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As from the current issue COS-MOS will appear quarterly; this was decided by the COS-MOS Committee for two reasons:-

Firstly, there is the time element. - no sooner have the sheets of a Journal been sorted and assembled than the preparation of the next has to be commenced. If one is producing a Journal and nothing else, this may be done comparatively easily, but when a hundred-and-one other jobs have to be fitted in, what should be a pleasant and interesting exercise can become the proverbial straw to the camel! Secondly, there is the question of postage. New rates mean a 50% increase in costs. By 'going quarterly' this is exactly offset. So that readers will not be poorer for the change, the number of our pages is now standardised at 25. In total content, this equates with the 1970 issues.

Lastly, my apologies for the anticipated delay in your receiving this current issue. Production of the Journal (including duplication) is largely via the post, as, of course, is distribution. We will certainly be behindhand in getting material to the printers and further delays are anticipated. The preparation of the summer (June) COS-MOS will, however, be meantime going ahead so that this will arrive on schedule.

NORMAN OLIVER

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NEW YEAR'S DAY

Credit CANADIAN UFO REPORT & UFO MAGAZINE

At 5 a.m. on 1.1.70. Mrs. Doreen Kendall, a Registered Nurse at the Corwichean District Hospital, Corwichean Valley, British Columbia, Canada, made the initial observation of the strange object. After viewing it for several minutes she called Mrs. Fred Wilson who, along with five other nurses watched the object for app. 30 seconds as it disappeared.

According to Mrs. Kendall, the object was saucer-shaped, silvery, silent, metallic and had a "necklace of lights" around the middle. From her second-floor window, the object was slightly tipped downwards towards her, 60 feet off the ground and 40 feet away. She first saw the object when she pulled the curtains away from the window of an extensive care patient. She found herself looking at the glowing cockpit of a hovering object.....with two humanoid beings in it.

The two figures inside the dome had striking good-looking physiques, and were clothed in tight-fitting uniforms of a soft-looking material. One stood behind a glowing, chrome-coloured instrument panel, while the other, either shorter or standing in a recessed spot, stood behind him. After a few minutes the second man turned to look directly at Mrs. Kendall. He was wearing a darkish fabric and headgear, which obscured his facial features. He touched the pilot with his ungloved hand which was flesh-toned and human-like. The pilot pulled back, forward and then back again on a control lever and the craft tilted sideways, rose, circled slowly and finally disappeared towards the north. The sighting was thoroughly investigated by John Magor, editor of CANADIAN UFO REPORT who could come up with no explanation for the object seen

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CRADLE HILL, WARMINSTER

Credit Capt. Ivar Mackay in UFOLOG 73.

At 22.45 Hrs. on Feb 4 1970, a steady blue point of light of unusual and noticeable hue, comparable in magnitude to one of the Stars in Orion was seen to be approaching from a NW direction. On reaching a position app. N. it appeared to remain stationary for about 5 minutes, after which it disappeared in a NE direction. Duration 12-15 minutes. Two witnesses.

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UFO SURVEY

PEGASUS Vol.2. No.4. - Journal of SIGAP.

A UFO survey was carried out during May & June 1970 in the Welsh town of Abertillery by SIGAP Member Derek Toombs and the Gwent UFO Research Group. 55 people were interviewed, ages between 14 and 74. A very broad range of occupations and interests was included. Results worked out thus:

- 63% thought there might be something in the UFO mystery.
- 28% believed nothing useful could come from a study of the subject.
- 61% felt more research was necessary to understand the issue better.
- 20% expressed a desire to join a research organisation.
- 14% claimed to have actually seen a UFO.

Memo to SIUFOP - If you wish to know how many <sup>whole</sup> people are represented by 63%, 28%, 61% & 14% of 55, kindly take this up with SIGAP - NOT COS-MOS!

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World-wide '70

"SPACESHIP LANDED IN PADDOCK"

Credit: Eric Livingstone.

Adelaide News 18.9.70. Today a Riverina woman claimed a spaceship landed in a paddock on her husband's property. Her report is one of many unexplained sightings of unidentified flying objects in the Riverina area in the past week.

The woman, Mrs. Shirley Ryall, of Barmedman, 70 miles from Wagga, said today she was driving home with her Brother, Mr. Bevan Adams, when they saw a strange light following.

"When we reached the top of a hill, we noticed the object in one of our paddocks near the road", she said. Light was glowing from several small windows in the spaceship and it had antennas on top.....

"There was a bright yellow light and it appeared to have a tail with a smaller light. This strange light seemed to follow us and it was still in the sky when we were about a mile from home.....it was shaped like a football, but there didn't appear to be any landing gear underneath.

"I did not stop the car: I was too scared and kept on driving...The object later flew over the top of our house in the direction of Griffith. Four other people also reported seeing a UFO the same night.

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BRISTOL SIGHTING

Credit: THE ILLUMINER No.2. Sept/Oct.'70.

On July 26 1970 a Bristol woman staying with friends at Luton claims she was awakened by a bright light, and on looking through her bedroom window, which faced north, saw "a huge bright orange-coloured object about the size of a dinner plate".

She continues: "It was so bright I could not bear to look at it without shielding my eyes. It seemed as though it was going to crash into the window when suddenly it stopped and remained suspended in the sky for a while, then it finally disappeared in the direction it had come. The object made no sound and it moved faster than anything I have ever seen. I shall never forget its brightness. The time was 23.40 hrs."

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UFO OVER TOPEKA

Credit: KANSAS NEWSLETTER, Topeka, Kansas.

Monday night May 25 1970 was a very clear night with no clouds in the sky. Max Harper of Topeka, Kansas, was in his back yard looking at the sky with binoculars. About 8.35 p.m. he spotted a bright white light like a car headlight only brighter, moving across the sky from the south in a straight line going north. It was slow and steady and he could see no shape of any kind behind the light: there was no noise as it passed over a little to his left. It was flying higher than most planes in the sky, but 10 minutes later a large transport flew over. Max could see the shape of this and hear it plainly.

The next day Max called Forbes Air Force base and asked if there were any planes in the sky at the time of his sighting, but was told there were planes warming up at that time but no planes flying.

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PREDICTION MISSED!

SKYLOOK No. 32. Box 129 Stover,  
No. 65)78 USA.

Orestes Wilson, of Reading, Pa., writes that Laura Mundo, "a pioneer interplanetary research writer, lecturer, whose high vibrations she recognizes as a spaceman's", predicted that June 13 1970 would be "Devastation Day" and "All would change in the twinkling of an eye". Came June 13 and Mr. Wilson commented, "Well, it's 2 p.m. on the 13th. and the only thing we've got so far is heat!"

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LAND SIGHTED ON MERCURY

Credit: Lucius Farish in SKYLOOK No. 31.

Arkansas Gazette, April 20 1970: Land has been sighted on the planet Mercury for the first time. But since scientists work with low-power radar signals rather than old-fashioned eye-power used by explorers of the past, no-one is sure yet whether the topographical features observed are mountains, boulder fields, craters or what. Radar observations of the planet were made last spring by radar astronomers at the Goldstone Tracking Station of Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory at PASADENA, Cal. The time lag in reporting resulted from the months it took to interpret and assemble the spectrographic evidence.

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MOTORIST SEES UFO NEAR AVOCA

AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER REVIEW NO.2.

An Ararat motorist claimed yesterday that he sighted a UFO near the Pyrenees Highway on Friday night. - "ADVERTISER" Ararat, Vic. 28.7.70.

Formerly a strong sceptic about "flying saucers", he admitted that he was somewhat overawed and a little scared by the sighting, but it convinced him that these things could be really logical.

