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EDITORIAL

Many of you will have seen the television documentary "Out of this World", broadcast by BBC 1 on Tuesday, 10th May, 1977, at 9.55 p.m.

Having anxiously waited many months for this programme to be screened, I felt rather dismayed at the outcome. Actually, I felt quite uneasy while watching the first 20 minutes or so, for it totally degraded the ufologist. "Pete and Dud" were bad enough at the very beginning (and the end), but the Aetherius Society really did put the "kibosh" on ufology (many people switched to another channel at this point in the programme!)

The remainder of the documentary was quite good, though, and the panel from "Flying Saucer Review", in particular, put forward their cases very well.

I spoke to some friends, afterwards, whom I took to be "normal" citizens of the "open-mind" variety, for their unbiased opinions of the programme. Their comments, I am glad to say, were facsimiles of my own.

Let us hope, therefore, that future serious programmes concerning UFO's do not include such time-wasting, ridiculous episodes that were witnessed in the early parts of this documentary.

Please note that subscriptions have had to be increased (slightly) because of material costs and the imminent rise in postal rates.

NEXT GROUP MEETING

The Group's next Meeting will be held on Friday, 24th June 1977, at Harts Lane Lecture Hall, Cowbridge Lane, Barking, Essex, from 8.00 to 11.00p.m.

This Meeting will mark the 30th anniversary, to the day, of Kenneth Arnold's historical sighting of nine UFO's over Mt. Rainer, Washington, U.S.A. It was because of this sighting that the term "flying saucers" was coined, and tonight, Mr. Ron Markwick will be covering this, the sighting that really opened peoples' eyes to the modern day UFO phenomenon.

In addition, we have great pleasure to welcome along to this Meeting Mr. Norman Oliver, Editor of BUFORA Journal. The title of Mr. Oliver's talk will be "UFO Flaps and Alien Contacts".

Slides will accompany both Speakers' talks.

GROUP MEETING - 15th April 1977, 8.00 to 11.00 p.m., Harts Lane Hall,
Cowbridge Lane, Barking, Essex.

Mr. Ron Markwick (Technical Advisor) conducted most of this evening's lectures, and he began with a long and detailed account of Mrs. Bowles's and Mr. Pratt's initial encounter with alien occupants near Winchester, Hampshire, in November 1976. (We will not dwell on the details of the case, here, as numerous accounts can be found published elsewhere.)

After a short coffee-break Mr. Markwick continued with Mrs. Bowles's and Mr. Pratt's second encounter with the aliens in December 1976. This was more of an abduction, though, as the two found themselves inside the aliens' craft. (A third encounter with a slightly different entity by Mrs. Bowles occurred in March of this year.)

One item of interest presented next was a photograph of the lunar crater Vitello, obtained through an astronomical society. The floor of this crater, according to Mr. Rex Dutta, has a mechanical mining machine roaming around it. Unfortunately, apart from two or three boulders that have rolled down a slope, though, there appears to be little shown that can possibly be mistaken for a machine, (in the Editor's opinion)

Near the end of the Meeting a short account of the possibility of UFO's originating from inside the Earth was given. Apparently, a group of Americans believe in the hollow earth theory so much that an expedition is planned to explore the underworld via one of the two supposed openings at the North and South Poles. A little discussion regarding the proof for the existence of these holes ensued, and ideas were expressed as to the real nature of Earth satellite photographs of them. No definite conclusion could be reached, of course, although it was felt that the dark circular areas representing the holes could have been due to a composite of photos with the polar areas missing, or the result of errors in computer enhancement techniques.

Just before adjourning the Meeting apologies were offered for the terrible noise (quite unforeseen) created by another party in the Centre's Main Hall.

Editor

INVESTIGATIONS

In the light of the big UFO wave expected from the Summer of 1977 onwards, there are going to be many fine sightings - possibly of landings and of humanoids - which will go quite unnoticed unless an effort is made to make them known to us. Notification, or in the case of a newspaper account, the clipping, would be very welcome. Anonymity, where the witness(es) requests, will be honoured.

Report No. 1. (Case No. 1976-2-3)

