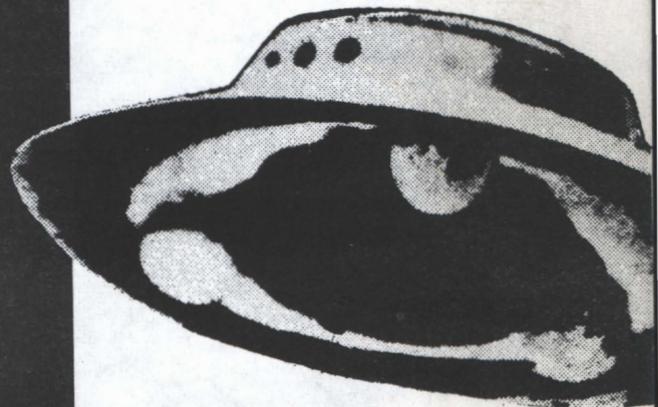
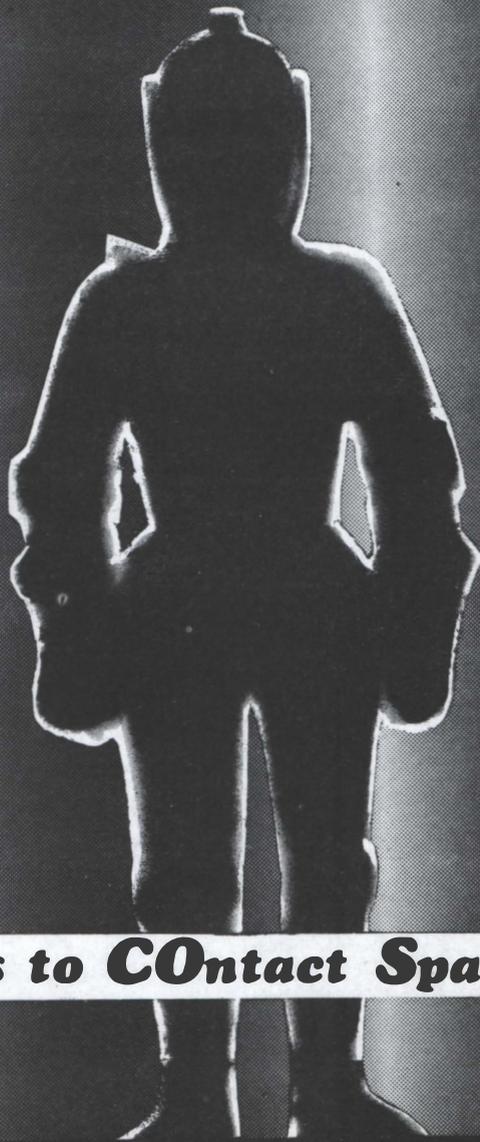


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JOHN KEEL'S REPLY

The following letter, which we are pleased to publish, was sent to Ed Blandford in response to his December 'M.I.B.' editorial.

Dear Ed. Blandford et al;

Gads! You have painted me as some kind of villain stirring up needless nonsense and paranoia. All I have tried to do is get some valid information into circulation...for the general UFO buffery, particularly here in the U.S., have long ignored, overlooked and even censored many important aspects of the UFO situation. NICAP, for example, received a fairly complete report on the Hill case in 1962 but actually hid it in their office. We would never have known all the details if John Fuller had not stumbled across the Hills independently while conducting his investigations in New Hampshire in 1965. AFRO received Dr Fontes' superb report on the Villa-Boas case in 1958 but they did not release it until 1966.

One of the many problems faced by thorough investigators is that no media exists for the publication of detailed studies. So even when a case is fully and carefully studied, it never becomes known to the ufologists. To worsen matters, whenever an investigator makes an honest effort to reveal the results of such studies the buffery turns on him, condemns him, and rejects the reporter rather than the report. Canada's Wilbert Smith was highly regarded until he turned his attention to studying the contactees and the metaphysical aspects. The American buffery immediately turned on him and ostracised him for daring to reveal and discuss matters beyond their beliefs and comprehension.