This motorist, who prefers to remain anonymous, was on his way to Bendigo. After passing through Avoca, he saw what at first appeared to be three lights on an aeroplane in the sky, a few miles ahead and to his right.

As he got closer, he saw the lighted object still hovered in the one position, and had taken on a shortened cigar-shape. As he reached the object, it passed over-head and to the left rear of his car, and remained in this position for the next few miles. Anxious to gain a better view, the motorist stopped his car and alighted. Within seconds, the object accelerated and shot away at a low altitude in a northerly direction.

By this time, the observer felt a little scared of what he had seen, jumped back into his car and hurried off on his way to Bendigo.

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"BOOB OF THE YEAR" AWARD

In the U.S. UFO CHRONOLOG Vol. 1. Nos. 5 & 6, edited by Joseph M. Erhardt, there is a five-point 'Test your UFO-IQ!' Question No. 1 asks: "After whom are straight lines of structural archeological formations, called leys, named?" We can scarcely believe they are serious, but the 'correct' answer is given as 'Willie Ley'. (Note from COSMOS Ed: Yes, I do know it should be Willy Ley!)

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CARLISLE, WASHINGTON - "MONSTER SIGHTING?" From THE ADVANCE,  
Agassiz, B.C. Canada, June 18 1970, via SPACECRAFT REVIEW Vol.2 No.2.

With a legend growing like that of the Loch Ness monster and the abominable snowman, Washington's sasquatch has three new believers here, - three girls who claimed the hairy beast chased their car. The girls, one of them the daughter of Gray's Harbour County Sheriff, said on Tuesday they sighted a seven-foot-tall creature with silver-tipped hair one night three weeks ago. The girls didn't say why they waited before telling of the incident.

The 'animal' appeared in their car headlights between Copalis Crossing and Carlisle, near the site of a well-publicised sighting last July 27, then chased the car for a short distance, they said. They returned to the spot next day with Russell Figg, the deputy Sherriff who officially investigated the scene. Figg said he found footprints 16 ins. long, made by a stride of seven feet: these led to a lean-to, where Figg said he discovered some old cow skulls. Figg was reluctant to comment. The girls, he said, "saw something", "but I don't want to say what it was". Figg said the sighting was to have been a secret and he didn't want to get involved because of earlier excitement after the 1969 sighting.

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UFO SEEN IN WANTAGE - 'SHAPED LIKE CROSS'. Credit: Alan Snell,  
BISTRA, 44 Hall Road, Leyton, London E.15 2BD. Ev. Advertiser 15.12.70.

The SECOND report within a week of a UFO in the Wantage area came today from a Wantage man and his 16 year old son.

Mr. Dalzell, and his son David, were in their home in Hampden Road, Wantage, about 5.30 last evening when they saw an object through a telescope which looked like five round balls aligned in the shape of a cross. Mr. Dalzell, who works at the Atomic Research Establishment at Harwell, said today that he and his son saw the object for about 3 or 4 minutes before one of the spheres went shooting off to the N.W., and the others just disappeared as if a light had been switched off.

Last week a man reported to the Police he had seen a dome-shaped object on the Berkshire Downs near Brightwalton which had gone off at a fast speed but Police investigations found no evidence of a landing.

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NEW 'SAUCER' SEEN IN U.S.A. - Sunday Mail 14.11.70.-Credit: E.Livingstone.

Is S. Australi being watched by flying Saucers again? Mr. Colin Norris, public relations officer of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society, believes it is. The most recent sighting of a UFO was reported from the South-East last week by AFSRS representative Mr. G. Blucher, of Mount Gambier. He said many people in the district claimed to have seen the Ufo.

Two days later a mysterious saucer-like hole scorched in the earth was discovered in a remote paddock about 7 miles east of Boggabri, N.S.W. Boggabri residents claimed the hole was similar to others in N.S.W. and parts of Victoria where UFO's had allegedly landed. The hole was 6 ft. in diameter and about 6 ins. deep with a central hole 18 ins. deep. 7 smaller holes round the main indentations could have been made by the legs of a flying saucer. A fine white powder was found in the hole.

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U. THANT QUESTIONED IN OTTAWA.

Q. The Ufologists of the world know that you have been very interested in the appearances of extra-terrestrial spacecraft. They know, as we do that extra-terrestrial 'pilots' have made contacts with governments, but that all these facts and reports about them have been kept secret. Is that correct?

A. U THANT nodded a hesitant "Yes" - "These are things which I cannot and must not speak about".

Q. Is it not possible that UNO could itself officially be interested in extra-terrestrial Spacecraft?

A. "Yes, that is quite possible. As soon as any government represented in the U,N, officially puts forward the proposal to investigate these occurrences, we will set up a Department which will be concerned with their study".

UFO NACHRICHTEN - Germany - Nov. 1970 reporting on an interview in late August 1970 between I.V. Jacobi and U. Thant, U.N. Secretary-General.

Translation: Michael Oliver.

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JUNE 25 1970. - Credit: Paul Braczyk, Flying Saucer Observer, Connecticut.

Witness: Mrs. Joy Barish, 2 Pole Plain Road, Sharon, Mass. 02067, U.S.A.

Time/Place: Between 11 & 12 p.m. from the living-room window at 2 Pole Plain Road.

Duration: 15 to 30 seconds.

Type of Observer: Housewife - Husband is a Dentist.

Shape of Object: Oval or egg-shaped with square sides. Had a number of spherical appendages either directly attached or very close to the surface of the object - exact number unknown. These "Balls" appeared to be flashing a brilliant light and revolving.

Dimensions: Very large - Size of Grapefruit (or larger) at arm's length.

Colour: Main body dark, but lighter than surrounding blackness. Spherical attachments flashing brilliant red & white light. Whole object surrounded in yellow corona or phosphorescence. Sound: None noticeable.

Speed: Very slow.

Tactics: The witness glanced out of the window and noticed the object about one block away. It appeared to be making a vertical descent into or near a field. The witness did not see the object leave the area, but thought that she saw something shoot out of the vicinity of the field. This appeared to be a flash of light.

Comments: The witness claims to be familiar with the characteristics of conventional aircraft. She also stated she did see a conventional aircraft pass overhead approximately one half-hour before the sighting of the UFO, and that her house is on the "usual route".

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M A I L B A G .

' Found Dan Butcher's article on Purple Robes most interesting, and would like to add some comments. One of the remarkable points about Bryant's contact claim was that he couldn't remember the date of this soul-shattering event. It now seems clear that it was not a physical one, but might well have been in part a vivid dream, which deeply impressed itself upon his memory, as he was able to relate details with convincing clarity - apart from the date. And who bothers to remember the dates of dreams?

In dream symbology purple has a variety of meanings depending on the articles associated with it. A purple robe can sometimes be equated with royal velvet, which signifies honour and recognition. Alternatively, and I quote from a dream interpretation book "seen draping a chair or bed.....it would be an ominous sign of approaching death, probably for a man." Perhaps for Bryant it had a double meaning. Following publication of his story, he gained an international reputation, which would not normally come to a man in his station of life, and numerous people made "pilgrimages" to Scorriton to meet him. Latterly he was "immortalised" when the SCORITON MYSTERY by Eileen Buckle was published. His death followed within a reasonable period for the funereal aspect of the purple to be realised.