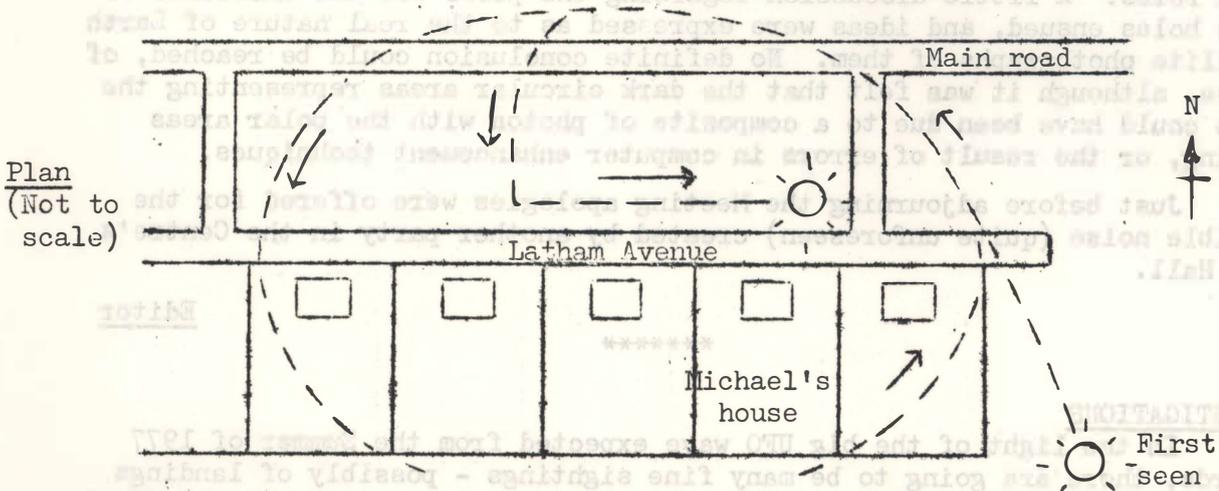
UFO's activate detector

The story that follows was taken from an account of an UFO sighting on Tuesday, 10th February 1976, sent to Mr. Malcolm Jay, whose UFO detector "alerted" the witness who purchased it.

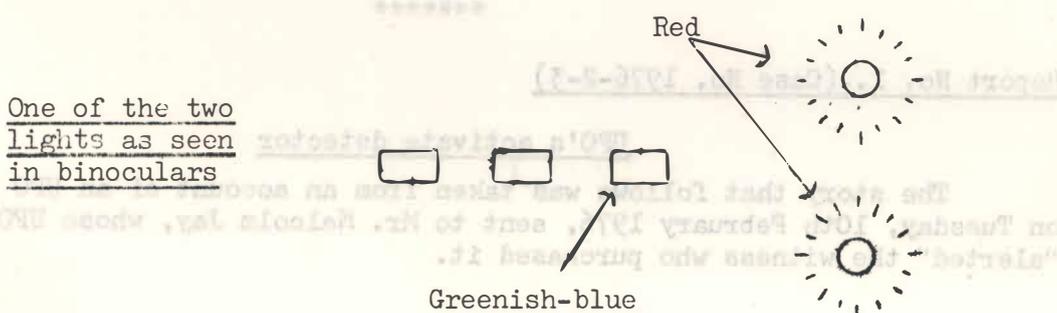
The witness, Mr. Michael Fry, of Latham Avenue, Orton Longueville, Peterborough, had been home from work only a short while when his brother happened to enquire if he had switched on his UFO detector. Not being too sure if it was switched on or not, Michael went upstairs to his bedroom and found that the magnetic needle of the detector had swung to one side (indicating an external, interfering source) and was making contact. This, as Michael then quite correctly stated, would have completed an electrical circuit if the detector had been switched on, and activated an audible alarm.

The time was about 6.35 p.m. when Michael suspiciously looked out of his bedroom window, and there, not too high in the southern sky, were two lights approaching him. These appeared to be of a reddish colour but with a greenish blue glow. He watched these for something less than a minute during which time both lights faded completely and then came back on again. Running downstairs he called to his brothers and his mother before darting outside by way of the front door of the house.

Standing in the front garden the witnesses saw the lights start to circle their immediate vicinity. Michael's father arrived home at about 6.45 p.m. and he, too, witnessed the lights which circled not once, but something like six times. One light then separated from the other and disappeared almost instantly as it sped off to the east. The remaining light continued circling the area for, perhaps, four more times. The last time it came round to the front (north) of the house it suddenly changed its course to south, and then east, before violently accelerating vertically upwards and disappearing. In all, the sighting lasted for just over half an hour.



The lights were observed to blink on and off in unison, and through binoculars, which the witnesses had the good fortune to have at hand, a definite pattern of lights was observed against a clear sky background.



Michael couldn't say that he saw the lights clearly outlined (I suspect that the drawing is a composite of each witness' view - Editor), as the binoculars had to be re-focussed for each observer, and in the excitement, with everyone rushing and jostling each other to use them, a sharp, steady image couldn't be obtained. The lights just seemed to float along and didn't really fly, and up until the moment just before each accelerated out of sight they were practically noiseless. Then "there was a roaring sound and they seemed to pick up speed and disappear."

Michael's father telephoned Alconbury & Wittering U.S.A.F. bases and spoke to a Commander about the weird lights. The Commander said that he would look into the matter and telephone Mr. Fry when he had found out more information. Surprisingly, he did contact Mr. Fry, and he told him that some of the jet aircraft belonging to the base were airborne. Although the Commander added that the sighting did not sound like aircraft, the lights emitted by these planes can appear unusual when seen at night.

The sighting was subsequently reported to a local Peterborough newspaper which published the story, but with some discrepancies which Michael pointed out.

Nineteen year old Michael and his family very much doubt that any kind of aeroplane could have been responsible for what they saw that evening, and Michael is quite familiar with aircraft which frequently fly over his particular area. About one year previous to this a similar sighting was made, although no-one outside his family was informed.

