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PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS ISSUE NO. 15 IS THE FINAL EARTHLINK

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Special thanks also to Patricia Finch for her many contributions of informative material over the years.

The Earthlink Team

PLEASE SEE page 24 for a Personal Message from the Editor.

PERSONAL NOTE from Mr. and Mrs. Saville.

As planned, with the closure of Earthlink we're now taking a welcome rest from our voluntary work in Ufology. We shall remain very interested in UFOs and related subjects and especially their relevance to our present, critical times.

As an author and researcher whose books deal with an unorthodox view of the history of this planet, I do not deal specifically with UFOs. However, it is inevitable that this particular phenomenon will come into the picture, as many others have found. When one suggests that there has been, at an unknown point in prehistory, a highly advanced civilisation on earth, one is also tempted to wonder whether such a civilisation had contacts with civilisations elsewhere in the universe, and whether such contact still exists, albeit one-sided now.

The main problem, of course, is identification. There are, it has to be admitted, a great many things which could be confused with a "genuine" UFO sighting. We are all aware in which way Government agencies dismiss all such sightings as "aircraft lights, weather balloons, artificial satellites, Venus, etc." Such explanations cover a considerable area of sightings, and optical illusions will cover another area. However, UFO reports are persistent, and have been throughout history, even as far back as the Pharaoh Thutmosis III of Egypt; there were others in Roman times, and a great many in the Middle Ages, when no such things as aircraft or weather balloons existed. Because of this very historical fact, other explanations in addition to contemporary phenomena must be sought.

I will have to say before I go any further, that I have myself witnessed two objects which were described both by the press and TV as UFOs, although I cannot remember the dates. The first occurred during the great freeze of 1963, on a very bright January morning about 8.30 am, when a very bright whitish object, some six times larger than Venus, travelled across the sky in a north-to-south direction. The object travelled at a speed of about 300mph (comparing it with aircraft which fly frequently in this area in a similar direction), seemed to be at a height of 10,000 feet and the two unusual aspects were that it left no vapour trail and gave no sound. As there was little wind, one would have expected the jet sound at some stage. This was reported on Border TV that night, (it was a Saturday) as a UFO, no other explanation being forthcoming.

The other one took place on a Sunday afternoon about 3pm in the summer of 1969, and was visible for almost an hour, virtually stationary overhead. Although this again was reported in the Westmorland Gazette as a UFO, I observed that it seemed to be semi-transparent, and appeared to change shape slowly as if rotating under the influence of upper air currents. It appeared to be at a height of some 35,000 feet. This one I am convinced was a high altitude weather balloon, and may have drifted for a great distance, possibly across the Atlantic.

Thus we have two sightings, the first of which definitely fell within the category of UFO and the other is open to some doubt.

Another widely held view of UFOs is that they are a kind of psychic phenomena, or hallucinatory events of some kind. The hallucination theory is widely regarded by some orthodox thinkers and is associated with the fears and tensions of the 20th century. It seems difficult to explain how so many people could all observe identical hallucinations, and again, there have been periods in history, as we have mentioned, when UFOs have been observed, and which were free of the stresses of the kind we experience.

The psychic theory is interesting, as quite frequently UFO sightings do seem to have a relationship with the megalithic arrangements and ley lines which have been postulated to exist, and in this context, of course, we are referring to the British Isles. It is said that UFOs may utilise energy fields contained within the megaliths to "charge their batteries" as it were. Objections may be raised that this kind of theory does not account for UFO sightings in other parts of the world where the megaliths and ley system does not exist. This objection may not be valid, as the Chinese "Dragon Paths" would seem to have an association with the ley system, and geometric ground arrangements similar to earthworks in Britain, and also standing stones, have been discovered in the U.S.A. It may well be that the "ley system" was a planet-wide arrangement, most of which has left no visible traces or is unrecognised.

It is curious that a large proportion of sightings are to be noted in certain areas - Wiltshire and the south-west, north-west England, Wales - where there are concentrations of megalithics and leys.

If this association is significant, what does it consist of?

This matter was raised at the Parascience Conference in London in the summer of 1976, and the suggestion was made that UFOs (or a proportion of them) are plasma fields, Plasmas - related to ball lightning, are a little understood phenomena, and consist of compact, self-maintaining electro-magnetic fields, and whereas in laboratory experiments these can only be maintained for a matter of a few seconds before collapsing, it may appear that in nature they last for considerably longer. If indeed the leys mark the paths of electro-magnetic energies, and the megaliths channel or concentrate such energies (as was demonstrated on the TV programme "Earth Magic"), then there exists a distinct possibility that plasma fields exist and that they follow earth generated magnetic fields, which possibly help to maintain them for periods of time. There is also an interesting possibility that the megalithics or the ley system may actually generate these closed fields. Although the research is still in its infancy there does seem to be a connection between at least some UFO phenomena and the ley system. It has also been observed that some UFOs seem to hover near power lines, and again this could be a connection between electrical power and plasma fields.

Much of the UFO phenomena takes the form of coloured lights, without material objects being visible, and suggests some sort of energy field. The fact that such lights interfere with electrical equipment, compasses, car engines, etc., would also seem to indicate the presence of an electromagnetic field of some sort. This is not to say that all bright objects are natural plasma fields, but if we could prove the existence of plasma fields and the forms they take, we would then be able to disassociate another area of phenomena from the whole problem, and narrow the field still further.

If one takes the view that these are psychic manifestations or hallucinations, then we do require a mechanism by which these are generated, and it seems it is possible that one does exist. This also has a connection with the megaliths and leys, but make take a different form to plasma fields. Many people, when visiting megalithic sites, gain odd impressions or see visions, or receive odd feelings. Psychometry is based on the idea that an object is capable of storing impressions which can be "decoded" by those persons sensitive to receive the impressions. Something similar may occur in the megaliths, whereby extremely ancient events or information may have been stored in the crystal lattice of the stones, and is released either under certain conditions or by certain people. This is an extremely complex subject and cannot be dealt with in a small article, but what it amounts to is that information which we process electronically in pulses in crystal structures may occur naturally in nature.