In dream symbology red is often associated with misfortune and can also denote quarrels with friends (and family?). However, an embroidered red rose is not an easy symbol to interpret, and one feels that the dreamer would best know the answer. It might be worth recalling that Bryant's trade at that time was a handyman and gardener. Red rose petals are taken to be symbolic of illness. A red rose can have mystical significance, possibly some kind of initiation. Norman Oliver has already shown that mundane events became entangled in Bryant's story, and everyone knows who has dream recall that everyday events, books, papers, radio and T.V. can all provide basic dream material and backgrounds.'

Yours sincerely

Lionel Beer  
Publisher - SPACELINK.

'.....Re your Stop Press News. Would you agree that the description of the Hackney object is like that of an expanded atom, i.e. A nucleus with an orangey red core circled by a black band - the electron, surrounded in turn by a dark red corona - the positron?\* I wonder whether I have the terms correctly - I am no 'Scientist', praise be! .....Some thoughts about what we call the force of gravity. I suppose we have had to call it something, but that's not what it is at all - as we think we understand the term.

It has a great deal to do with the weight and pressure of LIGHT, which maintains the balance between centrifugal and centripetal states, and the "force-field" of Saucers is a different form of light - atoms which can interpenetrate or glide through "our" light.

Has someone said it all before?

Clare Franch.

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'.....I am very conscious of the fact that it is very difficult to publish a meaningful publication on UFOs with limited means, but still I feel that the space in the magazine could have been used to a better purpose. The last issue was particularly disappointing - much of it almost gibberish. Perhaps Mr. Shuttlewood's book will make sense, but portions of it taken out of context just don't make sense.

.....I still feel keenly that COS-MOS has not as yet found its purpose - editorially speaking. It should, I think, concentrate on some specific facet of the problem - for instance on the mediumism of UFO witnesses.....It seems to me that all UFO manifestations depend on the presence of a medium - a sensitive receiver, almost like all manifestations during spiritism seances. I am inclined to believe "contactees" such as A. Shuttlewood - to me he is obviously a medium who might be listened to and watched closely.

.....If, for instance, COS-MOS would dwell on this one problem rather than flounder about along the whole endless gamut, it would serve an important purpose. I feel that study of people having UFO experiences is as important as the study of the phenomenon itself.

George St. George. Paris.

Whilst accepting the writer has a valid viewpoint editorially, I feel he is being somewhat unfair to our contributors, whose items were far from being 'almost gibberish'. What do you think? Lets hear from you. ED.

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!.....I would like to comment on Dr. Cleary-Baker's statement: "...modern instrumentation could spot an object no larger than an aircraft-carrier at the distance of the planet Jupiter. Clearly, vast UFO carrier ships, arriving from the depths of space, would be spotted time and again by our scientists, - but they aren't!" I have heard this argument countless times, but its proponents ignore three facts:

- 1) Any object arriving in the vicinity of Earth from "out there", if detected by radar systems of NORAD or other similar systems, would undoubtedly be labelled "Classified" immediately.
- 2) The highly complex radar systems used by NORAD and other agencies are designed and programmed to detect only objects which fall within certain parameters of speed, elevation etc. - they are designed specifically for detecting aircraft and missiles of Earthly powers. Any "non-conforming" object is automatically eliminated by computers and registers in data banks as "anomalous returns" or something similar.
- 3) Finally, and to me, the most basic consideration of all, is the fact that any intelligence capable of interplanetary (or interstellar) travel should have no difficulty whatsoever in constructing a most effective anti-radar device.

The foregoing "objections" to Dr. Cleary-Baker's statements should not be taken to mean I am 100% in favour of "super Apollo capsules" arriving from Alpha Centauri or other celestial sources. I do regard this as a partial "answer" to the UFO mystery, just as I regard extra-dimensional travel, Keel's "elementals", etc. as other partial "answers".....'

Lucius Farish. Arkansas.

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\*In Clare's letter this was shown in diagrammatic form.

DRIVING IN THE SERIAL TIME MACHINE - Cont'.by ARTHUR SHUTTLEWOOD

'.....Further details of occurrences then do not matter now, but from the moment I began to follow step by step, to prove if I had a peculiar dream or was being given a task to help Mankind. In pursuance, I resigned from a well-paid and pensionable job and accepted another, more interesting and more remunerative, dealing with CO<sub>2</sub>. In effect, I started at the white snow on the prow, and worked backwards right to the galley.

'At one period I was experimental engineer with a firm that made puffed barley, to find out if the diet on the ship was practicable and practical. It is. The boys in Babylon lived on pulse and water. Puffed barley may be no food for kings, but it is food for Angels. In 'Piece For a Jigsaw' an Isle of Wight aero engineer described how UFOs came down and raided barley fields. I almost wrote to him, then decided that two engineers - or technologists - were not two of a team but two of a kind.

'Since retirement I began to experiment on the turbine. The first step was a water pump to prove the principle, and at minimum dimensions. After three months hard labour in cast iron and steel, I tried it at 6,000 revolutions per minute, without any success.

'At this rate, I thought despondently, I should never be able to turn over my findings to my grandson, then aged six. So I abandoned traditional materials and produced alternatives that can be melted in a glue pot, cast in moulds, machined, used and re-used. One I named Colinite, the other Edenite.

'Later on, they may be a useful worktoy for boys and girls whose talents lie in constructing rather than being instructed. The second pump took three days to build, and ran perfectly at 6,000 revs. per minute. Then the miserable new Japanese motor ended its working life after five minutes. But this did not matter. The pump worked.

'It proved beyond all doubt that the space and time ship Schezarurse was a real ship. The Goshawk, a magnetic rock satellite of Earth, came down in January of 1947 in northern Russia, at one thousand miles an hour. The ship was real enough to move it out of orbit.

'The White Friend of Man did not come to bits. Twelve Arkansas farmers saw her a fortnight later and - as far as I am concerned - twelve forms a jury, without the USAAF at the Pentagon acting as biased judges of what they wish to deny. To put it crudely, that mob are full of what makes the grass grow green on the rolling plains of Texas - and I do not mean oil!

'A few years later, surveyors at White Sands got a fix with their theodolites, and she was sixty miles up, with "petties" moving round her. Ever since then, the real artifact Flying Saucers have been becoming more sophisticated. By the successful functioning of the "inertial pump" of the Ark Celeste Schezarurse, her motors are virtually within reach of a man's hand.

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'I have no foolish notion of becoming embroiled in patents or financial shackles. The need now is to find a team of technical students with the college workshop facilities to build a prototype unit for further development. There the matter must rest for a while. I started with scant faith, yet have tried faithfully to carry out a trust that was entrusted to my hands and humble skills.

'The heart of the white ship has made a landfall and younger hands can now bring it to a new life on Earth for the lasting benefit of Mankind. Construction presents no problems. The working fluids are NH<sub>3</sub> (Ammonia) and water. Its fuel is the water vapour in the air.

'By it, the arid deserts can be irrigated at little cost. It could drive boats and airships, without the noise and stench of gas turbines, but at a slower tempo. At present, such a machine would not be acceptable -- for even a car so driven could not exceed fifteen miles an hour. Later it can become the servant of a new civilisation, in a new era of Eden regained, in the innocence of knowledge bereft of false values'.

The sincerity of my friend is unquestionable, so I am putting a group of young scientists, who are devoid of ego and thoughts of personal gain of a material or power-conscious kind, in touch with him. We may yet have a wonderful flying machine of the future brought much nearer than cynics and dogmatists envisage.

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The foregoing is the third and final extract from CHARIOTS OF DESTINY, Arthur Shuttlewood's latest book due very shortly for publication. Overseas journals may use subject to acknowledgements to COS-MOS and Arthur Shuttlewood.