(Details of Malcolm Jay's UFO detector can be found under ADVERTISEMENTS).

Report No.2. (Case No. 1976-6-8)

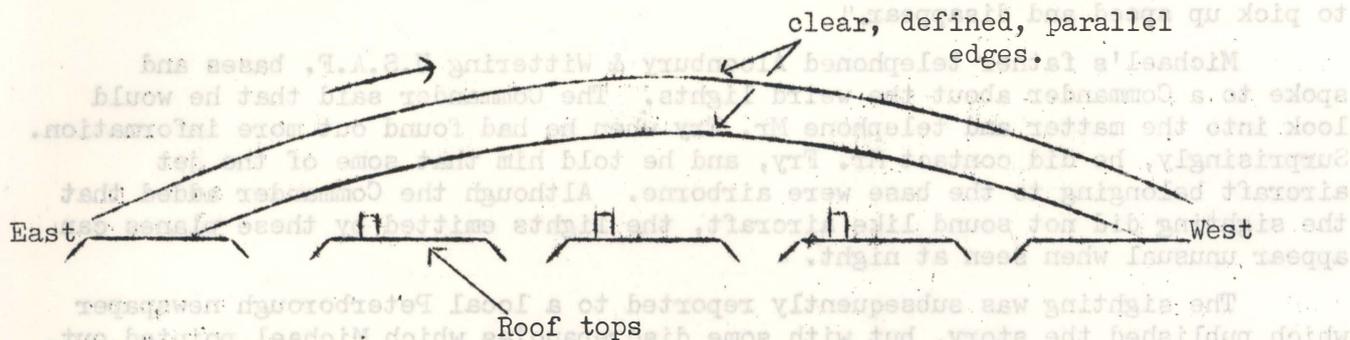
The Dagenham "Lights"

On the evening of Thursday, 24th June 1976, Mr. Allan Leigh, of Valence Wood Road, Dagenham, Essex, had the good fortune to witness seven UFO's of the "lights in the sky" variety.

At about 10.25 p.m. Mr. Leigh, who had been resting on a chair in his garden after tending to his plants, caught sight of a suspicious star-like object moving rapidly across the sky from south to east. Mr. Leigh called his wife who also saw the "star" before it faded away into the distance in a clear, twilight sky.

While they were discussing this oddity another "star" came into view and followed the same course as the first before also fading away into the distance. They shortly saw yet another "star" appear in the same area of the sky (approx. 45° elevation, due south), but this one, they noticed, just seemed to switch itself on like a light bulb before almost immediately following the same course as the first two. Five minutes or so later another "star" (the fourth) appeared from the same area, but moved off in a zigzag pattern towards a different part of the sky (north-east). "Star" number five soon came into view and began to move in the same direction as the first three (to the east), but an aircraft was then seen to make a "climbing turn" in the sky towards the "star" which promptly "switched itself off" and wasn't seen again.

During the interval between either the fourth and the fifth or the fifth and the sixth "star", Mr. and Mrs. Leigh saw a beam of orange-red light shoot across the southern sky in an arc from east to west, but at a much lower elevation than the "stars". The velocity with which the beam travelled gave the witnesses the impression of an almost instantaneous band of colour from beginning to end. This band of colour only lasted for a second or two, although the edges were noticed to be of extreme sharpness.



Mr. Leigh's drawing of the light beam

"Star" six appeared in the same manner as all the others, but moved off in a northerly direction.

"Star" seven, the last to be seen, appeared and behaved in a similar way to the first three "stars" (the time was now about 11.30 p.m.).

After the disappearance of this last "star", Mrs. Leigh returned indoors, but her husband remained in the garden for another hour. Unfortunately, he witnessed nothing else unusual.

Each of the "stars" only lasted for ten seconds or so and could be compared to bright natural stars. Ten seconds duration is far too short a time for aircraft or artificial satellites to have been responsible, and, as for meteors, although two active showers were prevalent in the area at the time, these could not have been responsible (due to their random direction of movement and short flight times).

The "stars" were probably the bright spherical type of UFO seen many times in the Dagenham and Barking areas, and these appear to be the most common type of UFO seen in Essex (if not the World), often being just "lights in the sky". Mr. Leigh could in no way judge how far away these "stars" were, but he felt that they must have been miles above the ground.

The coloured band of light may have been something to do with a rare display of the Aurora Australis (Southern Lights), although Mr. Leigh thought that the phenomena was much nearer to him than the "stars" appeared to be - perhaps only hundreds of yards away and at roof-top height!

