshold. High pitched noises are, after all, often associated with UFO's often seen travelling at high speeds.

A team set up by BUFORA has made some smaller scale experiments on the effects of magnetic fields. They found that the current/voltage regulator of most cars is affected by comparatively low-strength fields. However, with the bonnet down the car becomes an effective magnetic shield and even weak fields produced inside the car would need an extremely high magnetic field outside. Other disturbances to cars have been attributed to such things as Microwave radiation - affecting tungsten headlight filaments, draining large amounts of current from the battery causing the car to stall. However, this does not allow for the car restarting when the UFO vanishes! Or intense ultra violet light, leading to the release of electrons in the metal of the car, giving way to stray voltages and currents.

So what exactly causes ignition failure? Perhaps the propulsion unit of the UFO itself? But what do we know of this phenomena? Perhaps a CE 111 case which happened on December 3rd, 1967 at Ashland, Nebraska, U.S.A. may throw some light on this tantalising subject. During a discussion

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discussion with a UFO 'crew leader' patrolman Herbert Schirmer was told how the craft operated. According to Schirmer it was operated through 'reversible electro-magnetism' (back to our old friend again). A crystal type rotor in the centre of the craft is linked to two columns 'which were reactors'. By reversing magnetic and electrical energy it allows them to control matter and overcome the forces of gravity. Also, an invisible force-field (again electro-magnetic) was set up in a circular pattern as a defence mechanism upon landing.

Or is this just another red herring to throw us off the real track, or has this theory any plausibility ?

Keith Whitehouse.

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WHAT'S IN A DATE ?

DAVID TAYLOR.

UFOlogists have always tried to find a common factor in all UFO reports, dates, times, locations etc.....

Vetran UFOlogist John Keel has investigated thousands of cases and produced considerable evidence to show that UFO/Paranormal events seem to occur on or around the 24th of the month.

The earliest known event happened in classical Biblical times. The prophet Zachariah met a group of angels. This was on May 24th, 520 B.C.

The most famous 24th of the month event occurred on June 24th, 1947. The Kenneth Arnold story is well known and through his classical sighting the term 'flying saucers' was born.

Strange teleportations also seem to occur on the 24th. On occasions the teleportations have had connections with UFO events and so this has led some to ask if there is a connection between the two. On October 24th, 1593 a soldier standing guard in Manila, Phillipines found himself in Mexico - only twenty-four hours later. Bruce Burkan, aged nineteen, was with his girlfriend in Ashbury Park, New Jersey. He left her to put some money in a parking meter. When he did not return his girl friend contacted the police. She gave them his description and told them that he was clad only in bathing trunks, His parents conducted a search of the area and even went on TV offering a reward for his safe return. As for Bruce he found himself at a bus terminus in Newark dressed in a cheap, ill fitting suit and exactly seven cents in his pocket. How had he got there ? The date, not suprisingly, was October 24th, 1967.

Another strange teleportation occurred on July 24th, 1929. Lt. W.T. Day and his Pilot Officer were on a routine patrol in a single-engined bi-plane over the Arabian desert. When the plane failed to return a search party was sent out. The following day the plane was found in the middle of the desert. It was completely intact and there was no sign of violence or of a struggle. However, the two pilots had vanished. Their footprints

extended a few yards from the plane and then vanished. It was as if they had disappeared on the spot.

Uncanny deaths also seem to occur on the 24th. Author of "Behind the Flying Saucers", Frank Scully, died on June 24th 1964. E.A. Bryant, the British contactee who claimed to have met a Venusian named "Yamski" (was this George Adamski who had died twenty-four hours previously ?) died on June 24th 1967. Apart from this being the anniversary of the Arnold sighting it was also National Skywatch Day.

Also on June 24th, 1967, British contactee and ufologist Richard Church died. Rocket and space authority. Willy Ley suffered a fatal heart attack on June 24th, 1969.

Of course there may be nothing in this mystery. But we should ponder on it. Maybe a common factor can be discovered. All this is only speculation, after all what's in a date ?

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BOOK REVIEWS-----BOOK REVIEWS-----BOOK REVIEWS-----BOOK REVIEWS-----

'VISIONS, APPARITIONS & ALIEN VISITORS'- Hilary Evans. Aquarian Press. 1984.

