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Film "Chariot of the Gods" and open discussion

The above film will be shown at Harts Lane Main Lecture Hall, Harts Lane, Barking, on Friday 21st May 1976, from 8-11 p.m. Will members please note that we have some tickets left over that are available. "Chariot of the Gods" is a Cert. 'U' 16mm colour film (with soundtrack) concerned with unsolved mysteries of the past and lasts for some 98 minutes. Adapted to the screen from the bestseller by Erich Von Daniken. Directed by Harold Reinl.

To compensate for the cost of hiring both film and hall, we will have to charge for admission. The charges will be - Adults: £1, under 16 years of age: 50p. The film will begin at 8.00 p.m., so will all members wishing to come along, please be on time.

JOURNAL MODIFICATIONS:

Members will have noticed that over the past three months or so, some radical alterations in the content and appearance of our "Newsletter" have taken place. Moreover, since new subjects and better reproduction procedures have been introduced, it has been agreed that the term "Newsletter" is no longer a befitting title. The new title will henceforth be "JOURNAL". Also, as we have had a great deal of trouble over the past few months in publishing these periodicals in time for Group Meetings, we have decided to issue the Journal on a bi-monthly basis.

GROUP MEETING, March 26th 1976.

Harts Lane Lecture Hall, Barking, 8-11 p.m.

A total of 15 members had come along this evening, the usual average attendance. We were also pleased to welcome along to this Meeting Mr. Andy Collins, who has recently taken up the post for *B.U.F.O.R.A. as Regional Investigations Co-ordinator for Essex.

I, (Ed.) began this Meeting with an account of a story that I had come across in the Winter 1975 issue of "AWARENESS" (a *CONTACT (UK) publication). The story, "The Mysterious Moon-Shaft" (by Antonin T. Horak and communicated by Ronald Calais), was a true account of a World War II Army Captain's chance discovery of a subterranean artificially-built structure, located deep inside a mountain in Czechoslovakia. The account given in "AWARENESS" was reprinted from the March 1965 issue of the "National Speliological Society News" by permission of the author (the story was originally taken from a diary written at the place and time of the incident). The article was also published in the Autumn 1967 issue of the journal of the "International Fortean Organization, Vol.1, No.2."

With the account of the "Moon-shaft" over, Mr. Roy Lake proceeded to give to each member present a hand-out sheet showing the Committee structure of the Group.

(Note: There exists a vacancy for a SKYWATCH OFFICER - see under "Committee Vacancy").

To compensate for the unfortunate change of material necessarily presented at this Meeting (from that mentioned in the February 1976 Newsletter), coffee and biscuits were offered without charge.

Immediately following the coffee-break came our monthly raffle. The prize this time was a well-known book "Warnings from Flying Friends" by A. Shuttlewood & published by Portway Press, (won by Mr. R. Tansley).

Mr. Ron Markwick commenced the second half of the Meeting by giving an account of "The Ghost Fliers" - a story in the main, concerned with the many sightings made of "phantom" aircraft and their "peculiar" pilots during the earlier part of this century (but continuing even up to the present day). An account of this interesting story will be found under the "Interesting Articles" heading in a later issue of the Journal.

Finally, to round off the evening, I (Ed.) presented a slide show composed of those transparencies that I was unable to show at our February Meeting due to lack of time. Photographs and artist's impressions of the moon, planets, stars and galaxies comprised those shown. Many questions were thrown at me (invariably by Mr. Ron Markwick), but altogether the slides seemed to arouse a great deal of interest. The slide show took us right up to closing time, so there we had to adjourn the Meeting.

References:

- *1. B.U.F.O.R.A. - British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association.
- *2. CONTACT (UK) - The United Kingdom branch of the largest UFO movement in the world. (Membership recommended).

COMMITTEE VACANCY:

Upon the Group's Committee there exists a vacancy for a SKYWATCH OFFICER, a position that I, the Editor, am temporarily responsible for.

If you are a Group Member, over 18 years of age, and you would like to apply for this post, please contact Mr. Roy Lake (Chairman) for details. A subsequent majority vote by the Committee will be required to ensure acceptance.