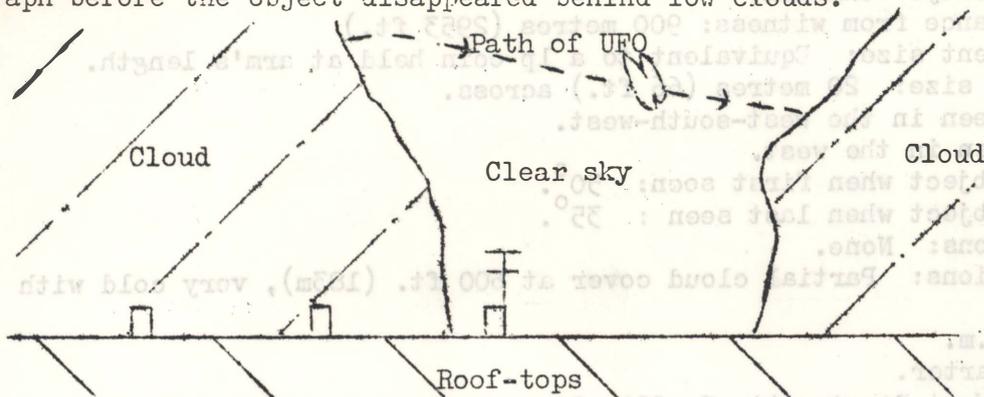
Mr. Leigh, a draughtsman of 37 years of age, was found to be a good, reliable witness by the Group's investigator.

Report No. 3 (Case No. 1977-1-8)

UFO photographed over Walthamstow, London.

Thursday, 13th January 1977, was one of the few days of winter on which snow fell, to any great extent, in the London area. By late afternoon, however, the snow had virtually ceased, apart from some slight sleet.

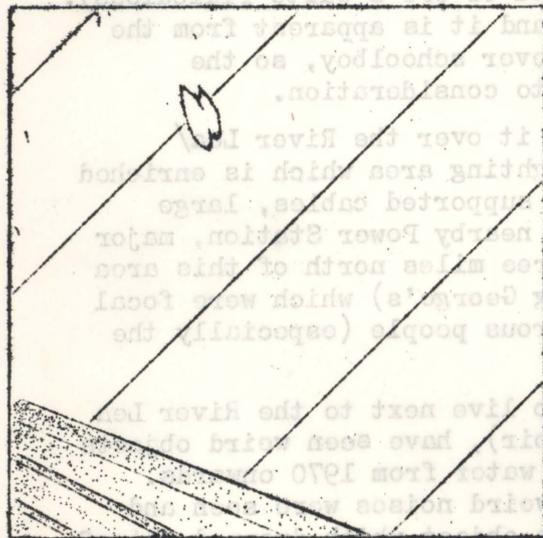
At approximately 5.30 p.m. that day Martin G-, aged fourteen, of Lansdowne Road, Walthamstow, London, E.17, was in his upstairs bedroom when out of the corner of one eye he spotted, through the window, a bright white object emerge from behind the clouds and move slowly against the background of a black sky. Deciding that it "was something out of the ordinary" Martin rushed downstairs, grabbed his Polaroid camera and quickly returned to his bedroom. To avoid an unclear image from resulting he pushed up the lower half of the sheet covered window frame and just had time to take one black and white photograph before the object disappeared behind low clouds.



View looking west-south-west

Well, the photograph (the one and only, there are no negatives produced with this camera) came out satisfactorily, but what was Martin to do with it? Not knowing of anyone interested in such things he just let the photograph and the incident drift from his mind.

Nearly a month later Martin happened to see an EUFOSG article in his local "Walthamstow Guardian" newspaper. A telephone call to our Group and a visit by Mr. D. Canning revealed all, but the photograph had suffered the time lapse and was found in a rather battered state, creases marring an otherwise fine picture. The object itself escaped most of the damage, though, and appeared as two fuzzy-edged elliptical shaped, one slightly smaller and apparently behind the other.



The drawing on the left shows the scene that Martin's camera captured and is drawn the same size as the photograph (2 3/4" x 2 3/4"). Cutting across the lower left-hand corner is the snow covered top of a wall which is part of the extension to the kitchen in Martin's house. (Martin couldn't remember if there were any lights in the house illuminating the wall, which the photo suggests there were.) In the upper left-hand portion of the photo lie the two components making up the object which is moving from left to right and in a slight downwards direction. There is no other detail visible, really, except for a few faint images due to the sleet.

Inv. D. Canning

Additional Information

Length of time object visible: 45 seconds.
Estimated altitude: 800 metres (2625 ft.)
Estimated velocity: Unknown.
Estimated distance from witness: 900 metres (2953 ft.)
Greatest apparent size: Equivalent to a 1p coin held at arm's length.
Estimated real size: 20 metres (66 ft.) across.
Object first seen in the west-south-west.
Object last seen in the west.
Elevation of object when first seen: 50°.
Elevation of object when last seen: 35°.
Audible emissions: None.
Weather conditions: Partial cloud cover at 600 ft. (183m), very cold with slight snow.
Sunset: 4.17 p.m.
Moon: Last quarter.

Air Traffic: West Drayton Air Traffic Control pointed out that it would have been very difficult to pinpoint any particular aircraft, military or civil, in this area at the time quoted. (It is a very busy flight path for Heathrow Airport).

Camera details: Polaroid Super Swinger No. KE 4031A.