Albert Bender did not invent the 'Men in Black'. You will find that psychic and religious literature going back hundreds of years cites many well-documented examples which correlate precisely with the MIB events currently taking place in the UFO field. In other epochs, these mysterious gentlemen were regarded as minions of the devil. People who practice black magic and witchcraft are quite familiar with the MIB phenomenon. Indeed, Bender not only dabbled in UFOs but he was also a fumbling student of black magic. The physical effects he describes in his book are all well-known symptoms of demonomania. Many modern contactees suffer from identical effects (such as Hans Lauritzen, with whom you are no doubt familiar).

When a UFO buff desperately wants to believe in a specific frame of reference (i.e. extraterrestrial visitants), he automatically begins to reject and exclude all other evidence from all other frames of reference. This lack of objectivity has produced a body of myth and speculation which is largely based upon subjective interpretations of the available data. And, as I've tried to point out, the available data is only a trifling residue of all that could be made available if investigations were more thorough and more objective.

I am not trying to 'stir the fear and imagination' of my readers. I am trying to lead them to recognize the overwhelming scope and complexity of the situation. There is no simple 'answer'. Rather, we have been asking the wrong questions for twenty odd years. The qualified men who have been attracted to the subject...Smith, Vallee, Jessup et al...have all discovered

this complexity and tried to present it to their readers. But the UFO buffery has been baffled by such efforts and turned consistently to the simplifiers such as Keyhoe, the Lorenzens and the other subjective interpreters of one minor aspect of the phenomenon.

The sobering truth is that many UFO manifestations are frightening because they are minor variations of the well-known manipulations found in demonological lore. Thus far we have published only a superficial portion of the hundreds of carefully investigated MIB cases in our files. Contrary to the new myths now being generated by the buffery, MIB articles are extremely unpopular with editors, the reading public, and the ufologists simply because they do not conform to the popular beliefs. The two or three MIB articles that I've managed to get into print had to be literally thrust down the throats of apathetic editors. Now the termination of Blue Book has created greater disinterest than ever in the editorial sanctums of New York and it is virtually impossible to get any new UFO articles into print.

Here in the U.S., only three professionals are making an effort to keep abreast of the situation and perform new investigations on an objective professional level. They are Brad Steiger, Otto Binder and myself. With the dissolution of the Blue Book target, the buffery has turned its attention and its attack to us...because we are not saying what they want to hear. Since our studies and investigations pose new questions which lie outside the buffery frame of reference and the popular beliefs, these people question our integrity. Actually it would be far easier for us to go along with the nonsense and follow the 'party line'. It is easier to sell an emotional pro-ET, anti-AF article than to sell a piece which dissects the actual factors inherent in the situation.

One of the many popular myths circulated by the buffery here is that contactees have exploited belief and gotten rich from lecture tours etc. This is so untrue that it is laughable. Most of these people, Adamski, Menger, Derenberger, etc. have lost their jobs, their reputations, their families etc. because they dared to take a public stand. Adamski died broke. Contactee books are notoriously poor sellers. Contactee lectures draw pitifully small audiences except in large kook centers like California. Derenberger's recent lecture in the northeast was a financial flop. He drew only 20 people in Washington, D.C. (which has a large cultist group). UFO buffs never try to ascertain the facts. They merely speculate.

It is time for the UFO believers to come to grips with some of the actual facts and to develop a sense of objectivity and open-mindedness. Petty gossip, emotionalism and untutored speculation must be replaced by a new and objective approach which can recognize and consider all of the data.

Sincerely;

john a. keel

MAILBAG

'Received on the 23rd my first exchange copy of COS-MOS, and may I say I like your objective representation of a rather controversial aspect of what is already a controversial subject to begin with.'

Joseph M. Erhardt, Editor, UFO Chronolog

'...What right has Mr Blandford to attack such people as John Keel and Gray Barker - and particularly the UFO readership of America? As an American I found this to be in bad taste. Not that there are no idiots in America - there are millions, but surely idiots are everywhere, and no country or nation is free from this plague.