Note: (Applicants should possess some form of motorised transport and have access to a private telephone).

SKYWATCHES:

Attendances at Skywatches have, on the whole, been rather poor over the winter months (except those few held in the Langdon Hills, near Basildon, Essex). A new Skywatch Schedule has therefore not been printed for February 14th onwards. Low attendance has been attributable to the cold weather, but as summer draws near, and the weather improves, a new schedule will be produced.

INVESTIGATIONS:

Although Mr. Barry King will no longer be conducting any more investigations, there are many cases on file awaiting entry under this heading which Mr. King has looked into.

Mr. Andy Collins, the new B.U.F.O.R.A. R.I.C. for Essex, has kindly offered to supply our Group with reports of any new sightings that are made.

Note: Sightings of UFO's have been next to zero lately, the mini-flap over the west parts of Essex having apparently come to an end. If you see a newspaper report of a UFO having been seen, please inform us (if possible, send us the clipping, but also include the newspaper's name and date of issue if you do).

Report 1

THE SPRINGFIELD UFO

Stephen Wheeler (aged 9) of Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex, observed a remarkable UFO from some playing fields at Pollards Meadow, not far from his home.

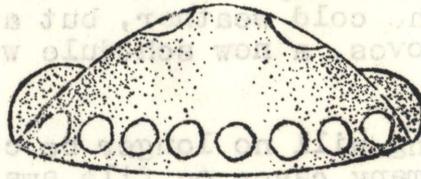
At approx. 6 p.m. on Sunday, 12th October 1975, Stephen and ten of his friends (who were all playing football) heard what they at first thought was a helicopter passing nearby. Stephen and some of the others, after about a minute or so, stopped and looked in the direction from where the loud "droning" or "buzzing" noise was heard originating. They were amazed to see a peculiar object hovering motionless above some tree-tops. The object was disc-shaped and carried many bright flashing lights along its bottom edge. There were two humps attached to it also, one either side.

By now, all the boys had been made aware of the object and were standing around staring at it. Apparently under some sort of control, the object advanced towards them and came down nearer to the ground. An important point to note is that it passed in front of the trees - see ground plan. It took only a little time for the object to approach to within half of its original distance of 150 feet (46m.) from the nearest group of boys (the lads had shuffled around somewhat and formed two rough groupings).

After the UFO's advance, it stopped for a few moments, then it moved away and took up a position above the trees a little north of its initial appearance. After a short while, it moved up and away from the startled boys and disappeared into the distance.

The lads were quite shaken up by all this and so they decided to go home - to some very disbelieving parents. However, Stephen's parents now believe that he and his friends really did see something extraordinary. (The "Essex Chronicle" newspaper was duly informed).