Additionally, it is possible that an ancient civilisation may have effectively harnessed such possibilities deliberately, in the same way that other energies have been harnessed, although perhaps without instrumentation, but in a more direct way. So there exists another possibility that when UFOs are observed, in some cases they are not actually there, but are recalled images from the past which have been imprinted in the crystal lattice of the stone. They are not so much "hallucinations" as analogous to holograms.

On the other hand, apart from such speculation, there are suspicions that genuine craft from other worlds may be in our vicinity, as on several occasions materials have been found which are manufactured substances, but, in the words of NASA, are of a configuration and background radiation (in the structure) which show that they were not manufactured on this planet.

It would thus appear that however much we narrow down the field, even taking into account plasma fields or stored imagery, there will still remain an unexplained core which will probably have to be explained within the context of interstellar spacecraft.

Richard E. Mooney,

Kendal, Cumbria, England.

(Richard E. Mooney's works include "Colony: Earth" (1974), & "Gods of Air and Darkness" (1975)).

THE WEST COUNTRY 'UFO' CIRCLES: A FINAL LOOK, by the Editor.

In the last edition of Earthlink, I reported on a series of circles made from flattened crops in a Wiltshire field, and ended with an open verdict as to their cause. Fortunately, some other reports have appeared since then which throw more light on the mystery.

The October '83 Probe Report, for example, carries a mammoth 7-page investigation, but although there is no one all-embracing answer the investigators certainly came up with some important findings.

Surely few people would have known at the time - last summer - that there were five sets of five circles made in the West Country, for besides the two sets of five previously described others had appeared at Cley Hill, Warminster; Wantage, Oxon, and Devil's Punchbowl, Winchester. Single circles were also found at Westbury/Bratton and Upton Scudamore, near Warminster. Now although single or even triple circles are not unusual, the report says, formations of five are and only began appearing clearly in 1983. It also had to be admitted that the whirlwind explanation for them now looked shaky, as the latest occurrences were not known in the records of meteorological phenomena. Either some other (unknown?) process is at work here or someone is hoaxing, as just about every other possibility has been explored and rejected... apart from secret military experiments, which can never be totally ruled out. UFOs coming in to land or hover, however, the favourite with the press, has no supporting evidence for no reliable witnesses reported seeing anything in the areas in question. Also damaging to the UFO theory is that the circles weren't in perfect formation nor perfectly circular, while the apparent centres of the large circles didn't lie in their true centres.

The newspapers, as already mentioned, strongly pushed the UFO theory, and two U.S. editions - "Weekly World News" and "Globe", both for August 16 - published outrageous stories, the "News" stating that a craft was seen to land and small beings emerge. Just as bad, though, was the work of a British paper, for when Probe's members contacted Mr. Alan Shephard, the owner of the land on which the two sets of five circles previously described lay, he disclosed that a team from the "Daily Mirror" had approached him with a proposition. He related that the "Mirror", unhappy at being scooped by the "Express" and others, had decided to go one better and duplicate the first set of circles using a method made known by Mr. Shephard and his son. With the circles completed, Mr. Shephard was paid compensation for his damaged crop. The "Mirror" team then departed with some photo's they'd secured to await the anticipated "Express" report on these latest circles... but for some reason this never appeared. (If you read the last Earthlink, you'll know that I was unfortunate enough to find these forgeries(?) shortly afterward and mistake them for the same unknown phenomenon - whatever that might be.)

The despicable act only explains one set of circles, however, for there is no proof that the other sets are hoaxes. Indeed, some circles, single and otherwise, were found in areas where they are difficult to spot and hence unlikely to make any newspaper, but then as Probe suggests, these could just be test circles made by hoaxers. Suspicious marks just visible in a photo of the first set of five circles between Westbury and Bratton also hint at a hoax, but no-one can be certain. Nevertheless, hoaxes do now seem to figure strongly in the Probe members' figuring, and it's thought possible that persons unknown may be trying to create a UFO revival in an area once a Mecca for ufologists. So, in an effort to solve the enigma, Probe members are to hold circle-watches this summer to see if they can witness the process of their formation - whether they be man-made or something else.

For those wondering how the second set of five circles were made, well, a heavy length of chain anchored at one end was said to have been dragged through the crop, a length of cord enabling the circles to be measured and a compass used to fix the position of the four outer circles. The whole formation is said to have been completed in only 24 minutes and the progress of the operation photographed by the "Mirror" team. (Sounds almost too simple to be true, doesn't it? Perhaps someone will put this method to the test sometime and see just how good the results are.)

Finally, perhaps someone will also look into the link that might exist between the circles and the place names they appeared at, for at least two of them have ancient devil connections (Cley Hill and Winchester sites).

* The PROBE REPORT has, with the Oct.83 edition, ceased publication due mainly to lack of support. Back issues are available from: 16 Marigold Walk, Ashton, Bristol BS3 2PD.

(Send stamp) * Another report on these circles can be found in FORTEAN TIMES, no.40.

NEWS FROM SOUTH EAST ASIA : A SELECTION OF ITEMS TAKEN FROM THE
"MALAYSIAN UFO BULLETIN", PUBLISHED BY AHMAD JAMALUDIN.

RAAF-UFO SHOOT-OUT OVER MALAYSIA?

Mr. Bill Chalker of Australia, checking into the files of the Royal Australian Air Force investigations of UFOs, came across an interesting inquiry over an alleged RAAF-UFO shoot-out over Butterworth, Malaysia in 1959.

As the story goes, during the first week of 1959, two F-86 Sabre jets were scrambled from Butterworth Air Base to intercept a UFO. The aircraft established contact with the unidentified object and the UFO exploded after being shot.