Granted that John Keel's articles often tend to be sensational but they show fine mental agility and an open mind which are absolutely essential dealing with anything so maddeningly baffling as UFOs. The fact is that today we don't know ONE SINGLE THING more about them than we knew twenty years ago, and unless Mr Blandford knows something which we don't, he has no right to attack other researchers no matter how "sensational" they may be. They are honestly probing a completely obscure sphere and therefore no hypothesis, however wild, should be discarded out of hand.'

George St. George, Paris

(Letters and comments received concerning the December editorial have been about 50 - 50 'for' and 'against'. Mr Biddle's letter in our January issue was representative of the former, the above of the latter - Ed.)

'...just received current issue of COS-MOS, - in particular the article on the telethought transmission by Marianne Francis has the ring of truth about it.'

Sean Ainscough, Southport

'...I would like to make a suggestion that may be of interest or help to owners of Geiger counters. It is common practice in Industry and Research organisations to have one master source against which to calibrate all their Radio-activity counters. It is useless to have counters giving different readings from the same source if one is to ascertain the true measurement of radiation emitted from the UFO (if any radiation exists). I have therefore consulted Dr D. Naegeli L.E.N., M.A.L.N., B.Sc. (Paris) who suggested radio-active (COBALT DERIVATIVE ISOTOPE) - CO/D-I 147.

This material has a decay time of about 10,000 years and is of such a low activity that from the storage point of view, a lead shield or special container is not necessary, the reason being that the material only starts

to be active at a certain temperature (min. temperature: 90°F.). Such a characteristic is ideal for the zero-setting of Geiger and other Radio-active counters.

The cost of this product is £4.17.0. per ounce. Obviously this would be far too expensive for most UFO researchers as 3 ounces is required for an accurate calibration... However, I have 3 ounces on order and should be receiving it shortly. I would be only too pleased to bring it around to anybody wishing to calibrate their counters, within my own area.'

Frank M. Morton (COS-MOS member)

Those wishing to take advantage of Mr Morton's kind offer should contact him at 65 Malmsley House, Vauxhall Street, London S.E.11 or phone 01-735 4698.

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BRIXHAM REVISITED

2nd October 1969. Brixham, Devon Another UFO has been reported in the vicinity of Brixham, Devon. At 10.10 p.m. Mrs Lilian Eyre of 61 Windmill Hill saw a tiny red light. The night was clear. The light got larger and larger and appeared to be not one light but three pulsating lights. Over Berry Head (where another UFO was reported during 1967) there was a blinding white light lasting about three seconds. The object appeared to be no higher than two to three thousand feet and the nearest estimation of speed was about 250 m.p.h. It flew over Brixham harbour, the blinding light flashed again and Mrs Eyre saw the object clearly: 'It looked like an aircraft fuselage without any wings, then I heard an engine, but not like any jet or piston engine. It was a low thudding sound.' The object disappeared towards Dartmouth. Other independent witnesses were Mrs J Kimberley of Ranscombe Road, Brixham; Mrs P Grist of Coles Lane, Kingskerwell; Mr T Blackmore of Church Road, Townstal; Mr H G Shepherd of Pafford Avenue, Watcombe, Torquay and his father. Their accounts all agreed with that of Mrs Eyre.

From HERALD EXPRESS via Mr A W Szachnowski and Mark Stenhoff

ELMSTEAD UFO

27th July 1969. Elmstead. 8.40 a.m. Mr P A Smith, of Elmstead Market, saw an oblong oval object moving across the sky; suddenly it stopped dead, dropped about a hundred feet, turned 45 degrees on its side and moved off in an arc at a 'fantastic' speed. The Air Ministry said it seemed likely he had observed an aircraft reflecting light from the sun. Mr Smith said this was absurd.

From Mrs J C Addison via Essex UFO News

Essex UFO News

8 Park Drive
Wickford, Essex

The recently-formed ESSEX UFO GROUP produce this magazine with DAPRO JOURNAL containing reports from all over Essex and the views and theories of Essex Ufologists. Membership 10/- p.a., or 2/6d per copy.

THE LAGOA NEGRA CASE

This case was first mentioned in our December issue and a number of members enquired if further details were available. Accordingly we here reprint the whole story with the kind permission of Rene Fouere and full acknowledgements to PHENOMENES SPATIAUX. Adapted from a translation by W. Raymond Drake.