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REPORT FROM NORWAY

I was informed of this report from two different sources:- Nils Jacob Jacobsen, CONTACT representative in Norway and Sonja Helling via one of Harold Chibbett's Newsletters, - my thanks and acknowledgements.

VERDANS GANG (An Oslo Newspaper) TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD. 1970.

'Scared man from Kristiansand - "UFO struck me down".'

Reider Salvesan from Kristiansand (35 years old) is a very earnest man and compels belief when he tells Verdans Gang what he experienced on the main road near Helleland at Jaren on the 29th. October 1970 at 4.40 p.m.....

"I was struck to the ground by an invisible force from a UFO. At the same time, the windscreen of my car was pulverised", Salvesan tells us. The UFO was only some 10 meters above his car, but Salvesan was sufficiently self-possessed to note down some measurements and data relating to the flying saucer. He goes on to tell Verdans Gang.....

"It was twilight, - I was about three kilometers east of Helleland and had the car lights on. Suddenly I was blinded by a light of incredible intensity. Despite it being dusk, I had to stop suddenly because of the light which appeared to be far more intense than an electric welding

flame. There was no other traffic on the road. As soon as the car stopped I opened the door to look out. Then what looked like a powerful lightning ball came drifting slowly ahead of me, and stopped ahead of my car. It seemed to be about 20 meters across, but because of the brilliance of the light it was difficult to estimate accurately. I ran away from the car, - once outside the light vanished, and instead I saw an object corresponding to descriptions of flying saucers. It was shaped like a disc, now lying horizontally and absolutely still above the car. I estimate its height above the road as being about 10 meters.

#### Steel Blue Glass

"I was first of all bewildered, but then I realised this was something I might never get a chance to see again. So I took paper and pencil from my pocket and began to note down details. By comparing it with the size of the car, I was able to estimate the machine's diameter - again about 10 meters. The 'thickness' of the object was hard to determine, but I believe it was about three meters in the centre, down to about fifteen cms. at the periphery.

Underneath there seemed to be some form of carved symbol\* about two meters across, whilst on the top there was a round dome of approximately the same size. The circumference of the saucer was marked by a shimmering belt of about fifty cms. width, shining like gold. The rest of the object shone like a mirror with a hint of steel blue glass."

- "Was there any sign of life?"

- "No, neither life nor sound - I sensed no vibration or movement".

#### Was Struck Down

"I was standing close by the open car door, making notes whilst watching the object: the motor was off. Without feeling any pressure or physical pain I was suddenly struck down, but by putting out my right hand managed to break my fall. The object was still in the same position - there was no breeze. As I fell down though, I heard the sound of the car windscreen breaking, - it was blown inwards. As is usual with 'unbreakable' glass, the pane was pulverised, most of it landing inside the car.

"Just as I was crawling up again, the object shot away like lightning, and after two or three seconds appeared only the size of a penny at an estimated height of 1,000 meters. It was then surrounded by a powerful light - the next second it vanished.

\*See illustration on Page 14.

#### SIRIUS

For full details of SIRIUS, - the Society for Investigation and Research into Ufo Sightings, its Journal and regular meetings at Charlton House, S.E.7. write to Mark Stenhoff, 153, Donaldson Road, Shooters Hill, London. S.E.18.  
Annual Subscription 80p. (40p. if under 16).

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THE WALTHAMSTOW OBJECT

Appended below is the analysis of the object picked up by the boys at Walthamstow following the sightings at Hackney and elsewhere in East London on November 21st 1970. (See leaflet in COS-MOS 12). It is of rather a negative nature, and the object would certainly appear to have no connection with the sightings, but we thought our readers should see it, if only to show that we DO go to some detail in our investigations!

ANALYSIS OF SPECIMENi) External

A portion of dead grass was removed from the specimen. No doubt this was implanted during impact or subsequently by adherence. The grass shows no sign of carbonation, i.e. burning, clearly the body must have been cool on impaction.

All surfaces of the body have been deeply ingrained by soil particles: soil was found in the central portion of the specimen. This indicates:

a) There is a strong possibility that at some time the specimen was wholly covered by earth, e.g. totally buried.

b) The presence of soil in the central portion is explained by the very vissicular and porous nature of the specimen: where it was buried, as seems likely, water percolating through the soil could pass straight through the specimen. This water would be contaminated with soil particles. The specimen would act as a sieve, retain soil particles and pass on water. Soil found in the interior was characteristically fine-grained. Thus the specimen reached the ground cold, and had lain in or probably under the ground, probably for years rather than months.

ii) Minerological Analysis

Specific gravity.....Low, basically melanocratic e.g. dark.

Three basic constituents.....

a) Dark coloured material, dominant - at least 90% of total mass. Hardness 6 - 7 on Moh scale of hardness - relatively hard. Material noticeably brittle. Fracture uneven. Very fine-grained (no apparent crystalline structure). Apparently high proportion consists of F++ or F+++ , thus some oxidation.....rusting.

b) A leucocratic (light coloured) material occupied app. 5% of the bulk. Rather fibrous: very soft and brittle. Hardness 2 e.g. scratchable by fingers. Reacted to Acid test, therefore a carbonite.

c) Vegetable and soil matter 5% of total bulk.

Conclusion - Material had undergone considerable heat prior to compaction. A meteoric origin would be inconsistent with chemical and physical properties of all known specimens. Properties possessed suggest some form of slag - such material would have experienced considerable heat. Further, the presence of calcium carbonate suggests the material is of a type derived from blast furnaces, where Limestone is added as a flux.

My thanks to Charles Carpenter for compiling the above report.....ED.

SNOW TRACKS RIDDLE

(From the SUNDAY EXPRESS 3.1.71)

Animal experts and police are baffled by mysterious tracks, the size of a man's hand, which have been found in the snow at Farnborough, Hampshire. The footprints measuring 8" x 4½" appeared overnight in the back garden of a council house.

Farnborough police admit it may be a hoax but a spokesman said: "If it is a prank, we can't see how it was done".

The owner of the house, Mr. John Fraser, and his wife Gwendoline were awakened by the noise of their dog Sheena whimpering.

Mrs. Fraser, aged 56, of Harbour Close, Farnborough, said: "In the morning I had the shock of my life. When I opened the curtains, I saw these huge footprints all over the garden. They seemed to show 7 claws and were far bigger than those of any dog".

One theory is that the tracks belong to the elusive Puma which has been seen in Surrey over the past seven years. But animal experts yesterday scorned the idea.

PUZZLE IN THE FOREST.

(Bournemouth ECHO 24.12.70)

A mystery object found deep in the New Forest at Alder Hill, between Fordingbridge and Fritham, is puzzling Police.

Could it be from outer-space? A Police spokesman said he had never seen anything like it before. It was some sort of "mechanical contrivance" belonging, perhaps, to the Army or Air Force.

He thought it could be some kind of bomb, but it was in three parts, each part larger than the other.

The Object was found by a Forestry Commission Worker in some bracken.

An Army Bomb Disposal Unit has been called in.

SIRIUS INAUGURAL MEETING

SIRIUS - the Society for Investigation and Research Into Unidentified flying object Sightings, was 'launched' at its Inaugural Meeting at Charlton House, Charlton Village, S.E.7. on Saturday 23rd. January at 7 p.m. Despite particularly adverse weather conditions - a howling gale and torrential rain, there was an attendance of more than 40: this was particularly pleasing as the date had been arranged at comparatively short notice, and so no advance publicity had been possible in UFO magazines. But, due to the dilligence of Mark Stenhoff, considerable pre-publicity had been obtained in the local press - obviously with favourable results.