The ashes which fell to the ground were collected and sent to Australia for analysis. The story does not end there for the next day another UFO appeared. This time two F-86s prepared for another shoot-out and unfortunately the jets disintegrated within a mile of the UFO. The planes and both pilots were never found.

Ref: "Malaysian UFO Bulletin", no.5, Oct. 1982, p.2.

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UFOS OVER GALUNGGUNG, JAVA.

As the saying goes, where there is smoke there is fire. And in ufology, where there is volcanic activity there certainly should be UFO activity. In south-east Asia this is confirmed by the UFO sighting over the active Galunggung volcano in Java, Indonesia on July 22, 1982.

As there is still no formula for the prediction of individual UFO manifestations, the occurrence of volcanic (and also seismic) activity should be a good indicator of when and where to observe and study the UFO manifestations. So next time one of these geophysical events occurs in your area, get every scientific (piece of) equipment you have got and wait.

Back to the Indonesian case, we have written to two of the leading Indonesian newspapers, KOMPAS and MERDEKA, for any UFO reports in their files. The reply was that they do not publish or keep such reports for lack of credibility. While both of these newspapers report the activity of Mt. Galunggung almost every day, it is a pity that no UFO sighting was mentioned.

The only source of information was from the daily TERBIT newspaper. It was reported that an Indonesian retired air force pilot saw two UFOs hovering over the Galunggung volcano in west Java on July 22. The pilot, Lieut.-Col.(ret.) J. Sumarsono, 66, told the newspaper that he saw the reddish-yellow objects in the evening coming in at a fast speed from the direction of Jakarta, hover for about 10 minutes above the active volcano before disappearing quickly. He said he also saw the objects from his home in Bandung together with many people in the area.

Ref. "Malaysian UFO Bulletin", no.6, Feb. 1983, p.2.

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FIREBALL OVER EAST MALAYSIA

Documentation of UFO reports from East Malaysia has been a very slow process due to the fact that the population do not report, or do not know where to report (UFOs), and the local press does not take (an) interest in these type of events. But in August 1982, after a long lull of UFO sighting reports, the manifestation finally caught hold of the local residents, some government bodies and the press.

Our source of information is the press. At 11.30 am, at the small town of Sarikei in Sarawak, many people claimed they saw 'a big ball of fire' falling from the sky. A party of police was despatched to the area to investigate. The investigation was unsuccessful as they could find no evidence of any crash. Checks were also made with the Aviation Dept. and private air charter companies, but they did not receive any distress signal...

RETURN OF THE TINY ENTITIES

The following is the newspaper account of 26 August, 1982 relating to a UFO encounter case in the same area as the 'fireball' incident (above).

... Police have quashed rumours that several small men were seen near an unidentified spacecraft in a durian (a type of tropical fruit) plantation about 20 km. from Sarikei over the weekend.

The rumours started after it was reported that residents here had seen a 'fireball' last week. However, the fireball was later identified as a flare signal. Police said following that, several primary 3 pupils said several midgets with exceptionally large heads were seen in a durian plantation near the school.

At least two of the pupils stuck to their story when interviewed by their teacher. Two days later, more of the 'beings' were seen near a spacecraft (said) to be as large as a classroom. However, police believe the story could have been made up by the pupils because the durian plantation is out of bounds to the children and the headmaster had heard that some of them had been there.

It is understood that the pupils could have been looking for the durians when they saw the 'little people'...

Ref. "Malaysian UFO Bulletin", no.6, Feb.1983, pp.3-4.

(Due to various reasons, Jamaludin has had to cease publication of his bulletin. This is a heavy loss as there are no other such publications from S.E. Asia.)

THE RENDLESHAM FOREST UFO MYSTERY - AN UPDATE

Many UK readers must be aware of the important UFO case that was splashed across the front page of the October 2, 1983 "NEWS OF THE WORLD" under the title "UFO LANDS IN SUFFOLK AND THAT'S OFFICIAL." This report, though, was only an updated news-media rendition of the case summarised in the October 1982 Earthlink ("A Close Encounter of the Third Kind near Woodbridge, Suffolk?"). Actually, many versions of the same case appeared elsewhere before the NOTW published it (FSR, THE UNEXPLAINED, etc.), although the NOTW account contains new details.

The breakthrough in this case (highlighted in the NOTW) according to Northern UFO News(1) was the obtaining of a copy of Lt.-Col.Charles Halt's official report to the M.O.D. on the events that took place. (Halt was the deputy base commander at the time and a witness to some of the objects seen.) The release of this document was also just the incentive the two principal investigators - Brenda Butler and Dot Street - needed to dig deeper for the truth, and as a result they uncovered much more information.

The other witness heavily quoted in the NOTW account (this time to the landed UFO) is ex-USAF security guard "Art Wallace" (pseudonym) who said that one night he was sent into the surrounding forest with others and saw some 200 RAF and USAF security people apparently awaiting some event. He then saw a strange object which eventually became a craft of some sort at ground level, other witnesses noticing beings in silver suits aboard. Art appeared to have approached the landed craft quite closely, but, if we are to believe the report, he soon blacked out and awoke later in his base bunk. He said CIA-type civilians presently told him and other witnesses to keep quiet... or else! A later NOTW story for Nov. 6 relates that Art had now been hypnotised and not only confirms his original report but has made new revelations. It seems he remembers a face-to-face meeting between one out of four aliens and the then Wing Commander, there being much communicating with hand waving and pointing at the landed craft. When one of the four beings floated near to Art, he says he blacked out... The report ends with the last word given to Lt.-Col. Halt who allegedly said that 'there is "one hell of a lot more" to come out.'

For those who wish to know more and see the facts set straight (there are many errors in the published accounts), Brenda and Dot are putting their very hard won results together to form a book due out, hopefully, later this year (2).

Editor.

Ref's.1. NUFON, no. 104, Sep/Oct 1983, pp.8-9.