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PLACE OF OBSERVATION Province of Lagoa Negra, Commune of Viamao near Lagoa Patos (A large lake running parallel with the Brazilian coast between Port Alegre and the Rio Grande do Sul.)

DATE Early Jan. 1959 between 8 and 10p.m. A clear still night

OBSERVERS Five people: the estate owner, his wife, son and daughter, both young and the estate foreman. They had a very good reputation in the neighbourhood and were not previously interested in Flying Saucers. The whole observation lasted about twenty minutes

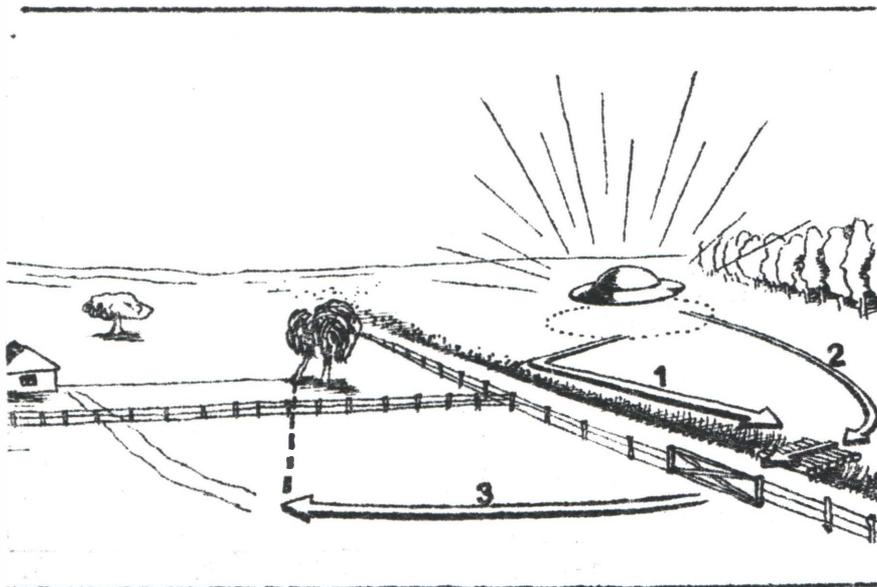
DESCRIPTION OF THE CRAFT It was round, about 10 metres (33') in diameter and 3 metres (10') high. At the top it had a cupola resembling a kind of hat. The exact shape of the lower part of the saucer was hard to distinguish. The object seemed to have a shining metallic surface and radiated an intense light, pale red in colour. This reddish light caused the witnesses' eyes to smart and penetrated cracks in the windows and doors, illuminating the whole interior of the house with a diffused light.

The object hovered about 2 metres (6') above the ground, the observers only noticing a slight rotation as it began to move away. Measured immediately afterwards, the distance of the object from the house was found to be exactly 390 metres - 420 yards.

DESCRIPTION OF THE OCCUPANTS The first two occupants who appeared beside the UFO were about 2 metres (6'6") high. They were dressed in a kind of white combination working overall, with a broad belt of the same colour. They had broad faces and long hair falling down to their shoulders. "They look like Saints" the little girl said to her mother on seeing them at close range. They seemed to be of a white race and had large bare feet and long hands. They walked stiffly without bending their legs. The three beings who next appeared were of smaller stature, not more than 1m.40. (4'8") tall. They were dressed in chestnut brown overalls again with a belt of the same colour, and they too were white with long hair down to their shoulders. They wore small boots and walked quickly, though they did not move away from the craft.

BEHAVIOUR OF THE OCCUPANTS

Whilst these three stayed by the craft, the two tall occupants walked away in the direction of an iron-barred fence and came to the drainage ditch bordering it. They followed this ditch until half-way between the craft and the gate in the fence, then turned round and retraced their steps. They then approached again, this time walking straight towards the gate in the fence, stopping when they reached a little wooden bridge spanning the ditch, then retraced their steps a second time. Finally they set out once more, again walking straight towards the gate in the fence. This they opened, passed through and re-closed, then carried on walking towards the house.