Well-received talks were given by Mark Stenhoff, Dorector; Norman Oliver, Co-Director; Barry Marsh, Chairman and C. Dave Oakley-Hill, Co-Editor of SIRIUS Journal. Question-time, following refreshments, was also popular. A number of UFO periodicals were on sale including the SIRIUS Journal 1., and here Dave Oakley-Hill and Mark Stenhoff are to be congratulated on the lay-out and design, which set it apart from many of its contemporaries; the content is also extremely readable and factual, the only draw-back to the non-member being its high price - 17½p., necessitated by a comparatively small print order. However, if the interest shown at the meeting is any guide, numbers required should rapidly increase with a resultant decrease in printing costs per cop. If you are resident in S. London, write to Mark Stenhoff, 153 Donaldson Road, S.E.18. for full membership and meetings details.

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NO TIME FOR SAUCERS?  
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# SHEFFORD CONTACT - 1957

## "Cold Watch"

'.....I went out with 14 others, including some BBC engineers one night last week before the fog came down, to try to find a 'saucer' predicted by Mr. John Whitworth, of Shefford, who had a most peculiar tale to tell, one of the salient points being that twelve months ago he actually saw a flying saucer close by after it had been predicted by a mysterious caller at his shop. On that occasion he saw it near the twin bridges at Broom. Some months later, he says, the person called at his shop again and predicted another visitation and told him when it would appear.

Having been heartily disbelieved by his friends as a result of the original tale, he persuaded a group of them to go with him that night to a point between Biggleswade and Baldock. There, we spent a bitterly cold 1½ hours, almost completely fruitlessly. I say almost, for there was one unexplained phenomenon during that time - a light in the sky miles away to the north-east, which steadily moved along parallel with the ground, but fairly low, and then gradually dwindled as it turned away. The light was not steady, it was intermittent, with no pattern about the flashes, and an aircraft engineer from Henlow R.A.F. Station, who was with us, stated categorically that it was no known aircraft signal or identification lights. But it was too far away to say that it was anything more than a light in the sky.....'

COS-MOS would be grateful for any further information concerning this contact which was reported as above in the Beds Courier of 10/12/57. The feature writer's name is missing, hence the unidentified 'I' in the extract.

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### LONDON **Light entertainment**

**EVENING NEWS:** Kent police are investigating reports of green lights falling from the sky at Margate, Sittingbourne, Cobham and Sevenoaks.  
19/2/71

## Saw 'Saucers' 83 Years Ago

LONDON  
**EVENING NEWS:**  
26/8/65  
(!)

MEXICO CITY, Thursday.  
MEXICO, where flying saucers are claimed to have been sighted recently, has found they are 83 years out of date.

The weekly magazine, *Impacto* said that in 1882 the Mexican astronomer Dr. Jose Bonilla, said he saw hundreds of oval-shaped objects passing in front of his telescope lens when he was studying sunspots.—Reuter.

FOCUS ON S.I.U.F.O.P.

SIUFOP stands for the Society for the Investigation of Unidentified Flying Object Phenomena and is Surrey-based. Its Chairman is David Simpson, Secretary Miss Stella Humphrey, Editor E.W. Palmer. Its aim "can be defined as the scientific evaluation of data concerning UFO's". A bi-monthly well-produced duplicated newsletter is issued which "aims to expose misleading reports and also show that many theories advanced by Ufologists are irrational". It is stated "this approach is commonly misconstrued as trying to disprove the existence of flying saucers". More than half the members of SIUFOP are engaged upon research work in a Government physics laboratory and have therefore studied various branches of physics at college or university. However we consider ourselves fortunate, for we have easy access to scientific literature and the opportunity to consult with persons specialised in other branches of physics relevant to a particular enquiry".

The quotes in the paragraph above were from a letter from David Simpson to myself after SIUFOP in their Newsletter 18 had criticised parts of Frank Morton's first article on Electronic UFO Detection in COS-MOS 11. I had written first requesting information on various points as, in my opinion and that of many others, recent issues of the SIUFOP Newsletter have contained carping criticisms of many UFO groups and researchers which were not only completely petty and unnecessary, but also at times inaccurate. Now inaccuracy is something SIUFOP will never admit to: YOUR information, YOUR sources, MY information, MY sources are - in their eyes - always open to criticism: THEIR sources and information are sacrosanct, and anyone doubtful on this score should try questioning their validity with David Simpson! But ARE they sacrosanct? Let us take a closer look.

First of all, UFO researchers should note that 'details concerning our type of work and qualifications are quite uncalled for' - a David Simpson quote - so remember that SIUFOP should not question yours either! For the record, although not stated by SIUFOP, the laboratory referred to is the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington. Their membership is given as 16. Next to detail, but before we scrutinise their own activities, let us glance briefly at complaints made by Edward Palmer about Frank's article. These comprise the following:-

1. An 'elementary error' in the circuit diagram, which however, they condescend to 'gloss over'
2. Frank did not qualify his statement that his electromagnetic sensor was capable of detecting a UFO at a distance of 20 miles by specifying the field strength at that distance.
3. A diatribe against Frank's recommendation to try the use of polaroids at night to assist definitiveness of vision.

The answer to 1. is quite simple, - there is an error: positive and negative signs are reversed on a diagram. However, had SIUFOP taken the trouble to contact Frank or myself first, they would have been able to publish the reason for the discrepancy as well. Frank has found from experience that few write in to ask for details of the devices described. BUT, if anything is wrong, he is likely to get correspondence pointing this out, hence the 'elementary' reversal. So far as 2. is concerned, I have already informed David Simpson I

regard this as a semantic rather than a scientific difference. As Frank writes:- he 'did not build the device to detect flying bar magnet', and we have more faith in the intelligence of our readers than to think they would not realise the reaction obtained would depend on the size of the 'saucer' and therefore its field strength. With regard to 3., we can only say that Mr. Palmer's statement that 'scientific journals tell us polaroids increase glare at night' is negated by other scientific volumes in Frank's possession, and I would add that my personal field experience (prior to Frank's article), backs up his advice. SIUFOP also inform us they 'would prefer more details about fewer devices'. The answer is firstly they can obtain them by writing to Frank and secondly that I am not interested in printing what SIUFOP prefers, but in producing a journal for my members.

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"Now, my dear, SIUFOP, let us have a look at your own record. Ufologists and others you have attacked (I am sure you would prefer the word 'corrected', but 'attacked' is very much nearer the mark) include Percy Hennell, John Roseweir, Stephen Smith, Dr. Guerin, John Cleary-Baker, Arthur Shuttlewood, Jimmy Goddard, Frank Morton, Omar Fowler, Gordon Creighton, Richard Farrow and many others, including of course, myself.

"It is interesting that in your Newsletter 16, which included letters solicited from saucer researchers in which they were asked to justify their belief in flying saucers, you prefaced this with the statement: 'Unfortunately the majority of those persons known to be pro flying saucer have not replied at the time of going to press' and listed nine Ufologists who had not: you continued 'presumably, they did not consider their cases to be strong enough'. Nonsense, my dear SIUFOP, they either did not have the time to pander to your whims (I made time, to my later regret) or else they just did not see why they were obliged to justify their opinions to you - why should they?

"Should one dare to question to absolute accuracy of any of your 'verdicts', shrill screams of agony are elicited at the very idea of anyone challenging your 'faceless' authorities. Are we not entitled to know the names of these pundits whose pronouncements are allegedly unassailable? After all, you really cannot hide behind their anonymity and then have the gall to criticise Gordon Creighton (Newsletter 17) for not giving names of Scientists when you requested him to do so after his teleportation lecture. What's sauce for the BUFORA President must surely be sauce for SIUFOP!