2. Ibid., no.105, Jan/Feb 1984, p.2.

ARE THE MEN IN BLACK IMPERSONATING RUGBY PLAYERS? by the Editor.

In the June 83 edition of CENTRE UPDATE, publication of the ORGANISATION FOR SCIENTIFIC EVALUATION OF AERIAL PHENOMENA*, there appears on page 6 a review of this book: "MEN IN BLACK/R.H. Chester and N.A.C. McMillan - 390 pages (1978). Pelham Books, 44 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3DU - £8.50."

Being extremely interested in the details given by the reviewer, details which clearly indicate that these are the MIB so well known to ufologists, I immediately thought of ordering a copy through a bookshop, but chose instead to reserve it at my local library. More than eleven weeks and much chasing-up later the book arrived, but when I looked at the front cover and flicked through the pages I had a bad shock. The title, authors, publisher, etc., all checked out exactly, and the book was indeed concerned with Men in black, but not the sort the reviewer described so clearly as being associated with UFOs. No, the men in black totally concerned with here are the All Blacks rugby team! The reviewer, whoever "SBR" given in parentheses at the end may be, has either reviewed another work entirely, purposely given a false account, or else had nothing but the title and publishing details to go on and therefore invented the contents. To my mind the review seems to be spun around the All Blacks team, in which case option two would apply.

Whatever the answer, this is all most annoying creating as it did false hope, a waste of time and some embarrassment. Of course I should have checked first with the British National Bibliography Subject Cat., vol.1, 1979, where on page 993 the correct nature of the contents is given, but then a false review - from OSEAP of all places - is the last thing one thinks of.

*OSEAP, 15 Edmondson Street, Barnoldswick, Lancashire, BB8 5EY, U.K. (New address).

COMMENTARY - Notes & views on some foreign publications received.

ARCHIVES FOR UFO RESEARCH NEWSLETTER One of the best UFO periodicals received and very nearly all in English, too. There is sensible coverage of cases, articles of general interest and research into many aspects of the UFO phenomenon. The material is non-sensational and not unduly sceptical maintaining, to my mind, a middle-of-the-road attitude. The AFU team certainly works hard, too, judging by the latest offerings - a library cat. of 1,163 UFO-type books and a data retrieval system for use with a suitable home computer. 16pp (varies), 13" x 8", litho, illust. Sub for 3 issues is 35 Swedish Krona (outside Scandinavia). Write: AFU, P.O. Box 11027, S-60011 Norrköping, Sweden. Will exchange with similar publication.

Ed.

UFO NEWS-FLASH magazine, mentioned here last issue, has a new address: Massimo Greco, P.O. Box 29, 25121 BRESCIA, Italy.

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ARTS PRESS PUBLICATIONS "THE SCIENCE OF DISTANCE", inspired by Jamie. 1981. 32pp. 75p each incl. post. A neat little booklet containing the "wisdom of Jamie," a "philosopher" who, through medium Patricia Halsall, seeks to enlighten those with questions relating to E.T.s and the workings of the solar system. "QUELLA - E.T.", by Crystal Hogben, a true story of a contact with a Little Green Man, and other experiences relating to extra-terrestrials. \$5.00 each incl. post. (Ms. Halsall's Group is currently engaged in a study of E.T. life.) "ARION" A fine, new quarterly mag. for the creative, psychic & spiritual thinker. Communications from the other side, stories, etc. Philosophical with E.T. & general New Age leanings. 32pp., A.5, litho, some illust. 80p each or £3/annum.

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"ROSES FROM HEAVEN", published by the 'Children of Mary', 1982. 384pp., A4, soft cover, litho, photos. \$7.50 plus \$2 post anywhere. A vast compilation, dedicated to "Our Lady" at Bayside, NY, of all the messages given Veronica Leuken from 1977-82. The roses symbolise the heavenly saints and angels, the scent of roses having often been noticed by Mrs. Leuken and others when the Heavenly Host have been believed nearby. Certainly worth perusing for anyone with the slightest interest in the BVM phenomenon. Pay: 'Children of Mary', 2401 N.8th Street, Orange, Texas 77630, U.S.A.

MICHAEL, A newspaper-type publication for the "Universal Kingship of Christ and Our Lady." Suggest interested readers contact Mr. Cyril Marystone for details at: P.O. Box 891, Jerome Avenue Station, Bronx, New York 10468, U.S.A.

"CHRONOLOGICAL CATALOG OF REPORTED LUNAR EVENTS", by Middlehurst, Burley, Moore et al. NASA (Washington, D.C.) 1968. A comprehensive list of strange events (lights, etc.) witnessed on the Moon, 1540-1968. Write: Scientific & Technical Information Division, NASA, Washington, D.C., 20546, U.S.A. for price.

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(The Bear Tribe also publish many interesting books by their own and New Age authors, and run 'Vision Quests' in the USA and also Europe. Sun Bear lectures around the world on the coming Changes and the Earthlink team attended one last year and was greatly impressed by Sun Bear).

Some organisations that readers in the more central parts of England might like to note are: Yorkshire UFO Society, 1, Wharfeside Avenue, Threshfield, Grassington, Yorks. Burnley Centre for UFO Studies, 41 Duke Street, Harle Syke, Burnley, Lancs, BB10 2JA. International Get Acquainted Program - Great Britain, 94 Kelbrook Court, Offerton, Stockport, Cheshire, SK2 5NT. Cliff Poole runs this latest UK branch of IGAP which exists to help support the claims of the late George Adamski. Sample newsletter, 50p, Exchanges welcome.

Finally, Mr. K. Campbell of 245 Southcoates Lane, Preston Road, Hull, HU9 3TW, N. Humberside, may be worth dropping a line to as he's interested in doing investigations and field work.

"TIME"

The time is now here
For "Flying Saucers" to appear
To prove to the world
That theres life hereafter.