Arrow No.1. shows the first trip the occupants made - 90m. Arrow No.2 the second trip to the gate and back -100m. each way. Nos.2&3 together indicate the third trip to within 60m of the house. The dotted line from the trees to Arrow No.3 shows the distance of owner and foreman from the beings.

The owner and the foreman had come out of the house and were lying on their stomachs under two palm trees, from which position they could see the craft without being seen as they were on rather higher ground. The owner's wife, son and daughter were inside the house and the young boy was afraid of the reddish pervading it and was lying down under the blankets. The mother and daughter stayed by the half-open door facing the approaching beings.

Five dogs, normally very fierce when strangers were about remained silent, even as the beings approached the house. Seeing no reaction from the dogs, the foreman, who was armed, wanted to confront the beings, but was restrained by his master from doing so.

When the craft's occupants were within about 60 metres of the house, their appearance could be seen distinctly, the ground being lit up by the light from the disc, and the girl cried out 'Mother, they look like Saints'. Her mother was scared by this exclamation and decided to call out to her husband to come back; when she opened the door fully and shouted to him, the beings stopped

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in a hesitating manner, finally turning round and going back to their craft the way they had come. They all entered it and it rose vertically seeming to rotate slightly.

TRACES ON THE SPOT The following day some traces were found, - imprints of two types of feet or steps; some were large as though made by bare feet with very long big toes and pointed heels; the others were small with a smooth heel and sole, having a representation of a five-pointed star in the middle. No plaster casts were taken as this was not thought of at the time. The craft had come down next to a eucalyptus grove beside Lake Negresse.

The investigation was made by the Gaucho Investigation Group on UFOs (GGIOANI)

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AGRICULTURAL ALIENS

On the morning of 28 May 1969 near Caltowie, South Australia, two young farmers were out at 2 a.m. when one of them noticed a blue-white glow about half a mile away which he kept track of even though he thought it might have been another neighbour getting an early start; then, half an hour later, the light changed to red and started to ascend. At this stage he pointed it out to his brother because tractors with spotlights just don't rise in the air. They decided it was high time they returned home, but as they turned toward their 'Mini-Moke' the object swerved toward them. So they took the tractor instead, with the object following them home on a parallel course.

They watched as the UFO shone a beam toward the only cloud in the sky and they say it then entered the cloud; but afterwards it might have moved out in front of the cloud and seemed to be rotating; at its dimmest point it lit the cloud. During this time a whining was heard, but later this changed to a high-frequency beeping like a deep-toned cricket and one witness felt as if something was getting inside his head - this caused him some discomfort later. Four legs were seen protruding below the object which was about the size of a small car.

Then a second object was seen overhead, orange in colour and moving relative to the starry background. The witnesses associated the two, not because they moved in unison, but because it seemed more than coincidence that two objects could be in view at the same time. The UFOs were observed for about two hours, moving slowly upwards and taking on a star-like appearance; it is not clear if they were seen to vanish or the observers lost interest and went away.

Later, $\frac{1}{2}$ " holes were found as if conduit had been pressed into the earth around wheat stalks and the earth lifted cleanly out, in some cases with the stalk, in others without.

The above report was taken from the September 1969 magazine of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society.

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'Wherefrom do all these worlds come? They come from space. All beings arise from space, and into space they return: space is indeed their beginning, and space their final end.' - Chandogya Upanishad

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HAVE YOU JOINED A COS-MOS STUDY GROUP YET? If not, write NOW for details to Janet Gregory, Mill Farm, Thringstone, Coalville, Leics, LE6 3UH.

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AGAIN SCORITON

I make no apologies for again bringing to the fore the contact claim of the late Ernest Arthur Bryant, - many are not familiar with the story and as details of further intriguing developments and pen-pictures of the interesting characters involved will be included in future Journals, a 're-cap' becomes necessary.

Taken chronologically, although the two incidents involved were reported at different times in reverse date order, Bryant's claims ran thus:-

On 25 April 1965, Bryant claimed he went for a walk to Scoriton Down, Dartmoor, about 5.30 p.m. On arriving there he turned round, and as he did so, a large saucer materialised over the field to his right. This moved like a pendulum, becoming stationary a few feet above the field in front of him about 30 yards away. Its diameter was estimated as 60 feet, height as 12 ft.