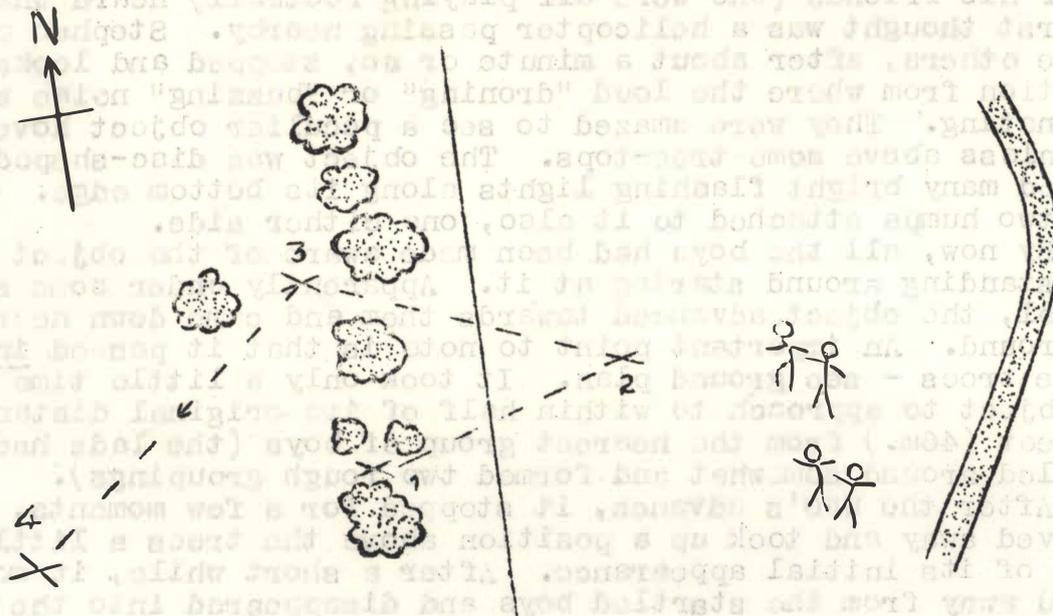
The Springfield UFO



Although only three of the boys would give their names (the others feared ridicule), they all related details of the object which agreed very well. The object's proximity was thought to have lasted for three minutes in all, the first minute or so of this being audible only. It was noticed furthermore, that the droning or buzzing sound subsided somewhat when the object was moving, but returned to its initial volume when it was stationary.

It is interesting to note that Stephen's first written report to us was somehow lost in the post (this was posted in November '75). Remarkably, his second and third report also were mysteriously lost (December '75 and January '76 respectively). The story related here was extracted from a telephone interview and a personal visit by Mr. Barry King.

Ground Plan



Key :

1. UFO first seen. Distance approx. 150 ft (46m) from boys. Altitude approx. 45 ft. (14m). Elevation 15°.
2. Nearest approach. Distance approx. 50-75ft. (15-23m). Altitude - uncertain, but below 45 ft. (14m).
3. UFO in hovering position. Altitude and distance as position 1 (approx.)
4. Withdrawal of UFO. Elevation when last seen 45°.

The Springfield UFO ... continued

Estimated size of object:- The witnesses' estimates vary here, although working from the few other figures that we have been able to extract from the case, a diameter of perhaps 11ft. (3.4m) seems the "best" determination.

Weather conditions:- Scattered cloud, cold, dry, with a light breeze.

Neither aircraft or helicopters were found to have been in the area at the stated time. As far as the boys (and ourselves) know, there were no other witnesses around at the time.

Report 2

THE UFO THAT WASN'T?

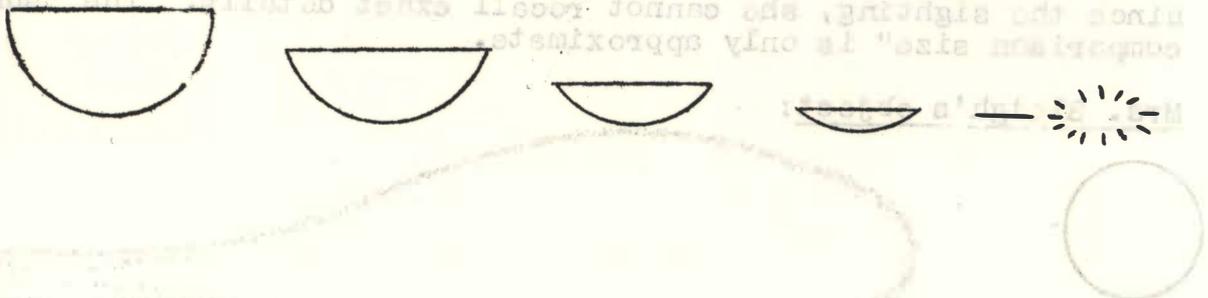
At approx. 8.05 a.m. on the morning of Thursday, 11th December 1975, Miss Deborah Gardner (aged 16) left her house in Whitmore Way, Basildon, Essex, to go to work. She quickly noticed a red half-moon shaped object in the sky, the flat edge of which lay uppermost (see sketch). Without wasting a moment, Deborah went and called upon her friend, Miss Gloria Francis (aged 17) who also lives in Whitmore Way. Both girls normally meet at the bus-stop, but Deborah couldn't wait for her friend to appear there, for she wanted someone else to witness this object.