But have no fear
For one will bring back
Our good "King Arthur",
"He" will see us through.

Through the riots
Through the strikes
The go slow workers
And all their dislikes.

I get up each morning
And there is a still in the air
No wind blowing,
No birds on the wing,
Just a gentle whisper
To tell us someone is there.

"He" is awaiting the time
Perhaps in the stealth of night
To tell us "He" has arrived
To put things right,
For "He" is our Good "King Arthur"

Cont. above.

Poem by Eve, Dowager Lady Krill,
of Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset.

REVIEWS

"1982 - YEAR OF THE WARNING?" Vol.I & II, by Cyril Marystone. Private publ.(New York), July 1982, 104pp each vol., soft cover. Price: Not stated. ✓

Visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM) have been claimed by many in the last century or more, the basic theme of various messages given to the seers being that unless man changes his sinful and irreligious ways, then Armageddon will surely come in the form of a world war and "fire from heaven".

Drawing heavily upon the many recent messages allegedly given by the BVM and others to seer Veronica Leuken of New York, the author outlines the course our future will supposedly take utilising where possible further quotes from the Bible, prophets past and present, and the works of Velikovsky among others. First, we're told, there will be a warning sign in the form of a comet - the "Ball of Redemption" in revelation - passing close to the Earth and causing earthquakes, great heat and intense darkness. A little later World War III will take place - the beginning of the Chastisement - and, as if that won't be enough, it will be followed with the striking of the Earth by the former comet. Little is said, however, of those saved from this horror.

Why there should be indications for an impressive warning sign that did not materialise is unclear, and may make one wonder about the other communications. However, as far as the cataclysms predicted go, it should not go unnoticed that a number of other authorities have prophesied similar events for the latter years of this century, and these, of course, originate from such notables as Nostradamus and Edgar Cayce. While great wars and earthquakes seem to be the order of the day, a comet in the sky coinciding with a cataclysm is also a common prediction, and Nostradamus refers to it often. If any of this comes to pass then the future is anything but rosy!

Apart from pure prophecy, a good part of this work is devoted to UFO occupants and creatures like Bigfoot. Readers may be surprised to hear that the BVM has lumped these all together under the general heading of demons, which are said to be working solely for Satan in the battle for the souls of man and originating from such diverse places as comets and inside the Earth. At the Warning these demons will attack mankind in great numbers, says the BVM. As for the UFOs themselves, frustratingly few details are given other than that they're the demons' transport!

Like the messages related to some contactees, there seems to be a degree of incredibility and naivety along with a degree of truth wrapped up in the words of the BVM, but this may be a deliberate ploy to deter rational scientists. Unfortunately there is no objectivity shown the messages and so the reader should tread carefully as with all cases of messages claimed received from those of other 'worlds'.

There is much more included in this work than can be covered here, and anyone who wishes to see the received material should write to the author who will be only too pleased to reply.

Editor.

"THE FALL OF BABYLON", compiled & published by Cyril Marystone. Autumn 83, 200pp. Newspaper tabloid format. \$5 incl. post from the publisher.

An extensive assemblage of reproduced, mainly '83, American news articles annotated with Mrs. Leuken's messages depicting the unsavoury side of the world with all its negativity and oppressive Communism - mainly in America or "Babylon". This is said to be "the evidence for the truth of the messages," although many will consider this point debatable.

A good many pages focus on UFOs, abductions, Bigfoot/demons, poltergeists, mutilations, murders, worsening world weather, the nuclear threat, etc. How accurate these reports are, though, remains for the most part unknown.

One section worth mentioning that I found absorbing reading concerns the recent intrusions into Swedish and Norwegian waters by what is strongly believed to be Soviet mini-submarines. Some of these subs, it is reported, can even crawl along the sea bed on caterpillar tracks, and all types appear to come and go as they please, being for the most part undeterred by depth charging.

While some of the reports are rather disturbing, there are many hours here of intriguing reading material, much of which has apparently failed to make the British newspapers.

Editor.

"THE ORIGIN OF COMETS IN PLANET MAGNETOTAILS", by Cyril Marystone. Private publ. (New York), March 1983, 120pp., soft-cover. \$2 incl. post from the author.

In the author's two volumes reviewed above, he makes frequent reference to a comet that the BVM messages say will one day strike the Earth. Taking his cue from these and the belief of a minority of authorities, he builds up a vast scientific framework to support the theory that comets are born in the enveloping magnetic fields of the larger (usually) planets and their satellites - or rather in the magnetic tails of such bodies. This view very much contradicts the orthodox, but unprovable, one that comets derive from the frozen outer limits of the early solar system, being merely conglomerations of ice, gas and dust.

Extensive evidence for this 'new' idea in the form of detailed theory and observations listed by Fort, Carliss and others, is prevalent throughout. The complex theory aside, on reading the observations I cannot help but feel that while some of the objects recorded in the past are no doubt true comets, many others are certainly very suspect: nevertheless an attempt has been made here to explain just about all of them as magnetic field comets! For example, 33 observations of a satellite of Venus (Venus does not possess any satellites) made in the 17th and 18th centuries are put down here as a "comet, a fireball, in the magnetotail of Venus." But then our space-probes have shown that Venus has no magnetic field, either. There are other examples that could be quoted.

Whether we're discussing observations of true comets or not, though, there is another issue that seems just as important to highlight. Is it just pure coincidence that many comet-like and other objects have, since earliest times, appeared together with events such as earthquakes, aerial detonations, sudden darkness, falls of stones, etc., plagues,

wars, great famine and fires, etc.? While the author devotes many pages to explaining mechanisms by which some of these may be caused by true comets, I feel that I won't be alone in suspecting the UFO phenomenon to be in some way behind, or connected with, some of these happenings. The author, however, although he believes that UFOs do enter the picture, has purposely avoided introducing them in order to retain scientific respectability. Whether this will help gain the attention of scientists, though, remains to be seen.