An opening appeared in the middle of the craft, and three figures were seen dressed in what Bryant described as 'diving gear'. One of them beckoned: he went forward, and on reaching the craft the three removed each other's helmets. Two of them had very long foreheads, very blue eyes and blond hair, squat noses, bluish mouths, no facial hair. Bryant said they wore one-piece silvery-grey suits and was struck by the soles of their shoes being about $1\frac{1}{2}$ " thick and made of a spongy material: he stated they wore belts with petal-like symbols.

These two had only four widely-spaced fingers on each hand, their helmets were unpadded having a type of perspex window, also two coils on the outside at ear level with black tubing - an estimated weight of 6 to 7 lbs. The third 'spaceman', Bryant said, seemed a 14-year-old youth with short, dark hair, brown eyes and normal features: his suit seemed somewhat too large. It was he who had beckoned and he spoke in a 'mid-European accent with a touch of American'. He warned Bryant of dangers of 'Forces from Epsilon' who removed people from Earth for procreation; they had also discovered the 'dimensional field' and could be recognised by their ability to leap long distances; some were also here in the guise of poltergeists and because of insufficient knowledge of the 'orbital plane' remained invisible. This spaceman told Bryant 'My name is Yamski' and said they were from Venus. Yamski also said 'If only Des or Les were here, he would understand' and further 'One month from today we will bring you proof of Mantell - watch for the blue light in the evening'.

Bryant said he had been assisted into the saucer, in which were 3 or 4 exactly similar compartments, each one having a door through to the next, and a couch in the centre fitted with straps at the top, centre and bottom; each compartment had a door similar to one which had outslid into the top when the craft 'landed', next to each door being a large convex screen similar to a television but larger, on which were lights with rainbow colours; the compartments were lit by a triangular subdued light in the ceiling. The motive power was said to be 'Ideo-motor' movement. On leaving, he jumped to the ground, called goodbye and the door closed. The craft rose about 50 feet then vanished, shecp in the next field moving their heads as though to follow

its flight path.

Further 'facts' later divulged were that there was a purple robe with a large red rose embroidered on it on one of the saucer's couches, also Yamski gave the name of a family 'removed from this planet for procreation' in Yeovil, - Bryant himself gave a number of his own 'impressions' of family and house.

The second incident was reported as occurring on 7 June 1965, though the exact date is suspect. Then, he said, he was about to go to bed at 11 p.m., but heard a humming noise which grew in intensity, so he went out and saw nearly overhead a pale blue light, 300 to 400 feet high travelling west to east moving slowly. He watched this for 2 to 3 minutes when it stopped: he then heard 'vibrations', the light disappeared, and in its place there was a metallic knocking sound; these then ceased and nothing more was seen or heard. The day following (this also is suspect), Bryant looked over the place he thought there might have been a landing and allegedly picked up a number of metallic parts of some larger mechanism, a broken bulb and fitting and a glass phial with a piece of paper inscribed 'Adelphos Adelpho' meaning in classical Greek 'Brother to Brother'. Trees and bushes on the assumed landing site were scorched and withered, as was grass over an oval area with three ring-like marks arranged in a triangular formation six feet from one another. A tree over the road from this field had several blackened branches hanging limply down on one side. Possible associations involved were:-

1. The third occupant might be a reincarnated Adamski - he had died twelve hours before in the U.S.
2. 'Des or Ies' could refer to Desmond Leslie.
3. The purple robe was similar to one Adamski had claimed was given him at the 'Saturn Council' - Bryant himself resembled Adamski.
4. The 'Proof of Mantell' could be connected with the pieces picked up in June, i.e. they might be parts of the 'Mustang' plane flown by Capt Mantell which crashed on 7 January 1948 after chasing a UFO over Kentucky.