Upon answering the call at her front door, Gloria stepped outside and was shown the peculiar object.

"At first I thought it was the sun, but I realised the shape was wrong", Gloria told us, "I saw it just above the trees, it was bright red-orange and a half circle shape, but upside down". While they were observing this object, (which Gloria believed to have been a UFO) it started pulsating and a thin blue edge appeared all around the outside.

After a few minutes the object diminished in size from top to bottom until it appeared as just a line in the sky. Then there was nothing, no trace either that anything had been there at all. The "Basildon Standard Recorder" newspaper was informed of this sighting.

Consecutive appearances of the object



The Basildon UFO ... continued

Additional Data :

- Length of time object visible - 4 to 5 minutes.
- Estimated altitude - Unknown.
- Estimated distance - Unknown.
- Greatest apparent size - A little greater than the Moon.
- Object first and last seen in the east.
- Audible emissions - None.
- Elevation of object - Approx. 30°.
- Weather conditions - Misty.

The information given here all seems to indicate a real UFO sighting. However, when Investigator Mr. Andy Collins stood in the street with the girls where the sighting took place, he found that the direction the object was seen in was east and not the west as the girls had believed. It was thought, therefore, that the sun, seen shining through mist and possibly cloud, was the culprit (but this was not the end of the story). In calculating the time and direction of sunrise, it was found that the sun had risen that morning only 11 minutes or so before the sighting. The elevation would have been approximately 3° at 8.05 a.m., too low down in the sky to be easily seen. The sun's direction was not in the east either, but in the south-east. Certainly to be ruled out were the moon, planets, comets, meteors and stars. Again, as in other cases - no other witnesses. Puzzling isn't it!

Report 3

LAS PALMAS UFO

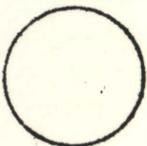
This report of a UFO comes from a Mrs. Sleigh, who lives at Thorpe Bay, Essex. The sighting took place though from Las Palmas, the holiday resort centre which lies on the north-east coast of Gran Canaria Island (Canary Islands) situated off the north-west coast of Africa.

Whilst sunbathing on a Las Palmas beach, Mrs. Sleigh noticed a large cloud-like object appear in a clear, deep-blue coloured sky. The date and time of this sighting are not known exactly, but it is thought to have been March or April 1974, and sometime between 12 noon and 3 p.m.

The object appeared to be pure white and exhibited a long white tail (our witness is emphatic that there were no clouds in the sky at all). After travelling, perhaps, through a 45° angle of sky, the object passed straight in front of the sun and was lost in the overpowering brightness.

Mrs. Sleigh, a middle-aged housewife, only reported this case in November 1975, so because of the one and a half years since the sighting, she cannot recall exact details. The "sun in comparison size" is only approximate.

Mrs. Sleigh's object:



Editor's comments:

This object could easily have been a bright fireball meteor. These fireballs are quite rare and generally seen at night. (They have been known to equal the brightness of the sun). However, there is the chance of course, that this was a genuine UFO. Similar objects have been seen before and some of these have been noted to have changed direction in flight. We have no way of telling, therefore, the real identity of this object - we can only note it.

THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE

by Mr. Ron Markwick

There are very few people who have never heard of this title term. At first, it should be pointed out that the area of "vanishing" ships, planes and people, is not really a triangle. The area's outline runs from Bermuda to Florida (USA), to Puerto Rico, and its boundaries are not straight lines.

You will note how I used the term "vanishing", this is simply because when losses of ships/planes occur, we generally know the cause and we find some kind of evidence in the form of wreckage, oil slicks etc., due to the fact that some things such as cork life-belts have no option other than to float. Oil is perhaps the best tell-tale sign of a lost ship, because as the ship sinks, some oozes out and being of a specific gravity of less than water, must therefore reside on the water, and is difficult to disperse.