All in all a brave attempt to demystify many old reports and interesting reading for everyone.

Editor.

All above works write (& pay): Mr. A.C. Marystone, P.O. Box 891, Jerome Avenue, Station, Bronx, New York 10468, U.S.A. Messages from Veronica Leuken in newsheet form free from: Our Lady of the Roses Shrine, P.O. Box 52, Bayside, NY 11361, U.S.A.

"LEY LINES Their Nature and Properties : A Dowser's Investigation", by J. Havelock Fidler. Turnstone Press, 1983. 144pp. Softcover, £4.50.

Inspired by the works of the late T.C. Lethbridge, the author, agriculturalist Dr. J.H. Fidler, has carried out considerable research pendulum dowsing a form of energy said to be emitted by various stones, and achieved remarkable results. Working in his home area of West Scotland, he found that stones taken from cairns, old graves and other man-made artifacts showed a charge or imprint (either male or female), this charge having been made by the holder striking the stone and then subjecting it to heat. Indeed, the author found he could give fresh stones his own imprint.

The interesting point about these charged stones, he then discovered, is their ability to project a line of energy to other charged artifacts nearby - usually stones. In effect the author has created his own ley lines, with the obvious possibility that those leys which are said to criss-cross the British landscape were also formed in the same way. Now leys are generally thought of as being alignments of ancient sites, but some dowsers believe, as is implied here, that leys are straight lines of energy beaming across the countryside from one charged standing stone to the next. Dr. Fidler feels that if the latter is truly the case, then megalithic man set up the ley system to his own design - he was not swayed by any natural properties already at the sites of the stones.

Of course these findings can only as yet be checked by dowsing, which by itself is an unacceptable tool to science. The other main stumbling block is that of defining the exact nature of ley energy, but work done so far on this by the author leads him to believe that it is electromagnetic, and possibly biological, in origin. As for the purposes megalithic man set up the ley system, we "have only the vaguest ideas," but a telepathic type of communication system is speculated on.

Recommendable for those seeking answers to the ley line mystery.

Editor.

A catalogue of published books on the occult, yoga, health, New Age living, UFOs, etc., can be sent on request from: Turnstone Press Ltd., Denington Estate, Wellingborough, Northants NN8 2RQ.

"THE MEGALITHIC ODYSSEY : A Search for the Master Builders of the Bodmin Moor Astronomical Complex of Stone Circles and Giant Cairns", by Christian O'Brien. Turnstone Press, 1983. 176pp. £5.50.

In 1978 the author, a retired exploration geologist and well known to members of Britain's BUFORA as a past president, became greatly interested in a number of stone circles on lonely Bodmin Moor, Cornwall. It was found that when certain stones in the circles were visually aligned with mounds of stones (cairns) visible on the skyline, these sight-lines indicated various positions of rising and setting heavenly bodies - mainly the Sun and Moon.

Apparently this area offers perfect scenic conditions for observing risings and settings, and since there is also a limited number of alignments possible this all

points, in the author's opinion, to a deliberate astronomical use for the stones - certainly marking certain dates which were adhered to annually for various reasons. However, the 90-odd pages taken up here proving the alignment theory and the detailing of Bodmin's cairns, etc., is unlikely to appeal to the general reader.

The remainder of the book is concerned with a very complex trip through history from Mesopotamia to Cornwall in an attempt to show the existence of a race of master builders, or sages, who supposedly imparted their knowledge to the ignorant throughout parts of the-then known world. Although a considerable amount of evidence is presented to support this belief, when all is said and done there is nothing concrete to establish the sages' reality.

Editor.

"THE UFO ENCYCLOPEDIA", by Margaret Sachs. Corgi Books (London), 1981. 408pp. Price £4.95.

This is certainly a book for both the average ufologist and novice alike who desires an A-to-Z guide to the UFO phenomenon. With some 600 listings arranged alphabetically and cross-referenced throughout, the entries encompass worldwide UFO sightings, abductions, ancient astronauts, ufologists, contactees, celebrity witnesses, organisations, publications and government research.

Besides an explanation of ufological terms there are innumerable photo's of UFOs, occupants, and ufologists included along with a number of entries that at first sight may not appear to have any connection with UFOs, entries such as Cleopatra and Devil's Jelly! (A UFO event is said to have occurred when Cleo met Antony in 41 BC, while Devil's Jelly is a name given to a gelatinous substance that sometimes falls out of the sky and dissipates shortly afterwards.)

Apart from just entries, however, there is a list of UFO sightings from c.1500 BC to 1979, and supplements containing information on: UFO shapes, formations and worldwide appearances; UFO groups and UFO publications country by country; newsclipping services, and an extensive bibliography.

Ufology being for the most part a flimsy and amateurish subject, ufologists and their groups come and go with amazing swiftness, and therefore any publication listing current groups and individuals will quickly go out of date - as is the case here to a degree. I also note a few instances where the magazine/group listed has in all probability supplied slightly exaggerated information, especially regarding reader/membership figures. "Cosmology Newslink" magazine, for example (now dissolved), boasts 1000 circulation here - a 95% or so 'error', I'd say.

Despite such errors and the disappearance of some listed groups (our own group, the EUFOG, included), I thoroughly enjoyed reading through the entries and have no doubt that "The UFO Encyclopedia" will be of value for some time to come.

Editor.

The above work is obtainable from: Corgi Books, Transworld Publishers Ltd., Century House, 61-63 Uxbridge Road, Ealing, London W5 5SA.

"THE SIGN OF THE DOVE" by Elizabeth Van Buren. Neville Spearman Ltd., The Priory Gate, Friars Street, Sudbury, Suffolk. (1983) 186pp. Hardback. Illustrated. Retail price £6.95, or direct from the publisher at £7.60 inc. p & p.