Basically, although many enquiries were made, these only resulted in establishing that the 'pieces' came from a bomb-sight computer (not carried on a Mustang) and that the Yeovil house circumstances were as described by Bryant. The 'pieces' had also been psychometrically examined with a diametrically opposite result, as the psychometrist almost 'relived' Mantell's death. The only other relevant factor was that these pieces apparently fitted those in the possession of the 'Dr N' referred to in THE SCORITON MYSTERY, who claimed his were also from Mantell's plane. Many of his claims proved worthless, but this 'coincidence' was never satisfactorily resolved.

Later enquiries established the glass phial to be a 'phial peg' used in gardening (Bryant was a gardener/handyman): produced doubtful character references: revealed that at no time had Bryant been a councillor as he had claimed: showed he could have discovered details of the Yeovil house from a newspaper: indicated a probable source of the 'pieces': and he was also found to have worked as a prison officer for only six weeks as opposed to the six years claimed. Further, scorch and other marks were stated by the farmer to be due to a bonfire and lightning. It was also found Bryant had access to previously unsuspected UFO literature. Bryant died on 24 June 1967 of a brain tumour, since when controversy has raged over his claims.

COMPETITION FOR NEW COVER DESIGN

We have decided it is time to give the Journal a 'New Look', and so invite members to submit designs for a new cover. Entries should be quarto in size, and our only stipulation is that the words COS-MOS - or COS-MOS JOURNAL - should be reasonably prominent. 'Aims To Contact Spacemen Or Saucers' may be omitted (this does NOT mean, of course, that we have given up hope of so doing!). The new cover will be used from the July issue onwards, and entries, addressed to The Editor, COS-MOS Journal, 95 Taunton Road, London S E 12, should be received not later than May 1st. Due acknowledgments will be given in the Journal, and the member submitting the entry chosen (designs will be judged by the COS-MOS committee) will have his or her membership extended by one year.

Bedfordshire UFO Society are at present involved in two research projects. There is an Archeological Section engaged in ley research, and any COS-MOS members who would like to correspond on this subject should write to A R Northwood, 32 Bushmead Road, Luton, Beds. Their Instrument Section is concerned with the design and construction of fairly complex atmospheric monitoring and detection equipment, and anyone interested in this should write to David Viewing, Lambs Cottage, Souldrop, Beds.

COS-MOS & BUFORA MEETINGS, KENSINGTON CENTRAL LIBRARY, CAMPDEN HILL ROAD, W.8

Saturday 21 March - COS-MOS: 'The Hoaxers' - Norman Oliver
 Saturday 4 April - BUFORA: Question-time Special
 Saturday 25 April - COS-MOS: 'Spacemen from the Past' - W R Drake

CONTACT U.K. MEETINGS AT CAXTON HALL, CAXTON STREET, WESTMINSTER

Saturday 16 April - Rex Dutta of the Theosophical Society
 Saturday 18 May - Mrs Jaqueline Thorburn, President of Atlantean Society

ALL the above COS-MOS, BUFORA and CONTACT U.K. meetings commence 7 p.m.

Congratulations to Dan Butcher on compiling an excellent 36-page booklet entitled A REFERENCE BOOK OF UFO SOUNDS - a comparison of UFO sounds with those heard during 'out-of-the-body' experiences. This booklet is published by SIGAP at 3/-, and a better duplicated three shillings worth would indeed be hard to find. Enquiries to Omar Fowler, 149 Mytchett Road, Mytchett, Camberley, Surrey.

'...The collapse of one UFO society after the other has repeatedly shown that the keen ufologist cannot retain his interest for more than a few years unless he can see results developing...' - LUFORO BULLETIN, May/June 1962 - from Nigel Stephenson's editorial. We have been warned! Write NOW and join a COS-MOS Study Group!