We know that once in a while, a giant wave appears and may capsize a ship, but I cannot accept one explanation, that this is the cause - a giant wave - since every member aboard a ship would have to be queuing up along the hand-rail on deck. Someone has to be down below, such as the engineer, mechanics, etc., who would never have time to come up on deck if a giant wave had been spotted by a deck-hand, so some crew of a large ship should still be aboard as in cases like the "Mary Celeste", and others.

Where ships have been found with no beings aboard and the main sails were wrecked, need not indicate that a storm was the cause, a large UFO's propulsion whilst hovering near a ship could cause destruction on top deck similar to storm damage. If I were on a sinking ship in the Bermuda Triangle, I'd be in non too much of a hurry to dive into those shark-infested waters, I'd prefer the sharks had something else for lunch!

Apart from giant waves, submarines and planes vanish, and I know of no wave that can pluck high-flying aircraft from the skies, and planes can fly above storms, or avert them faster than a slow surface vessel. Submarines can submerge well below the water's stormy surface. Anyone who is a "thinker", must surely become suspicious when disappearances without trace occur. From many angles, I have argued with myself in the past, regards these disappearances, especially as some were during calm seas, blue skies and sunny weather conditions. A common factor with the triangle victims is that whatever the cause, it occurs so quick as to leave no time (in many instances), for a communication distress message to be sent. Radar/radio communication systems are nullified, as a murderer placing first his hand across the mouth of a victim, before carrying out his dastardly act.

I am suspicious of losses without trace even during a storm, since many a UFO sighting has coincided with a storm, earthquake, day became night almost instantly without a relatively long time

of cloud build-up, and other such phenomena, as electromagnetic storm areas, etc. and UFO's emit electromagnetic radiation.

One thing I've noticed regards these mysterious areas - there are eight accepted, and two partially accepted areas, - take the most prominent (Bermuda triangle) and the second-most predominant area (off Japan), for example, remembering how UFO's are sometimes associated with earthquakes, storms, etc., we get not only typhoons, but earthquakes in the Japanese area, and recent earthquakes in Central America (vicinity of Bermuda triangle) and of course there are the countless hurricanes, whirlwinds, etc., of that self-same area. We know of the many female names given to the tornado's around the Bermuda triangle during the past, and apparently, someone was sex-prejudiced due to lack of male names - or don't men get angry and violent?

The Mediterranean Sea separating Europe and Africa, is another such area, I've travelled the length of this sea at a time when it has been as smooth as a sheet of glass, but can also be extremely stormy. Yet at the far end of the "Med", we come to the Middle East, also in another violent earthquake area, remember the thousands who died in that area during a "quake" recently? A short hop across, and we come to the Gulf of Persia, - where wheels of light have been seen (where the rays of light of the spokes actually bend).

Many witnesses, including private, civil airline and military aircrew have observed UFO's in the Bermuda triangle. It does not necessarily follow that all missing persons in the triangle were kidnapped by space-beings, it may be that those humans were unfortunate to be "in the way", just prior to a UFO on a high velocity run was about to dematerialise, and they were caught into a time-dimension trap, or just plain eliminated into the sub-atomic world, after all, we cannot blame a meteorite fall when a person is in its path of travel, or some driver travelling along the M.1. having someone dash in front of his car.

On the other hand, if space beings were involved in such incidents as the "Mary Celeste", it appears they were only interested in abducting the humans, and not the ship, why?

But then, why does one burglar raid a house just for the cash, and yet another burglar just for some works of art and ignores cash and jewellery laying around? Yet another, takes all he can lay his hands on. Some of our members may recently have seen the BBC2 attempt to furnish some "logic" appertaining to the Bermuda triangle disappearances. Although only a few cases were quoted, even they were covered somewhat inadequately. Generally, those who think they are applying "logic", end up by blaming storms or bad navigation, but they either forgot, or don't know that we've also had mysterious disappearances on land in view of witnesses and with no storm or bad navigational errors to blame. And what is happening now, has been happening during the times of our forefathers. Take Enoch in the Bible, for instance, if someone died, the Bible stated so, but it said "He walked with God" and was never seen again. Like many others, we can't blame Enoch for navigational errors. Whilst mentioning navigation, how about scientists who vanished on such investigations, all they proved was that they can vanish just as easy as anybody else. Scientists and their expensive investigational equipment all vanished due to navigational error? I doubt if scientists would be too pleased with those newspaper headlines. And what about if they vanished due to storm?