The scope of Elizabeth Van Buren's latest book is broadly inclusive, but its main theme is contained in tracing the royal blood line of the "Shepherd-Kings" throughout history.

We're informed that hundreds of thousands of years ago, two factions of space people colonized our planet. One faction created humans by means of genetic engineering (going against Cosmic Law in so doing) and on the other hand were the "Shepherds," who have since compassionately attempted to make man aware of his dualistic nature. Before leaving Earth, the latter appointed certain priest-kings who would represent them, and these are the "Shepherd-Kings" said to have special Royal Blood and to have been the ancestors of the Jewish people.

This astounding version of man's creation on Earth is based upon ancient (circa. 6000-4000 BC) Sumerian texts.

It is said that a secret Church was decreed by Christ, the leader of the star people, and John the Divine was appointed its founder. The Cathari, a Branch of this Church in France, were believed to have possessed a mysterious manuscript, "The Book of Love," written by St. John, in which "marvellous revelations" were recorded. It is said to now lie in southern France, for revelation to the world at a "pre-ordained time, by a predestined being of perfect innocence and absolute purity, who will be under the sign of the Dove."

Finally we read about the expected return of the space peoples in these End Days, when the "Shepherds" will reclaim their planet, and sort the sheep from the goats.

In very brief summation - the End Days the authoress believes, will bring humanity grave tribulations brought on by natural catastrophes as well as political upheavals. A celestial body (such as a planet or comet) will pass close to the Earth, causing a shifting of the axis of the Earth and a polar realignment. Our Pole Star will then once again be Merak of the Great Bear (instead of Polaris as at present) and "we will again be flooded with the golden Light from the great triangle of energy, the apex of which is defined by the constellation we now recognise as Arcadia. Heaven will once more be linked with the planet which for thousands of years has been divorced from the rest of the Cosmos."

This realignment to Merak, she says, will enable us to regain our mostly lost psychic 'sixth sense' due to beneficial forces streaming directly to Earth from Merak. Christ will return to Earth as long awaited, and the survivors who have followed the way of peace will build a new world, with the aid of Christ and the Shepherd People. Therefore we need to see the coming troubles as the heralds of a new Golden Age.

The authoress is an astrologer, and incorporates the science of Astrology to support her story, with various illustrative charts and diagrams. I like the many myths and legends also explored herein, particularly those relating to King Arthur (of the Grail legend), who has been associated with the constellation of the Great Bear - and whose return is also expected soon.

Elizabeth Van Buren is now established as a New Age writer on various aspects concerning the End Days of this epoch - with the return of the space peoples. This is her fourth book in five years so she is obviously working hard in great haste to get her information across.

I found "The Sign of the Dove" very thought-provoking and look forward to reading any further works by this knowledgeable lady.

G. Saville.

"THE ULTIMATE FRONTIER" by Eklal Kueshana.

The Stelle Group, P.O. Box 75, Quinlan, Texas 75474, U.S.A.

(First published 1963, Fifth printing 1982) 458pp. Soft cover. Price: \$8 inc. p & p.
(Also available in Hardback).

Described as an introduction to the activities of the esoteric Brotherhoods, this book was written by Richard Kieninger in the form of a biography of his own life, under his pen name "Eklal Kueshana."

We're informed that Richard was first contacted by an emissary of the Brotherhoods at the age of 12 years, and reminded of the mission he'd agreed to undertake in his present incarnation. Basically, this was to form a New Age Community based upon the very ancient, altruistic, Lemurian system.

Thereafter he was regularly contacted, taught and guided by members of the Brotherhood, some of whom had the disconcerting habit of saying goodbye then promptly disappearing before his eyes! (Sounds familiar?). Many of Richard's meetings with the Brotherhood's emissaries are fully related herein, including their teachings.

In 1963, at the age of 35 years (and halfway through the book), Richard Kieninger, together with about 60 enthusiastic adults, founded the Stelle Organisation in Illinois, U.S.A. The Brothers had given fairly strict guidelines for this Community, which was organised as a not-for-profit religious/educational corporation. The intention was to become completely self-sufficient in time, developing the technology needed in order to survive the events expected at the turn of the century, which they predict less than a tenth of the world's population will survive.

After many difficulties and much hard work, the Stelle Community became established, and is today open to any persons advancing New Age concepts, without their having to join the Stelle Group.

In 1972, Richard Kieninger started another Community at Adelphi, near Texas. After reading all the literature carefully, I think the Stelle Communities have little relation to 'cultism'. Their founder seems throughout a rather shy hero, and talks about his two broken marriages (from his own viewpoint naturally), and other aspects of his personal life and thoughts.

The plan in motion now is to purchase an island in the Pacific Ocean, upon which Richard Kieninger hopes to start building the "Kingdom of God."

"The Ultimate Frontier" includes the author's interpretation of early historical events (including some Biblical ones), as well as prophecy. The Stelle Group also produce quantities of literature (and cassettes) on their various activities, and on esoteric themes, plus practical survival information for "extended emergency situations."

Although an updated reprint, this book is relevant to our times, and the author is at least no 'armchair philosopher'.

G. Saville.

"THE REBIRTH OF PAN - Hidden Faces of the American Earth Spirit" by Jim Brandon. Firebird Press, P.O. Box 69, Dunlap, Illinois 61525, U.S.A. (1983) 288pp. Soft Cover. Illustrated. Price \$12 incl. p & p.

The reader is taken on a magical mystery tour of America, pausing to examine such diversities as - weird UFO occupants, Bigfoot, animal mutilations, earth energies, leys, ancient artifacts, moving stones, antique earthen structures, assorted monsters, symbols, etc. At times, apparently, certain names and numbers can trigger certain occult forces, and we're shown many examples which correlated disastrously with Fortean events.