Film: Type 87 black and white, 8 exposures, 3000 A S A (36 DIN). Approx. 30 seconds development period each exposure. Film thought to be about one month old prior to exposure. Development expiry date: 1978 (exact month not recalled).
UFO exposure number: 4 or 5.

The estimated altitude, distance and real size should not be taken too seriously as they cannot be much more than guesses.

Martin didn't know quite what it was that he had photographed and neither did his parents (they thought the very idea of UFO's quite ridiculous). Martin admits that he has read UFO books before, and it is apparent from the information he has told us that he is a rather clever schoolboy, so the possibility of a faked picture has to be taken into consideration.

The general direction of the object places it over the River Lea/Walthamstow reservoirs region, a favourite UFO sighting area which is enriched with large expanses of water, high voltage pylon supported cables, large areas of unlit land, electrified railway lines, a nearby Power Station, major Water Works, Gas Works, etc. In passing, only three miles north of this area lie two large reservoirs (William Girling and King George's) which were focal points in 1972/73/74 when UFO's were seen by numerous people (especially the Pickett's Lock keeper) diving into them.

Actually, the lock-keeper and his wife, who live next to the River Lea (which flows alongside The William Girling Reservoir), have seen weird objects diving into this 1½ mile (2.4 Km) stretch of deep water from 1970 onwards. In many of these cases strange orange lights and weird noises were seen and heard coming from the middle of the reservoir. An object which dropped out of the sky in August 1972, was described as being "like a big ship's buoy with an orange light on top." Subsequent searches by police and divers revealed nothing. An interesting point to these cases was that objects were only ever seen to go into, and never out of, the water.

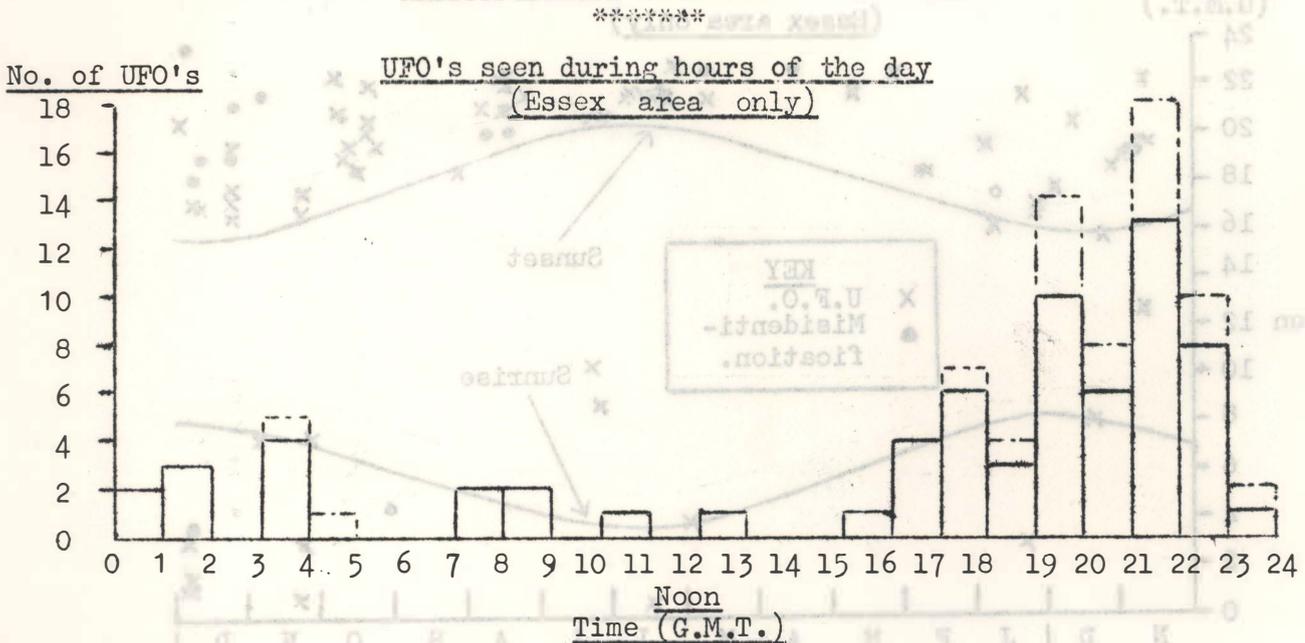
The whole Lea Valley, in fact, has long been a UFO infested area.

Inv. D. Canning.

RESULT OF A STUDY - PART II

In the March issue of the Journal a graph of UFO's witnessed every month during 1975 and 1976 was given. From this graph it was seen that the months of March and April were low UFO activity periods. Results for 1977 are producing a graph of close similarity (but with increased activity) for we are receiving relatively few reports for these Spring months.

We will now continue with graphs of UFO's versus other factors:- hours of the day, days of the week and the daylight hours.



In the above graph solid lines indicate a probable UFO sighting and broken lines a possible misidentification, etc. Times of UFO sightings have been reduced to Greenwich Mean Time and plotted on a 24 hour basis. Sightings from 1st November 1975, to 31st December 1976, have been included.