"Two interesting points (Newsletter 13), SIUFOP, re your investigations on the alleged landing and holes at Tyneham in August '69. You actually managed to find two pieces of metal in the field! Not unlikely as this is Army territory! By implication, you suggest that the fact these were of terrestrial origin indicates nothing extra-terrestrial landed there: I really fail to see the logic of this. I am quite sure many alleged landing sites would yield up quite a number of metal pieces, but how does this disprove a landing? Also you tell us that 'similar holes at Badbury Rings do exist, but it is rumoured that they appeared after the original press report! It was however, alleged they appeared before it, so unless you can prove they appeared afterwards, SIUFOP, you cannot adduce this (as presumably you intend), as proof of a hoax.

"Again referring to Newsletter 13, dear SIUFOP, you have on P.2 a most elaborate version of the events at Kidnapper's Hole, Warminster on 27.9.69., allegedly mainly from Arthur Shuttlewood. One cannot but escape the conclusion that considerable 'poetic licence' occurred between the hearing and your telling! Why, apart from Arthur, we are not even given the names of any of the 13 witnesses. This is very remiss of you, SIUFOP, - surely this 'landing' so eloquently described in your pages should have been followed up closely? However, do not despair, for you will find an accurate account of the occurrence by the two people most closely involved in COS-MOS No. 6. Read it, if you have not done so already, SIUFOP, and you will see how sadly awry is your own 'Mickey-taking' report by SMH".

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Now, David Simpson has requested me not to quote from his letters out of context: however, in Newsletter 19 (SIUFOP offers COS-MOS £100 for UFO Detector') he has not only done this himself, but in the process managed to mix up his quotes with a 'phone conversation on a different matter as well! Despite this, my own quotes are all entirely relevant, and readers may like to know that in Newsletter 18 it is claimed: "SIUFOP has realised it has the expertise to measure the magnetic and gravitational fields at Cradle Hill with sufficient accuracy to detect and record anomalies. Independent witnesses could be present..... ...Suspecting we will find no anomalies.....and realising that this absence would affect Arthur Shuttlewood's theories, we wrote a letter to Wairminster on this subject. No reply was received". COS-MOS has offered to monitor such an experiment as independent witnesses..... but.....no reply has been received! Could it be that SIUFOP now have doubts about their own abilities?

Were SIUFOP an organisation devoted to uncovering the truth behind the UFO enigma, their yappings could be overlooked. Despite their stated aims, however, one only has to read their Newsletters to realise their main interest is in reporting, commenting on, and generally 'pulling to pieces', items where it is considered such attentions will lead one to the conclusion there is no UFO mystery at all. Items considered less susceptible to such treatment are carefully avoided.

Consider this quote from David Simpson: "Duplicating investigations carried out by other societies can be very important; it has enabled members of SIUFOP to learn about the beliefs, attitude and investigational abilities etc. of other Ufologists - the very factors that cause the perpetuation of Ufology". (My underlining - Ed.) This seems to me a far more revealing statement than any of their printed aims.

Are SIUFOP Men In Black? I posed this question (rather with tongue in cheek, I will agree) in our last issue. Nevertheless, we do not KNOW the truth or otherwise behind the M.I.B., and who can say that such gentry might not even know themselves, but be controlled by external agencies. Maybe we should give SIUFOP members the benefit of the doubt in this direction and admit such a possibility!

NORMAN OLIVER.

P.S. Please note that in Newsletter 19, the names of John Michell and Philip Heselton are mis-spelt as Michel and Hesseltine - tut-tut, SIUFOP, you're slipping!

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THE FAIR GOD

Mexico City stands on the site of Tenochtitlan, the Aztec Capital ravaged by Cortes and his gold-hungry Conquistadores. The Aztecs believed that long ago their ancestors, the first men, emerged from Seven Caverns at Chicnomostoc, north of Mexico, a tradition shared by the Red Indians, the Quiches and the Incas, suggesting refuge underground from cataclysm or aerial war. Traditions recall that the Aztecs, People of the Crane, about AD 1160 were directed by their Sun God, Huitzilopochtli, to leave their home Aztlan far north of the Colorado River and migrate southwards to the Promised Land indicated by an island in a lake where they would see an eagle devouring a serpent. Six of the Tribes bearing an image of their God came to the land of Anahuac and for decades followed the Spirit of Huitzilopochtli manifesting as a white eagle which led them in confusion like Jehovah leading the Children of Israel for forty years in the Wilderness, a significant parallel, especially if both the Aztec and Hebrew Gods were Spacemen. The white-eagle leading the Aztecs may have been a Spaceship? Finally about 1325, the descendants of the original wanderers arrived by the shores of Lake Tezcoco where they saw an eagle perched on a cactus, its talons clutching a snake; the tribes halted and the priests scanned the heavens awaiting the God's command. Huitzilopochtli ordered the Aztecs to build here their city, Tenochtitlan, called Mexico by the Europeans after the War God, Mexitili, from which the Aztecs would expand to a prosperous empire and conquer the Earth. These symbols of the Sun God, eagle and serpent, evoke the legend of the post-diluvian Babylonian King, Etans, associated with an eagle and serpent, who flew to the skies; the eagle and serpent symbolising the Sky God and Wisdom feature prominently in world-wide religions. The long trek of the Aztecs during the thirteenth century led by priests inspired by signs from heaven is strangely similar to those familiar stories of the Patriarchs in the Old Testament following the 'Power and Glory of the Lord'. It may be significant that today Mexico's national emblem is an eagle on a cactus grasping a serpent.

Who was Quetzalcoatl, whose beneficence inspired the people of Mexico for hundreds, probably thousands of years, and whose emblem, the feathered serpent dominated monuments and temples of Central America? The Italian Abbe, Francisco Javier Clavigoro, described Quetzalcoatl as high priest of Tula, centre of Toltec culture.

'He was white in complexion, tall and corpulent, broad in forehead, with large eyes, long black hair, thick beard; a man of austere and exemplary life, clothed in long garments, gentle and prudent. He was expert in the art of melting metals and polishing precious stones which he taught the Tultecans.'

Fray Juan Torquemada, the 16th century Franciscan missionary, described him as fair and ruddy with long hair; like his twenty companions he was dressed in a long robe of black linen cut low at the neck with short sleeves, a dress worn by natives to this very day. The reign of Quetzalcoatl was the Golden Age of Mexico.

The origin of the Fair God mystified the Aztecs and outraged the Spaniards, startled at his close affinity with Christ; today his identity intrigues us more acutely than ever, Quetzalcoatl surely symbolises the landing Spaceman. Myth merges with history, identification of this great Culture Hero varies from cosmic grandeur to folk-romance; the truth must be sought from his name Quetzalcoatl evoking the mellifluent language of Atlantis. The Quetzal' was a rare bird with green feathers, 'Coatl' a Nahua word for 'Snake', a combination of the Maya 'Co', 'Serpent' and Nahua word 'Atl' meaning 'Water' signifying 'Winged Serpent'. The Mayas called him 'Kukulean', the Quiches of Guatemala as 'Gucumata'; as 'God of the Air' he was known to the Aztecs as 'Ehecatl' and Nanihehecatl' or 'Lord of the Four Winds'; his most intriguing title 'tlauiscalpantecutli' the 'Lord of Light of Dawn' identifies him with Venus. Legends state that Quetzalcoatl's Mother was the Virgin-Coatlicus, his Father the Sun, resembling the divine birth of all Saviours; one version alleges that his Mother swallowed an emerald, the green jewel occultly associated with the planet Venus. Traditions vaguely agree that Quetzalcoatl was a wise King who suddenly appeared from the East bringing the arts of civilisation, law, healing, the calendar and writing, also maize to the Nahuas, early inhabitants of the Mexican plateau; like Buddha he taught man compassion and cosmic wisdom, the Message of love and peace with a sublime reverence far transcending the blood-thirsty rites which degenerate priests were later to perpetrate in his name.