SPACE GODS OF SCANDINAVIA (Cont'd)

In his youth Odin surrendered an eye to drink from the Well of Wisdom; like the Egyptian God, Thoth, he was deeply versed in magic lore and invented the ancient writing called runes, teaching civilisation to mankind. Odin travelled on the wind sometimes winging to Earth as a falcon; he often rode Sleipner, a mare with eight legs, evoking the twelve-legged horse of Huschenk whom the peoples of the Caucasus regarded as a wondrous Teacher who built Babylon and Ispahan, then flew northward across the Arctic to a wonderful Continent. When Odin flashed through the heavens in his celestial car mountains crumbled and Earth blazed; he delighted in suddenly appearing in human form amid battles just as Castor and Pollux were believed to have aided the Romans at Lake Regillus in 498 BC and Athene the Greeks at Marathon, 490 BC; he led the Aesir to crush the Giants assaulting Valhalla driving them back in defeat to Jotunheim. Odin's wonderful spear resembled the staffs of power wielded by magicians. Odin's wife, Holda, was noted for racing her chariot through the sky. Odin was popularly visualised as a venerable figure with a long white beard and a broad-brimmed hat shading his face, symbolism for ancient wisdom; like Zeus he often descended to Earth in disguise bringing aid to men. When recognised he might change his shape or become invisible. The Swedes sacrificed prisoners-of-war to Odin. To prolong his own life Kin Aun of Upsala sacrificed his nine sons one after another; such highly doubtful insurance probably shortened his life by well-deserved assassination. The Eddas venerate this All-Wise Father of the Gods with attributes given to Jehovah, Indra, Zeus and Jupiter, even Mercury, suggesting that all were actually the same Spacemen.

Odin's eldest son, Thor, was renowned as the strongest, most warlike of the Gods, hero of the Vikings. Around Thor's head was often depicted a circle of stars, which may have been symbolism for a Spaceman, his chariot had a pointed iron pole and its spark-scattering wheels rolled over rumbling thunderclouds drawn by rams with silver bridles suggesting some primitive conception of a Spaceship motivated by atmospheric electricity, the lightning controlled by the ancient magicians, perhaps the same electrical forces propelling UFOs today. More than any other God, Thor was identified with thunder and lightning. Thor's mighty hammer, which returned to his hand after each time he threw it, was manufactured by the Elves underground, as the wonder-weapons of Zeus were devised by the Cyclops. Before wielding his hammer or thunderbolt Thor was obliged to put on his iron gauntlets; he wore a magical belt which greatly increased his strength, suggesting the use of some mechanical device; like Hercules Thor used his weapon with maximum force when he fought high in the skies utilising more potent energies; his red beard symbolised lightning and strength.

Thor gloried in continuous battles against the Giants; his most terrible conflict was waged fighting the World Serpent coiled around the Earth, a parallel to Indra, Zeus and Marduk who fought sky dragons suggesting War in the Heavens between Spacemen. This powerful God associated with war was also honoured for peaceful pursuits - he presided over agriculture, protected seamen, acted as a leech and gave his name to Thursday, the peasants' rest day. Thor's varied activities directing mankind may represent race-memories of the Space Kings.

Freyr, a Sky God, associated with light, had a wonderful ship built by the Elves which could fly in any direction. This vessel, large enough to hold all the Gods, could be folded up and kept in a man's pouch. Like the Gods of Ancient India, Freyr was often depicted mounted on his car. In the very earliest ages the seven stars forming the Bear in the Northern Sky were thought of as a four-wheeled wagon, its pole being formed by the three stars that hang downwards. This association, apart from the apparent likeness, may be due to ancient belief shared by the Egyptians, Babylonians and Chinese that the Gods did appear to descend from the region of the North Star. Freyr was much loved by the Swedes; with his sister Freyja, the pair resembled the twin Aswins of India, Castor and Pollux of Greece and Rome; they were always ready to descend to benefit mankind. Freyr was honoured as God of agriculture, beneficence and plenty; he loved to carouse and feast with men.

W. Raymond Drake

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'...Instead of bemoaning the current 'lull', we should be taking advantage of this quiet moment in UFO history. We should be studying the flap material of the recent past, compiling the desperately needed statistical studies, and preparing a valid body of well-documented material. Then, when the next big publicity flap finally does take place, we will have something more to offer the press and the scientific community than a ragged collection of quotes asserting "Where there's smoke there must be fire"...' - Excerpt from John Keel's editorial in ANOMALY No.3. We have been warned again! Write NOW to Janet Gregory and join a COS-MOS Study Group! Those now active or soon to be so include: The problems of perception: UFOs in history: The UFO religion: UFO occupants: UFOs and parapsychology: Telepathy: Contact methods.

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