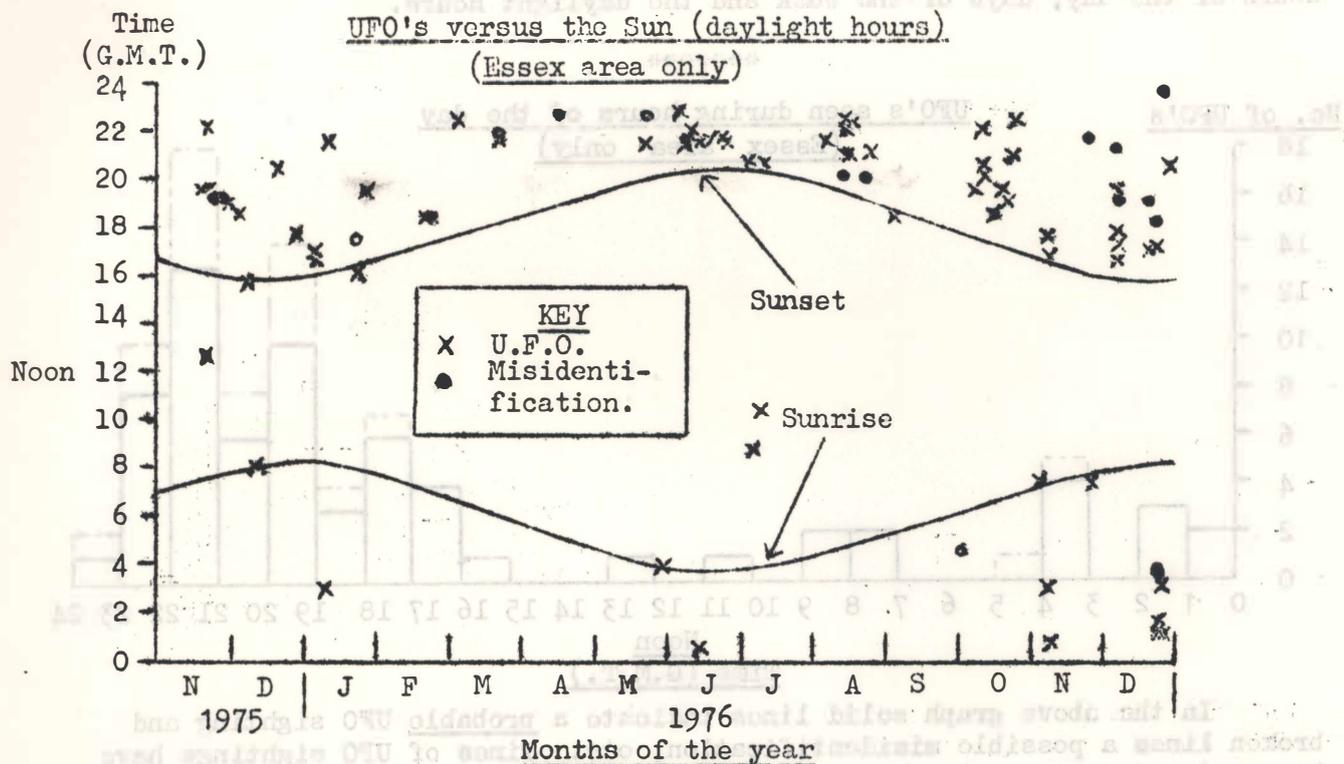
Notice the bunching together of the reports in the evening and early morning. Could this be the result of the witnesses' daily activities? Or is it the result of our poor sample? Without a great deal of world-wide comparison with similar graphs either of the two possible explanations (plus a few other details, of course) could be correct. However, this bunching together of the reports has been noticed all over the world and is known as Vallee's Law of Time, after Dr. Jacques Vallee who first noticed the coincidence in the early 1960's. The times at which most UFO's are seen (world-wide) are between 9.00 to 10.00 p.m. and 2.00 to 3.00 a.m., and the above graph conforms quite well with these. There is, however, no established explanation for these two peaks.

UFO's on days of the week

	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
No. of probable UFO's	5	11	11	6	12	5	12
No. of possible misidentifications	2	1	2	1	3	2	4

Fig's. used from cases 1.11.75 to 31.12.76 (Essex area only).

As can be readily seen, four days stand out boldly with, perhaps, not unexpectedly, Saturday yielding the greatest crop. What happened on Friday, though? Surely there are just as many people (if not more) out of doors on Friday than on every other day of the week. Or is this once again the result of a poor sample? Some researchers claim that for their particular part of the world one or two days stand out from the rest. Unfortunately, correlation of graphs from different parts of the world do not match, and so there is an even worse problem to be solved here (if one exists at all!).



If one plots curves for the times of sunrise and sunset throughout the year for one particular place, and then plots the date and time of UFO's appearances, one will see that the majority (90%) of UFO's appear between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

The preponderance of nocturnal sightings is not attributable to the "viewing habits" of the witnesses - as Vallee's Time Law bears out - and it would appear, therefore, that the hours of darkness hold some favourable qualities for our visitors.