To be continued.....W. RAYMOND DRAKE.

THE FAIR GOD is an extract from Raymond Drake's latest book, Spacemen in the Ancient West, which is awaiting publication. The book is a most comprehensive work, having about 460 pages of text plus a bibliography of 517 works in nine languages. Raymond tells me his manuscript was retained by a London publisher from January 1969 to January 1970, during which time Von Daniken's Chariots of the Gods appeared. (see Lou Zinstagg's article). When finally the manuscript was returned Raymond was told that Chariots of the Gods had flooded the market. On the brighter side, he has heard from a Comrade Tubstov in Kharkov - Tubstov has been writing articles on UFOs for Russian magazines for ten years - that the Lenin Library has bought a copy of his previous book Spacemen in the Ancient East.

NORMAN OLIVER.

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#### UFO CHRONICLE

As from its No. 2 issue, the SIRIUS Journal will incorporate the UFO CHRONICLE - the informative UFO magazine formerly produced by Ted Hill. Ted has been finding of late that he has been unable to find sufficient spare time to ensure its proper production, and rather than closing down completely it has been agreed that popular features from UFO CHRONICLE will be continued in the pages of SIRIUS, Ted acting in an advisory capacity.

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"I CONSIDER.....A SYMPOSIUM"

At the COS-MOS Kensington Library meeting on Saturday 9th Jan. 1971, four Speakers were asked to give their opinions on the UFO phenomenon.

In the Chair was COS-MOS Director, Norman Oliyer, who introduced Mike Holt B.A., former BUFORA Hon. Secretary; Mollie Thompson, well-known for her 'Saucer' songs; Dr. John Cleary-Baker, BUFORA Journal Editor and COS-MOS Vice-President, and Dr. Christopher Evans, Principal Research Officer in the Computer Science Division of the National Physical Laboratory.

Mike Holt, speaking first, felt that we should give up using the expression UFO and use more frequently the term ETV (Extra-Terrestrial Vehicle); that 'thinking people must accept there is intelligent life in the Universe' and as 'some of this life is visiting our planet', we should leave the term UFOs for objects that are strictly unidentified. He then posed a series of questions:- 'Has Ufology reached the stage where we have temporarily, at least, exhausted the various avenues of possible research open to the 'poverty stricken' amateur without official backing?'... 'What is the future of organised Ufology?'..... 'How should we view 'Fringe' theories and the involvement of religion in the subject?' and suggested that ETV Research could possibly do without the additional complication of trying to explain one strange phenomenon by the existence of another. Mike thought far too many 'tatty' publications existed and groups 'mushroomed' with little planning or preparation..... 'the obvious danger is that Ufology is given a bad name'. On skywatches, he felt their value lay in familiarising people with natural phenomena rather than in the 'billion to one' chance of seeing an ETV.

Mollie Thompson considered UFOs were messengers from 'another realm of consciousness, appearing at a time when Earth was approaching a crisis point, with the possible intention of alleviating the catastrophe or taking selected people off to other planets'. She suggested UFOs may not be material objects, but 'a life form' which can 'tune in to our frequency of life and become visible to the optic nerve'..... 'not because they wish to exploit us or give us knowledge, but simply to cause us to understand there is more beyond the fringe of our experience, and the only way Mankind as an inner being will develop, is to investigate himself in relation to other things: to find not necessarily what is in outer space, but what is in inner space'.

Next, a very interesting contribution from Dr. Cleary-Baker. He agreed that..... 'the evidence for UFOs as alien vehicles is overwhelming'..... 'I don't think we can take one case of a visitation, - or a dozen or a score of cases and say these prove alien intervention on this planet; its the whole bulk of sightings over the years which prove it, the evidence is cumulative'. He also considered... 'it may well be that the universe is so constituted that it is only by studying ESP also, that we can hope to account for the presence of UFOs hereat all'. He thought it not surprising UFOs did not land on "the White House lawn" and hold "a conference with the Great White Father within"! Continuing he said, 'Let us consider ourselves rather in the position of some primitive civilisation in a world with very much more advanced civilisations, - does it necessarily follow that the representative of the advanced civilisation is going to come and tell the primitive ones everything they know? It is very much more likely we should be considered by

them as something to observe, certainly not something to come along and confide in'. Referring to 'Condon', Dr. Cleary-Baker said: "we have to go it alone until a new generation of scientists arises less prone to dogmatism than some of the scientists we have today." He stressed the need for careful research, and in closing said: "I think it well worth considering that in our humbling bumbling, stumbling way, we UFO researchers, in spite of all our limitations and absurdities may be doing something worthwhile. It has sometimes happened in the past that bumbling amateurs somehow stumbled on something the professionals have missed".

A most stimulating talk from Dr. Chris. Evans ended the first half of the meeting. Declaring himself a 'militant sceptic', Dr. Evans gave the reasons for his scepticism. Whilst accepting the existence of UFOs in the strictest sense of the word.....'the jump from believing in UFOs and believing in ETVs is an enormous one, and is the point where I begin to part company with most Ufologists.'.....'I simply do not believe I have yet seen enough evidence that convinces me UFOs are ETVs'. Dr. Evans enumerated his objections to the ETV theory. He considered it staggering that if flying saucers were 'zooming' around in large numbers as had been reported.....'there are no better pictures available - I think this is a tremendous weakness in the UFO case.' He thought very few people are aware of existing natural phenomena and 'how easily they can be mistaken for objective things' and described how he himself had been temporarily fooled by eye floaters. He felt the Condon Report 'read to me, rightly or wrongly, like an objective scientific document' and had caused scientists to lose interest in the subject.

Discussing what he termed the 'Anthropological Argument, he felt that even assuming advanced civilisations overcame the light barrier and visited Earth, 'it's exceedingly unlikely they would let us know they were there' - for the same reasons advanced by Dr. Cleary-Baker. Regarding Mollie Thompson's suggestion that Earth was at some kind of crisis point, he said: 'I think its possible that developing a brain and conscious control of the body tends in the long term to be a step backward in evolutionary terms, and creatures that so develop in the end destroy themselves: the fact civilisations started a million years ahead of us needn't imply they're still around'. In conclusion, Dr. Evans gave it as his view that UFOs are 'A manifestation of religious belief'. As Jung said: Flying Saucers are "signs in the skies" - and indication that important things are lacking in peoples' philosophy.

The refreshment break followed, after which the discussion was thrown open and lively exchanges ensued particularly between Dr. Evans and Dr. Cleary-Baker - when the panel enlarged on points made in their talks prompted by questions from the audience. All in all a very stimulating evening providing much food for thought.

LINCOLN RICHFORD.

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 With our next issue we shall commence a completely new series on CONTACTS. Each quarterly Journal will examine one form of contact in particular, citing actual cases. SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS WILL ALSO BE PUT FORWARD WHEREBY SUCH CONTACT - WITH SUITABLE SAFEGUARDS - MIGHT BE ATTEMPTED.

Our first venture in this direction will concentrate on 'dictated mental messages'.