Not exactly one of 'The Evidence for....' series but still a great book. In this comprehensive study, all 320 pages, Hilary Evans examines the world of the entity enigma. Visions of the Virgin Mary, ghosts, fairies, angels, demons, UFO entities and Men-in-Black all come under scrutiny. With twenty-one plates illustrating the book it makes for a good read. It appears that Mr. Evans, is doing what John Keel did some years back, (finding a connection between all paranormal entities), Some of the latest views regarding alien entities are offered, some believable and some not.

Comment : A worthwhile addition to your bookshelf. A little expensive however. Lets hope it comes out in paperback !

'STRANGE MUTANTS'- John A. Keel. Paperback £9.50.

Things are not always what they seem. In fact 'Strange Mutants' is a reissue of 'Strange Creatures from Time & Space'. This is a must for any student of Cryptozoology (Alien animals). It is crammed full of reports of bigfoot, sea monsters, bird men, MIB's, bedroom visitants, slime monsters and a twenty foot penguin ! According to the publicity leaflet there have been more than 2,000 atomic bomb tests since 1945. Apparently these bombs are responsible for the black-outs in the mid '60's and even for the short-lived mutants, created by genetic accidents and caused by radiation. For a limited period anyone ordering this book will be given free membership to 'The Monster Hunters League' and 'UFO Review'. Available only from Sudan Stebbing, 41, Terminus Drive, Herne Bay Kent. CT6 6PR.

COMMENT. : A most interesting and sometimes funny account of many strange anomalies (labelled 'The Damned by Fort) that seem to stalk this planet.

DAVID TAYLOR.

JOURNEY TO THE CENTRE OF THE EARTH ?

KEITH WHITEHOUSE.

The Hollow Earth feature by David Taylor in the last BUFOS Journal (Vol.2 No.2), warrants much thought. Did extra-terrestrials visit the earth and utilize the earth's interior as their home ? This theory may not be as bizarre as it sounds. In fact, Erich Von Daniken in his book "Gold of the Gods" pursues this very subject.

Defeated and fleeing from their conquerors our space friends, after travelling many light years, happen to come across a planet not unlike their own. Upon arrival the newly landed astronauts went underground, digging themselves in and creating subterranean communication routes over great distances. According to Von Daniken, the astronauts used a thermal drill which melted rock and pressed it around the walls, thus creating almost perfect tunnels. Hundreds of miles of underground passages have already been explored and measured in Ecuador and Peru. However, readers of Von Daniken's books know only too well what a vivid imagination he has. But, having said that, who is to say that his theory is any less plausible than anyone else's ? It certainly adds fire to an already controversial subject, if nothing else.

INVESTIGATIONS PROJECT ASSISTANT.

Director of Investigations, Larry Dale, is looking for more applicants for the position advertised in the last issue, where further details can be found. Contact Larry if this aspect of our subject interests you.

I would like to correspond with anyone who is interested in MIB's and Fortean phenomena. Contact David Taylor, 79, Sandringham Rd., Stourbridge West Midlands, DY8 5HL.

Current Study Groups.

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(Alien Messages).

Mark Sampson, 2, Chapel St., Wall Heath. Kingswinford, West Midlands.
(Alien Encounters).

Keith Whitehouse, 62, Keats Rd., Willenhall, West Midlands, WV12 5HY.
(UFO Propulsion).

Somebody up there doesn't like us ! This is the obvious conclusion after the recent BUFOS skywatch on June 29th, 1985. Firstly due to the cancellation of a committee meeting, newsletters announcing the event were sent out too late. Some West Midlands members could not go and some others backed out at the last moment. To top it all the Chairman was unable to attend due to transport problems.

However, four West Midlands members, Mark Sampson, Andrew Simpson, Paul Bradley and myself managed to get to Warminster. Despite the overcast weather on arrival the skywatch provided us with some interesting sights.