Next issue we will be looking at UFO shapes, the different types of sightings, duration of sightings and a few other facts.

Editor

UFO's AND CATTLE?

It appears that cattle mutilations in the U.S.A. have reached such a great number in the past few years that a new newsletter dealing exclusively with this subject has been inaugurated. The "Cattle Report", in its first issue (March 1977), implies that the U.S. Government is directly to blame for the mutilations over the past four years by covering up and discouraging investigations into the matter.

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UFO enthusiasts will know that many mysterious deaths of animals have a link (in some way) with the activities of UFO's.

"Res Bureaux Bulletin" No. 15. March 31st, 1977.

UFO's SEEN IN CALIFORNIA - FAMILY TELLS OF EVENT AS UFO CHASED CAR AT 90 MPH

A California couple said this week they were chased by a spaceship as they raced at 90 miles per hour. Bill Pecha, a 39 year old mechanic said that before his experience he was sceptical about UFO reports. "But I believe now," he said. "There's got to be something." His wife, Lenda, 34 added: "It was something I have never seen before and I have a feeling it was not something our people have made."

The couple with whom Pecha's family sought confirmation also saw the spaceship. And policeman Bill Wheeler, who interviewed Pecha soon after the chase, said: "Pecha is a very reliable person, I would say. He was quite convinced of what he had seen. I don't think he is an excitable type. I would say he was very sane and could be relied upon."

Pecha said the object was 140 ft. wide and looming 20 ft. above his barn. "At first I couldn't believe what I was seeing. It was crystal clear, about 12.45 a.m., and I could see it had a ribbed dome that was a dull silvery colour. The edge of the Saucer area looked like stainless steel and was rotating. But there was no sound. As the UFO began to move it retracted six metallic cables and two hook-like arms and switched on two bluish-white lights and a cone of white light that stopped in mid air!" Pecha, who had gone outside to check on an electrical failure that had stopped his T.V. and air conditioning, said two smaller UFO's hovered above 500,000 volt power lines several hundred yards away, causing them to glow red.

He and his wife watched the largest UFO race towards a line of hills 20 miles away, reaching them in two to three seconds (24,000 mph, minimum) and bathing them in light. Then it came back and Pecha decided to take his wife and children to Colusa. He drove at 90 mph to the home of friends Les and Gayle Arrant, who saw the object going across the sky from east to west. "I was dumbfounded," Gayle Arrant said."

"The Star", 15.2.77. via "Viewpoint Aquarius" April 1977.

Some comments from "Le Soir" :

"Flying Saucers: Carter believes in them, whilst Pinochet wonders"

A new international congress on unidentified flying objects will be held in the United States under the auspices of "Fate" magazine, two months after the one held in Acapulco (Mexico), the objective of which was to determine the significance of the UFO phenomena, but which ended in failure.

This congress, which its organizers hope to make annual, will take place in a hotel in Chicago, from the 24th to the 26th June, that is to say exactly thirty years after the American pilot Ken Arnold saw nine unidentified circular objects flying in formation over Mount Rainier National Park in the state of Washington.

Describing the evolutions of the nine mysterious objects Arnold compared them to "saucers ricocheting on water." Shortly afterwards, an American journalist, Bill Bequette, coined the expression "Flying Saucers."

Ken Arnold will be one of the first speakers at the Chicago congress, which, according to its organizers, should have five thousand participants.

Government revelations ?

According to Mr. Curtis Fuller, Editor of "Fate" magazine, the international congress of Chicago will be particularly interesting, as according to recent information published by the magazine "U.S. News and World Report", the American government is considering making "disturbing revelations" on UFO's founded on data gathered by the C.I.A. "These revelations," the American magazine writes, "would reverse the official position of the government, which, in the past, has always minimized the UFO phenomena."

With regard to this, it must be remembered that Mr. Jimmy Carter stated having seen a UFO in 1973 in Thomaston, Georgia. In June last year, Mr. Carter declared: "If I become President, I will see that all information that the United States possesses on the sightings of UFO's are submitted to the public and to scientists."

A Chilean corporal confined by the green men ?

The "confinement" by a UFO which a Chilean corporal claims of having been the victim, is provoking passionate discussion in the Chilean army which, with great caution and without pronouncing itself officially, limits itself to stipulating that the facts reported about this story by the press "coincide generally with statements made by the soldiers of the patrol."

Corporal Valdes had recounted how, whilst on patrol duty with seven soldiers on the night of 25th April in Northern Chile, near Bolivia, he and his men had perceived less than 500 metres away a violent and very intense light. Valdes then went alone towards the UFO and asked it "with energy" to identify itself. No answer. Then he suddenly found himself near his men, coming back to consciousness (or, "he suddenly, without realising how he got there, found himself near his men" - idioms encountered during translation from Spanish to French) with a beard several day's old, whilst his watch had advanced fifteen minutes and five days.

To the questioning by his soldiers, he could only repeat with difficulty these strange words : "You do not know who we are, nor from where we come We will come back soon."