As I've said before, such investigations into mysterious areas, should require many scientists split into small groups over a vast area, thus ensuring that if a disappearance occurs, there should be some external observers to give an account. Each small craft in the "chain" should use a buoyant die of different colours to identify location of disappearance, send divers down to check content of the waters of that area, also check the atmosphere above the area. Radar should be on each small craft to note geometrical area of force-field or electromagnetic-storm area pattern, and even check sea creatures of the said area as compared to the same species outside the area. - in fact, there are a thousand things they could do.

T.V. mentioned the five TBM planes, and the rescue seaplane which also vanished, to me, it seems strange that every radio communication set became defunk, thus proving something of more than a common natural radio fault - an external source in nature. T.V. admitted the weather was fine in this incident, but failed to mention that the Western sun (is a more reliable, older source than cockpit instruments) which was visible, would indicate these five planes were flying east from Florida, when they should be flying west. It is preferable to "ditch" a seaplane (out of fuel) rather than other aircraft, after all, they were designed with floats to enable them to use the sea, as other aircraft use a runway when not flying. This indicates once again, that the disappearance of the rescue seaplane is more mysterious, and virtually instantaneous. If the seaplane blew into pieces before striking the sea, we should at least expect some floating wreckage.

Storms, (Meteorological) Navigational errors in space?

Apparently, not only does the phenomena of the Bermuda Triangle affect only that area of the Atlantic Ocean, but strong electromagnetic effects are as far reaching as to affect satellites 800 miles out in space, which are in direct line with the "emission". Scientists know this only too well. The interesting fact is, just what kind of "outburst strength" is this force, and how far reaching to outer-space, (being dependant upon this strength). Other life-form systems may be receiving, and have been, during the past, unbeknown to us on earth, who are trying to send out devised type signals for communication. Just as there are primitives on earth, never having been in contact with other races - we know they exist, but they do not know we exist. This obviously happens in an infinite universe as it does with earth, some beings in space know of others, but some know of none, earthman being a lower type of evolvement of the universe, knows of no others, other than a few humans who are an exception to the rule.

The mysterious disappearances in areas such as the Bermuda Triangle, are simply written off by some, as losses due to the fact that ships, planes, etc., always have and always will disappear, being none other than natural accidents. These people have not studied the facts, the first point of suspicion is that the losses in these particular areas, are far higher than the "experts" expect them to be.

Apart from the tornados, etc., in the Bermuda area of the Atlantic, over each year, the North Atlantic can be mighty rough, more rough - on average - than the Southern Atlantic. In fact, the seas around Britain can be as rough as anywhere, yet there

are virtually no "mysterious disappearances" say, in the North Sea, English Channel, Irish Sea, relatively speaking, as opposed to "the triangle". Let's be fair, there are the "experts" even, who state that "mysterious losses" are due to something somewhat more than the natural elements of nature. Humans are a "mixed-up lot", some suspect nothing, others suspect everything. Knowing how crafty mother nature can be, we must not trust her, nor anything else, unless you like frequent rude awakenings, you'll learn more, anyway.

How can a scientifically thinking person who has no remains of a loss, blame navigational errors where competent navigators were navigating, and "met" storms, if he has no evidence? Such an investigator should possess an open mind, and allow for anything or anyone as a prime cause of loss, even allowing for "Uncle Tom Cobble and All".

At least there is an investigation into that of a second gravitational field, which might produce anomalies in a vortex, whirlpools, liquids and perhaps even in superconducting whirls of plasma, and resonances might be possible in such occurrences as vortices, and whirlpools, for examples (there could be other reasons of explanations, including UFO's).