At 8pm we made our way up to Cradle Hill and found ourselves in the company of a group of Citizens Band radio enthusiasts from Bristol. They seemed to be mildly interested in UFOlogy but were slightly naive in their views. An interesting conversation ensued about crashed saucers, UFO photographs, and interstellar travel. Despite knowing nothing about Einstein's Theory of Relativity, one of the group, a one legged gentleman, insisted that 'warp speed' was the fastest an object travel. A walk up to the barn at the top of the hill followed whilst it was still daylight. (the only time I would venture up there ALONE)*

Around 9.30pm we were visited by the military. Apparently they had seen the Bristol group's astronomical telescope and had wondered what was going on. We had to wait until around midnight for the highlight of the evening. We were based at the top of Cradle Hill, just outside the copse and armed with binoculars, torches and a hand held CB set. We glanced around the sky picking out aircraft, from the nearby military base and a few satellites. It was while we were facing towards Battlesbury Hill and the army base following a particularly bright satellite, that a shout of, "UFO above you !" came over the CB unit. Unfortunately, we looked in the wrong place at the wrong time. The description from the Bristol group was of a circular orange light visible for only a few seconds. Just as the excitement was dying down one of our group called attention towards Battlesbury where he had seen a flash of white light. At that moment the rest of us had been looking towards the copse and at the quite beautiful cloud formation which stretched across the sky meeting behind Cop Heap and illuminated by the moon. (the result of a landed 'mother-ship' according to the Bristol group - need I say more ?).

We were all now looking in the direction of the army base. It had become apparent that the military were up to something. To the left of the base three red lights had appeared in a triangular form quite near ground level and slowly descending. At regular intervals throughout the night an orange light resembling a flare (except for the fact that it lasted too long) appeared over Battlesbury Hill. On the last occasion this was followed by a flash of white light. The Bristol group left us soon after 2 am, making their

way to Longleat and it's C.B. exhibition.

With the arrival of dawn an attempt was made to cook breakfast. Well done bacon and underdone eggs. This was followed by sugar-less tea thanks to Mark forgetting the bag of sugar. (I told him that I wouldn't let him live it down). One last pilgrimage was made to the copse before we packed up and headed for Cop Heap, the legendary burial ground of an ancient Saxon king. Unfortunately, it was fenced off with barbed wire. After a risky manouevre over it and the ascent to the top of the Heap we discovered that there is a public footpath up to it on the other side.

We all agreed that the military activity in Warminster had certainly been responsible for many UFO reports of the Warminster Thing. Thanks to Mark Sampson who took the risk of driving us all down there. It is well known that the activity of skywatching is frowned upon by at least one well known researcher and also by some groups, as a waste of time. From my own skywatching experiences I know this not to be the case.

*(but we encountered no lost entities, ghosts of BUFOS members).

THOSE MYSTERIOUS HELICOPTERS.

David Taylor.

Helicopters, mystery helicopters, seem to play an important part in UFOlogy. John A. Keel, probably the only UFO researcher to conduct an in-depth investigation in to the helicopter mystery, mentions an incident in his book, 'Operation Trojan Horse'. On Tuesday, October 11th, 1966 a brilliant flying light bobbed over Lake Wanaque reservoir in New Jersey. Police officer Ben Thompson observed the whole incident. "The thing was so bright it blinded me so I couldn't find my car", he said.

Within fifteen minutes of the sighting a formation of seven helicopters appeared and circled low over the area. They were accompanied by ten or twelve jet aircraft. Police Sergeant Robert Gordon said that, "I've never seen seven helicopters in this area before in all my life, and I've lived here for forty years".

Science writer Lloyd Mallan investigated the incident; he enquired at local air force bases and even at the Pentagon. All denied knowing anything about the helicopters or jets.

On the night of Tuesday, August 19th, 1968 the mystery helicopters turned up in the state of Maryland. At 8.20pm an oval object with a centre band of red and white flashing lights hovered over Rosecroft Race Track near Pheps Corner. One of the witnesses, Mrs Owen E. Donovan, reported that she also saw at least seven helicopters circling the object.

In 1974 at Jacksons Point, U.S.A. contactee Gerry Armstrong and the inhabitants of the small village were 'buzzed' by a black, unmarked helicopter

In June 1980 the helicopter mystery seemed to take on a more sinister turn. On Wednesday June 11th, in the West Yorkshire mill town of Todmorton, the body of a Mr. Zigmund Adamski was found on top of a coal tip. The verdict

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was that he had died of 'causes unknown'. However, a reliable source who is also a BUFOS member, claimed that helicopters were in the area at the time and that he had seen them. This has been ignored by the popular writers.