This "Valdes case" provokes at present passionate controversy in the Chilean press, where sceptics accuse certain newspapers of wishing to create a scare campaign in the country by trying to make people believe in the presence of these extra-terrestrial objects. The press also mentions appearances of UFO's in the region of Vilcon (south east of Santiago) and at Punta Arenas.

"Le Soir", Saturday, 21st May 1977.

(Translation from French by our EUFOSG member Mr. W. Ager, Brugge, Belgium).

LETTERS :

4th November 1976

Dear Sir,

I have only recently begun to educate myself in the subject of ufology (about two months) by reading library books, and consequently I am not yet fully conversant with many procedures, conceptions and conventions.

As I am a new member of the EUFOSG there are some questions which I would like you to answer for me.

1. How is the EUFOSG made aware of new sightings of UFO's?
2. How are these sightings subsequently investigated by the EUFOSG?
3. Are the reported phenomena classified, and if so by what method of classification?
4. What happens to reports after classification, etc. has been performed? (e.g. is any correlation attempted?)
5. To whom are the reports in your files available for scrutiny and/or research?

On 18th October 1976, I attended the EUFOSG meeting in Barking and found it interesting, but one point left me rather puzzled.

During the first slide-show a slide was shown of the ? photograph taken in Wiltshire (I cannot remember the name of the person that took the photograph which appears in Shuttlewood's "The Warminster Mystery").

The photograph was shown to be a fake by Shuttlewood who claims that the person who submitted the photograph confessed to its true character. I wondered why this important point was not mentioned in the narration since it is such a notable example how convincing a faked photograph can be, and how easy it is to produce.

I feel that there must be more new members who would like to ask some of the questions which I have asked.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Eden, Chelmsford, Essex.

Editor's reply:

1. New sightings are discovered mainly via the newspapers, but Group members quite often tell us of unknown sightings, also.
2. Ideally, every witness of an UFO should be visited by an investigator. At the moment we do not have enough investigators listed to do this, but witnesses are visited where possible (a greater effort is made for higher class cases) and a standard UFO report form which covers the main questions is initially completed. As every case is different, the investigator then asks questions not on the form which only his/her own experience and knowledge can supply. Sometimes two or three visits may be required for a complex case. (A good investigator will have to know far more than has been outlined here.)
3. All UFO reports are filed in chronological order and a separate file contains the reports broken down into location, duration of sighting, UFO type, etc. The nature of the UFO itself is given the classification system defined by Dr. J. Allen Hynek (see "The UFO Experience").

4. As can be seen from the "Result of a Study" section, correlation of reports is being attempted.
5. Before I adopted any position within the Group's Committee (and hence knew anything of the Group's "workings"), many reports were just passed around to members for very little more than "just a look at". This resulted in the loss of at least 20 original reports! To avoid this loss from continuing, and also to safeguard the witnesses' names and addresses (not to mention the Group's claim to the origination and usually the initial investigation of the reports), only certified members are allowed to scrutinize, in full, these reports.

The photograph that you allude to (taken by Michael Rae, 12/9/65) is a fake - so, too, were a few others in the slide-show. This was due to the great rush that we found ourselves in that evening. Actually, the narration had nothing to do with the individual slides being shown, the slides only agreeing with the main theme of the narration - UFO's.

(Sorry for the delay in publishing your letter.)

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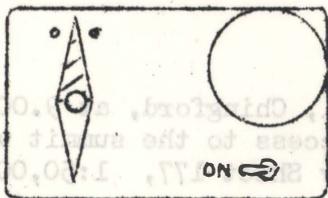
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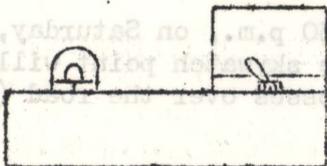
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The Skywatch of Saturday, 23rd April 1977, at Coppermill Lane, Walthamstow, London, E.17, was a great success. Not only was it advertised in certain London newspapers but Radio London and L.B.C. broadcast news of it as well. In all, some 25 people participated, and even though nothing spectacular was seen everyone came away quite happy if only for the social side of the meeting.

Actually, there were a few anxious moments around 10.00 p.m., when a bright yellowish-white light, stationary at first for about five minutes, came in our general direction. One or two people thought they heard a whistling noise, and someone else, an engine. Viewing the object in 10 x 50 mm binoculars it appeared, to me, very much like an aircraft. (Lack of engine noise was, perhaps, attributable to the wind blowing in the wrong direction.)

At the time of writing the Skywatches of 28th May and 4th June have yet to take place. A little of their outcome will therefore appear in the next issue.

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Our next Skywatch will be at Pole Hill, Chingford, at 9.00 p.m., on Saturday, 2nd July, 1977. Car parking and access to the summit via Woodberry Way, London, E.4. Ordnance Survey Sheet 177, 1:50,000 series, Ref. No. 384 949.

A further Skywatch will be held at 8.30 p.m., on Saturday, 9th July, 1977, at Coppermill Lane, London, E.17. The skywatch point will be at the end of Coppermill Lane where the railway crosses over the road (on the marshes).

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