I cannot understand how 20th. century science has not devised something of a "tell-tale" nature when something goes missing, for example, when a ship sinks, particular objects which send out flares and other distress warnings and to be of a nature, to float rather than submerge swiftly in a giant whirlpool (better than oil slicks), something with an aversion to water - hydrophobic in nature. Such devices of investigators in "the Triangle" would be capable of instant release, at say, the slightest electromagnetic increase - remember, there is always something to combat something, even a "lock-on-missile" to act as a deterrent to another "lock-on-missile", there are so many possibilities capable of relaying important information. Once again, perhaps scientists think it unimportant, whereas I consider loss of life very important, particularly under mysterious or unknown circumstances.

The amazing conclusion, is that whatever happens, seems to occur, (in spite of much traffic in the Triangle), without witnesses in the vicinity, and reflecting that Lloyd's of London (the insurers) admit the losses are out of proportion even allowing for the heavy traffic. A murderer not wishing to be caught, murders with no witnesses, not in front of a long bus-stop queue. There are occurrences which occur on rare occasions, but somebody always sees them, even meteorites are quite rare regarding visual sightings, but even the man-in-the-street (and woman) saw them 200 years ago, yet we have the Bermuda Triangle with the "thief" never seen, but only a glimpse of his weapons' effects, e.g. loss of radio/radar contact at time of the burglary, and not forgetting the unfortunate victims.

We must not forget, that there should be a 21st century, and they will think our 20th century scientists as somewhat naive, and will either laugh at them, or think them pathetic.

Ron Markwick,
TECHNICAL ADVISOR,
E.U.F.O.S.G.

NEW UFO REPORT CENTRE

"A centre for the scientific study of UFO's has opened in Toronto. Its advisor, Dr. Allen Hynek, former Chairman of the Astronomy Department of Northwestern University, Illinois, said it would provide a place where people could report unusual events without fear of ridicule."

"The Daily Telegraph", Monday, 1st March 1976.

I wonder when we'll open one here! (Ed.)

Credit to the following for investigations on behalf of the Group:-

MAY ISSUE: Report No.1 (Pages 3-5) Mr. Barry King.
Report No.2 (pages 5-6) Mr. Andy Collins.
Report No.3 (pages 6-7) Mr. Barry King.

B O O K S :

"They Sailed into Oblivion" by A.A. Hoshling £1.20. "Prophecies of World Events" by Nostradamus £1.20. "Ghost Hunters Strangest Cases" by Hans Holzer £1.20. "ESP and You" by Hans Holzer £1.20. "Steps to the Stars" by Daniel Fry £1.75. "People from the Planet Clarion" by T.Betherum £3.75. "My Visit to Venus" by T. Lobsang Rampa £1.75. "Black Holes in Space", by Iain Nicholson & P. Moore 56p. "The Amazing Uri Geller" edited by Martin Ebon £1.15. "The Outer Space Connection" by Alan & Sally Landsburg 70p. "ESP Beyond Time & Distance" by T.C. Lethbridge 62p. "The New UFO Breakthrough" by Steiger & Whritenour 50p. "The Flying Saucer Story" by Brinsley le Poer Trench 50p.

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PUBLISHERS PLEASE NOTE:

I would be pleased to list here any new books and/or magazines related to UFO's and their associated subjects that you issue. (Ed.)

L E T T E R S :

Dear Sir,

"The Mystery of - The Ponder's End Trapezium"

Although the Bermuda Triangle, with its reports of vanishing ships and airplanes, has made the headlines recently, there are, no doubt, many other areas, maybe smaller, but which are also surrounded by mystery. One such is "The Ponder's End Trapezium". This is an area, bounded on the East by the River Lea, on the North by Nag's Head Road; on the West by Hertford Road and to the South by the boundary between Enfield and Edmonton.

Within the last decade a series of mysterious disappearances have occurred in this area, some without trace, including; some 30 small shops; up to 100 houses; 3 pubs; a lock-keepers house beside the River Lea Navigation (not to mention a gasworks), a sewage works; several parked cars, one or two stray cats and most of the glass from several telephone kiosks.

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In their place has risen, and I use that word with full meaning, has risen four tall skyscraper type buildings, housing what appears to be an alien population.