Late one chilly evening in December 1980, two middle-aged women and a young boy were involved in a UFO encounter that was to change their lives. While driving along a quiet road in the Huffman area of Texas, they saw a large diamond shaped object hovering over the road in front of them. It was spouting flames from its underside. It rose in to the sky only to reappear some time later. At the time it vanished the surrounding sky was filled with unmarked helicopters. After this incident the three witnesses, Betty Cash, Vickie Landrum and her grandson Colby, suffered a mild degree of radiation sickness. At this moment they are suing the U.S. government for 20 million dollars for injuries received. One day in April 1981, while at an open day at a local air base, Vickie Landrum met a helicopter pilot who admitted to being one of the pilots on the fateful day of the UFO encounter. When she told him that she was one of the people affected by the UFO he refused to talk further about the incident.

The mystery helicopters certainly seem to play an important role in UFOlogy. Are they government surveillance machines used to locate and record UFO events? Or are they, as John Keel seems to think, a product of the UFO phenomenon itself or 'superspectrum'. Of course it's fun to speculate but I very much doubt if our small but hearty band of UFO researchers can do anything about them.

NEW UFOLOGY : TOWARDS A SOLUTION ?

David Taylor.

"One can witness the material content of primitive myths from a child, but not take from him the need for mythology, and still less his ability to manufacture it for himself". Dr. Carl Jung. (1952).

New UFOlogy is perhaps a deceptive title, as it has been labeled neither new nor UFOlogy by one steadfast UFOlogist. This statement may be in itself, true. New UFOlogy has its roots way back in the 1950's. The dawn of New UFOlogy can be traced back to the publishing of Carl Jung's 'Flying Saucers : A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Sky'.(1). It was Jung who postulated the notion that UFO's were 'projections' from the human subconscious, which relates man's fears or other emotions. It was Jung who conceived the theory of the 'collective unconscious' and its vast array of symbols or 'archetypes'. To Jung the greatest of these symbols was the 'Mandala'. The Mandala, Jung noted, was apparent throughout man's history. Basically the Mandala is a Sanskrit word used to denote a circular shaped object; this symbol can be seen everywhere. The heavenly bliss which surrounds Christ and the Buddha is depicted as a spherical pattern. The patterns on Neolithic tombs were often circular, as was the lay-out plan for Stonehenge. Mandala's also

appear in everyday life. The most notable is that of doodles. The Mandala, Jung said, was a symbol of wholeness and unity.(2). To sum up : Jung observed that the shape of the flying saucer was commonly depicted by artists with fantastic themes. When Jung published his theory he was placed alongside Menzel and the rest of his kind. If a book didn't state that UFO's were extra-terrestrial, then it just wasn't on.

As with most theories, it seemed to fall by the wayside and at times to have been forgotten completely. Then, in 1975, two UFOlogists, Clarke and Coleman, wrote "The Unidentified" (3). In it Jung's theory was brought back from the grave and given a good airing. "The Unidentified" may not have been everyone's cup of tea, but it did present a new way of UFOlogical thinking. It may now be of use to mention an early case and how it would fit in to Jung's/Clarke and Coleman's theories.

On July 23rd, 1947, a Brazillian survey worker, Jose C. Higgins, heard a high pitched whistle and a UFO appeared overhead, about to land. His co-workers ran away but Higgins stayed to watch three seven feet tall entities dressed in transparent uniforms with metal boxes attached to their backs, emerge from the craft. They appeared neither male or female, but were apparently beautiful. The entities surrounded Higgins but because they seemed unaccustomed to the bright sunlight he was able to elude them, and hid in some thickets. Meanwhile the aliens appeared to be putting on a show for him. They were jumping up and down and throwing stones around. They poked a circle of holes in the ground, pointed to one in the middle of the circle and then reentered their craft and departed.

EVENT.

SYMBOL.

Beings arrive in round object.

Psychic wholeness; balance between conscious and unconscious mind.

Object had three occupants.

Number 3 represents pure abstract spirit. i.e. Three messengers from the sky whose purpose is to resolve interpsychic conflict disturbing the witness.