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On the Author of "MEMORIES OF THE FUTURE" and "RETURN TO THE STARS"  
Erich von Daniken, Switzerland.

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It is generally known that Erich von Daniken is a young amateur archeologist of no scientific background, but since I am acquainted with him I know that he is very well read and that he can speak with competence on his subject. He has visited all the sites he writes about himself and presents his case well.

It was in April 1968 that von Daniken paid me a sudden visit, unfortunately a very short one and there was no time for him to go through my documents. However, he had a good look at my collection of UFO photographs and he seemed to be impressed by some. But, as a whole, he said he would discard all photographic evidence because every photo could be faked. I laughed and answered that it was even more easy to fake drawings, to which he agreed. We both saw the humorous side of the fact that he should believe so firmly in interstellar visitors in the remotest past and also in the certainty of our own visits to other planets, in the near future, but that he would not give credit to any such possibility in our present time. He promised to come back and to go through some other documents of mine: under the circumstances this will not happen very soon.

Van Daniken is a sturdy little fellow with a red complexion and reddish hair, with strong shoulders and well shaped hands. Just by looking at him nobody could guess that this man is consumed by what the Germans call "the holy fire". As soon as he starts talking about his subject he changes into a competent expert and a devoted researcher. He has read Charroux, Powell, and Bergier, Kohlenberg and many other authors, and he has never proclaimed - as it was suggested - that he himself had discovered the sites. They always were open to every explorer and every cameraman. Just as the film produced in Germany following his first book (an extraordinarily good movie!), he reminds you of Schliemann, an amateur who discovered Troya because he believed in what he read. Von Daniken may lack the good educational background and general culture of Schliemann, but he is an explorer by nature just like him.

Von Daniken's first book was printed with illustrations, but as soon as it was out von Daniken and his editor were swamped with letters why this should be so. The second book, "Return to the Stars", is generously illustrated and thus presents the case better than the first. The film, however, is even more important than the books. Its impact is enormous on all spectators, young and old. Since it is out, the books sell even faster than before.

When his second book came out, the author was again on a costly trip. He was deep in debts because he had started fraudulent tricks in order to get the money for it. He took up credits at different banks where he concealed his other loans to other institutes, and because such statements must be made in writing, he committed false evidence. The banks, by the way, charged him up to 18% interest. Yet - when his lawsuit came up there was not a single plaintiff among his creditors. His debts had all been paid in the meantime: his editor at Dusseldorf had done it for him without any ado. The money for the second book was streaming in.

It was the Canton de Grisons who put in the bill of indictment because Von Daniken had held back the payment of the State's hotel tax (he was the Gerant of a hotel at Davos at that time). In November 1968 he was arrested by Interpol (!) at Vienna airport and kept in Vienna state penitentiary for nearly three months, together in the same cell with burglars and sexual delinquents. He was not allowed to see his solicitor, nor his wife. In February 1969, he was taken to Coire, the capital of the Grisons and again imprisoned in the State penitentiary. This is very unusual for a prisoner during the inquest!

He had to await his trial there for a full year. In February 1970, the lawsuit was at last started. From the beginning it was conducted with a severity and a rigour which is not usual in dealing with financial offences. No mercy was shown although all his debts had been paid long ago. The public prosecutor did his best to depict him as a dangerous criminal by nature and inclination and an unscrupulous money-getter. But the worst of the accusation paper was that it attacked him in his quality of a researcher and an author. He was called a fraud and an imposter who wanted nothing but to make easy money, and it was implied that he himself did not believe in his own theories. The psychiatrist who - by the way - had never talked to one single witness or to Von Daniken's wife, nor to his solicitor - gave his portrait of an unstable, epicurean and vain man, a liar and fraud by nature, a deceitful psychomaniac with a strongly hysterical character.

In an interview given to the "Sontags Journal", Mr. von Wehrenalp, the editor of the books made the remark: "I just wonder who is going to give an expert opinion on the mind of such a psychiatrist!"

Erich von Daniken's counsel for the defence is trying hard to invalidate at least part of the heavy accusation. First, he put in a formal protest against the way his client's past had been dug up and made public, but his claim for disavowal was rejected. Erich von Daniken is now in a better prison where the inmates enjoy more freedom in the daily routines. He is working in the prison's office and he is allowed to have twenty books in his cell at one time, but he is still not allowed to talk to anybody without a guard, and he can't write on his third book since all lights go out very early in the evening and he has no access to documentary archives or libraries.

Erich von Daniken is not an innocent man. He certainly deserved some kind of punishment, but the way this lawsuit was conducted is a shame for the jurisdiction of my country. And many people share my feeling that it was not the man but the author who was so viciously attacked, his ideas had to be destroyed in the first place. And what had Interpol to do with it? He had committed all his offences in Switzerland.

Why is it that this man's views on our planet's history had to be proved to be fraudulent at any cost? Who was the authority behind Interpol? Nobody seems to know. Erich von Daniken may have the chance to get out of prison in August 1971 because of good conduct. I am sure that a few months later his third book will also be out.

Lou Zinstag. Basel.  
December 1970.

LOOKING BACK

In each issue from now on we will re-introduce items from yesteryear, items which have something in common. All the following were featured in the LUFORO BULLETIN VOL. 111 No. 2. (The LUFORO BULLETIN was succeeded by the BUFORA JOURNAL).

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LANDINGS IN FLORENCE - APRIL 1962.

"FLYING SAUCER' SEASON AGAIN

"The 'flying saucer' season has started again. Iller Benazzi (28) yesterday became the second Italian in as many days to report sighting a strange flying machine.

"Unlike Mario Zuccala, a tailor from Florence, he did not report seeing men from outer space, but he said he had three witnesses to support his story.

"Benazzi told the Police he was driving along the Saronno-Lignano road with his fiancée on Wednesday night when he saw a strange flying machine. He said he and another couple stopped their cars to watch.

"It moved noiselessly" Benazzi said. "It came down again, almost grazing us, turning its headlights on us. Then it landed on the road some distance away and drove towards Saronno. We saw that it had three smaller tail lights with a violet gleam."

"He and the others decided not to talk about the Spaceship for fear of disbelief. They changed their minds after reading that Zuccala reported a similar craft the same night at San Casciano, near Florence".

-Edinburgh Evening News, Saturday, April 14th. 1962.

FROM NEW MEXICO (Source UFO Investigator).

Mr. & Mrs. du Bois, of Shirley St., Westminster, Calif., were driving along Route 60, returning from holiday. The road was deserted. At about 2 a.m. 'a brilliant ball of white light' shone on their car, slowed down, then followed alongside it (Night of 21.10.61.). Mrs. du Bois thought it might be a plane making a forced landing, but the ball suddenly shot away up into the sky.

The ball came down again, sped ahead of the car, then halted to let them catch up. Keeping level with the car, the ball split into 4 separate entities, until a Service Station came into sight and the car slowed down. The 4 objects then darted upwards and vanished.

FROM VENEZUELA (Source UFO Investigator).

On 6.10.61., at about 11 p.m. some fishermen of Santa Rita were out on Lake Maracaibo when a huge object, its glow lighting up the adjacent town, passed slowly overhead. Its glare shone on the boats and dozens of fishermen dived overboard, one - Bartolme Romero - drowning. The town's inhabitants were no less terrified. The object remained in view for 5 minutes, eventually disappearing to the South leaving behind it a kind of reddish exhaust trail. It is obvious that this huge visitor was not of meteoric origin.

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 N.B. In LOU ZINSTAGG'S article on pages 23 - 24, the Anglicised title of 'Memories of the Future' is, of course, CHARIOTS OF THE GODS.

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