Could this possibly be part of the lost city of Pondantis, believed to have been submerged below the Lea Valley marshes for as long as no one can remember? All records having been lost when the Metropolitan Water Board flooded a nearby area with reservoirs as long ago as 1913 and 1951 A.D.

Reports of Unidentified Flying Objects in the Lea Valley may be an indication of extraterrestrial ancestors returning to seek descendants from the tall storey buildings.

All this mystery has received but scant coverage in the local papers. Is it not time for higher authority to publish a clear statement of the facts to ease the concern of the worried populace. Some people fear to enter the Bermuda Triangle. Many more fear to enter the Ponder's End Trapezium, especially when alone and after dark, when hoards of small figures can be seen hurrying to and fro clutching cans of paraffin, obviously intent on refuelling some mystic craft or other.

The very name Ponder's End must surely be derived from ancient folklore referring to a terrible disaster somewhere deep in the marshy past of the valley.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. K.H. Dee,

Ponders End, Enfield, London.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

Actually there exists an area, which Charles Fort dubbed the "London Triangle" which includes much of the North London Borough of Enfield. The 3 points or places which mark the corners of the triangle are:- Colchester, Essex; Reading, Berkshire and the Worcester/Hereford area. (A straight line taken from Colchester to Reading cuts through North London). These places were (and still are to some extent) excellent places for strange happenings - loud aerial detonations, "peculiar" earthquakes, luminous and dark objects in the sky, etc. etc. Although the detonations and earthquakes do not occur as often as they used to, UFO's still frequent these places (and many others of course).

*Charles Fort, an early 20th century chronologist of unusual occult and psychic phenomena.

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OBJECTIVE COMMENT ? The following is a reply I received after writing to Mr. Patrick Moore, asking his views on the UFO phenomena:

Dear Mr. Goring,

U.F.O's ? Rot.

Kind regards,

Sincerely,

Patrick Moore.

EDITOR'S COMMENT:

Although I am inclined not to accept this comment too seriously, I should say that in all fairness, we should not be surprised (and not put off) at Mr. Moore's remarks. Virtually anyone who holds such an equally eminent position in any well established department of the "respectable" sciences, could not really be

expected to express an any too different view. Whatever his views are, I (Ed.) consider him to be a first-class amateur astronomer!

*Prof. John Taylor and Dr. J. Allen Hynck are notable exceptions.

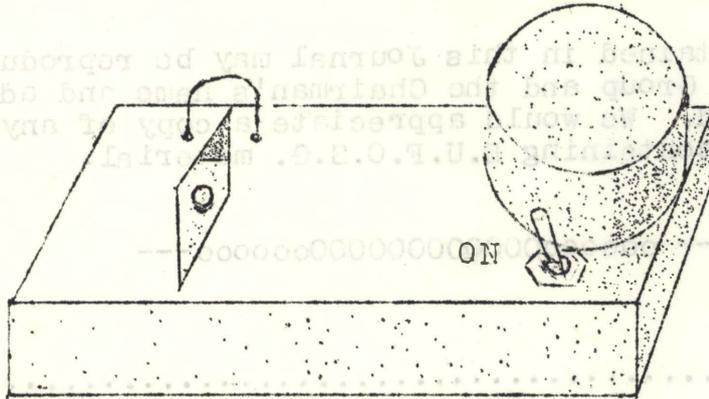
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Mr. Andy B. Collins, BUFORA R.I.C. for Essex, has some slight amendments to make regarding the UFO seen by Miss Doreen Moore and Miss Jill Taylor, in Basildon, on the evening of 29th January, 1976. (pages 5 and 6).

- 1) The object was not rotating as a whole, only the lights from the coloured globes beneath it, which kept their sequence as they went round.

- 2) The "green tinge" that the object appeared to have, was caused by the brightness of the light from the green band surrounding the upper dome.
- 3) The rim of the object was not completely orange, only a small band around the centre of the rim.
- 4) A third witness to the object (but who is untraceable) was a small girl, who according to our two witnesses, ran away crying when she saw it. This was at about 10.05 p.m.

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The Haspincall case (pages 3-5) Mr. Andy Collins.
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