Aliens sexless, but beautiful.

Spiritually bi-sexual.

They surround Higgins.

A conversion of the 'three unit' in to a unit for four - a symbol of pure spirit taking on the attributes of corporeality.

They poke holes in the ground.

They create a Mandala symbol of unity.

It is interesting to note that Clarke has elaborated on this theory to include an external force. (4).

New UFOlogy also tries it's hand at solving the abduction enigma. New UFOlogists often point out that the aliens resemble the human foetus. This has led to the 'birth trauma' hypothesis.(5).

Such theories are often disregarded by people claiming to be interested in solving the UFO phenomenon. In a recent issue of Flying Saucer Review Gordon Creighton pointed out that the government would jump at the chance to give support to the birth trauma hypothesis, as it discredits the ETH, the only true solution according to FSR's astute editor.

Since UFO societies have been formed and have investigated UFO reports, they have mainly concentrated on the materialistic. i.e. size, shape, speed of the UFO. Very rarely is the colour of the UFO taken in to account or the emotional state of the witness before, during and after an encounter. (colour psychology states that a particular colour can denote a persons emotional status). It can only be hoped that BUFOS, at least, can pull itself out of the pit that UFOlogy has dug for itself and lead the way to a revolutionary code of investigation. I think that it is futile to try to discover what UFO's are; it may be more fruitful to try and discover what they represent.

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THE DARK GODS by Anthony Roberts and Geoff Gilbertson. Granada 1985.

"The Dark Gods, are they engaged in a cosmic battle with the forces of light ? Will they win ?"

These are just two of the questions asked by the authors. In The Dark Gods you must be prepared for a world peopled by spirits, demons, angels and ultraterrestrials who appear to us as space aliens and Men-in-Black. The authors draw heavily on occult law and the works of John Keel and the case for malevolent ultraterrestrials seems to be overwhelmingly proven. Such a 'wish to believe' pervades this book. It also contains small but niggling errors in names and titles. Even the foreword by Colin Wilson is not without errors. From these criticisms it may seem that I do not favour Roberts and Gilbertsons book and beliefs. On the contrary, I feel that there may be more than a grain of truth in these ideas.

Summary : A good book for John Keel fans and those who favour the ultraterrestrials theory. A little difficult to follow in places and a little expensive, Previously published in 1980 under the same title.

THE INTELLIGENT UNIVERSE by Fred Hoyle. Michael Joseph. H/Bk. £12.95.

Sir Fred Hoyle, the eminent British astronomer, had no intention I'm sure of writing an 'occult book'. Yet he goes a long way to giving scientific credibility to the occult precepts regarding universal origins, by demonstrating that behind the visible universe must lie a direct intelligence. He demolishes the accepted scientific theories regarding the universe; Genesis and evolution are mere fairy tales. Summary : A good read for those interested in astronomical/biological aspects of the universe.

THE EVIDENCE FOR THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE by David Group. Aquarian Press. £2.95.

This is one of the most recent titles in the "Evidence for ..." series. Although not directly a UFO book, it does deal with the UFO connection that some writers claim exists. Since 1502 there have been over 200 dissapearances attributed to the notorious area knwon as 'The Triangle'. But is there any solid evidence that such dïssapearances are not due to natural phenomena? Those of you who, like this reviewer, are fed up with Berlitz's Atlantean death rays, this book is a nice change. David Group is the perfect person to tackle this age old mystery. He is a member of ASSAP, the International Fortean Organisation (IFO) and Mensa, the high IQ society.

SUMMARY : A good and informative read for those deeply interested in the 'Triangle' and even for those who are not.

THE GODS AND THEIR GRAND DESIGN by Erich Von Daniken. Souvenir Press. £9.95.

Here we go again, yet another book by the crusader of the 'Ancient Astronaut' theory. This time the author examines the experiences of Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon religion, and tries to demonstrate that South America was first colonised by a semitic tribe sometime in pre-history, aided as ever by 'The Gods'. Although the main bulk of his work has been discredited by orthodox archeology Von Daniken continues to plod ever on. Most of the photographs were taken by the author and he claims that they show artifacts which prove his theory.

SUMMARY : Definately one for the 'Ancient Astronaut' supporters.