The author is an avid collector of Forteana and anomalies, sorted herein under seven respective theme headings such as, "The Animal Guise," "The Invisible Geometrician," "Network of Name and Number," "Artifacts and Inscriptions," and "Forces From Within." He believes that these are all closely tied to a "Third Force" named Pan, the Greek god-of-all-nature, which manifests in numerous ways and interacts with celestial phenomena - the Sirius system and the Constellation of Orion being particularly relevant.

The Sirius -v- Orion concept is examined at length, and we're reminded that in the Holy Bible, Job (38:31) asks: "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?" The author suggests this may reflect the tradition that the ancient Jews regarded Orion (Nimrod) as having been bound to the sky for rebellion against their God, Jehovah, who it is believed may have some relationship to Sirius.

Jim Brandon starts his book's Foreword thus:

"I started out a few years ago to make a movie on Bigfoot. I have ended by wondering if there is a war in the heavens between forces from the Dogstar and those of the Great Hunter. Along the way I have grappled with other modest questions.

Is our Earth a great superorganism over which these celestial principals are struggling? Is this the link between the appearance of semi-phantasmal creatures and the proliferation of toxic chemicals and radioactive installations across the land?

What do unidentified flying objects have to do with the situation or with, say, the $23\frac{1}{2}$ -degree tilt of the earth's poles?".....

He believes that the great Earth Spirit is becoming increasingly evident, and rebellious, because of 'modern' man's arrogant ill-abuse of the Earth and all her life-forms, together with contempt for the occult and spiritual aspect of Nature.

There is much within here to interest a 'ufologist', by an objective researcher who has perhaps uncovered some important clues to one aspect of the UFO enigma whilst investigating other mysterious (and related?) anomalies.

"The Rebirth of Pan" is original, full of intriguing factual evidence, and it has certainly set me thinking along quite new lines. I look forward to pondering over my copy at leisure. Profusely illustrated (136 unusual illustrations), plus excellent footnotes, Bibliography and Index sections.

G. Saville.

UFO NEWS & EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD

OFF-BEAT ENCOUNTER

A policeman's photograph of strange bright lights near a cliff in the Dales has been claimed to be one of the most conclusive sightings of an unidentified flying object. The picture shows three points of light apparently near the face, between Grassington and Skipton. Members of the Yorkshire UFO Society have investigated and say that the photographer's experience could be one of the most conclusive sightings ever.

North Yorkshire police said the picture was certainly not an official police picture or report.

The spokesman directed enquiries to Sgt. Tony Dodd at Grassington, who has written articles about UFOs, but he would not name the photographer.

He said: "It was taken by an off-duty policeman. It was actually seen around noon one day from the window of a policeman's home. The policeman's wife happened to look out of the window and saw this object. Someone got a camera and took photographs of it."

"Yorkshire Post", August 23, 1983.

Cr. Mr. W. Ager, Brugge, Belgium.

Note: Even allowing for poor reproduction, the photo shown in the "Post" (not reproduced here) can hardly be claimed as anything like "one of the most conclusive sightings..." (Ed.)

UFOs IN YORKSHIRE

The Centre for UFO Studies, Illinois, USA, recently calculated that world-wide there are an estimated 100 reports of UFOs every 24 hours, or if you like, a UFO is seen every 15 minutes.

In this region, the Yorkshire UFO Society deals with a minute fraction of that figure...

On March 25 this year, a Bradford woman observed a bright ball of light from her bedroom window at 3 a.m. The ball was red in colour, but white flickers of light shone around it. It moved slowly across her field of vision before disappearing behind some trees. On April 15, 1983 an overnight lorry driver was heading east between junctions 22 and 23 of the M62, it was 3.50 a.m. He noticed that lorries travelling in the opposite direction were flashing their headlights on and off in unison. The traffic in both directions slowed, almost to a halt.

Suddenly, away to his right, he picked out a large oval object, brilliant white, hovering over the moorland. Such was its size, and appearance, the driver came to a dead stop on the hard shoulder, pulled down his window, and gazed in awe as the object slowly began to move directly overhead. It then hovered for a few seconds, before returning back to its original position, whereupon it disappeared from view.

Inquiries revealed that no helicopters were in the area at the time, but military flights could have been responsible, though they do not normally hover over motorways at that time of the morning, or any part of the day for that matter...

Some helicopter flights, for example, have been seen to descend at night, and turn on their powerful arc lights, in an effort to pick out certain landmarks. From a distance, this can appear to the inexperienced observer to be proof positive that a UFO is in the area.

However, the Ministry of Defence are reluctant to be drawn on this subject, and have stated that until UFOs constitute a threat to the United Kingdom, and are shown to exist, then no real interest will be shown by them. This is a far cry from the French Government who until recently had its own official research department looking into the enigma. Their research work, and results were openly displayed, and other countries adopt the same stance.

Spain provides detailed records of radar tracks of UFOs seen by both Civil and Military radar networks. Even the United States has been forced to admit that its official interest in UFOs, far from being non-existent, is very much alive. The Freedom of Information Act saw to that.

Under the Act, American UFO researchers obtained hundreds of previously secretly held documents which revealed that UFOs had been reported by its military forces throughout the globe during the last few decades.

Air Force records detailed many of these reports, some were quite staggering, like the UFO which hovered over a silo missile base, and was then intercepted by aircraft scrambled to go to the scene. Far from departing at speed, the UFO simply remained over the base, until at last, much to the relief of the ground crew, it shot straight up into the sky and vanished from sight.

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There have been sightings of possible UFOs in northern England for centuries, dating back to AD91, when a "ship" was seen in the sky over Humberside. In the eighth century, "fire dragons" were reported over Northumbria, and on September 15, 1749, cattle were frightened and trees burnt by a flaming "UFO" in South Yorkshire.

Are UFOs from other worlds as some leading authors would suggest? The truth is, no-one really knows, yet until science taken the enigma seriously, the truth may be years away...

Thanks to the Evening Post, dozens of reports have now reached us, and more and more people ARE taking notice of what goes on above them...

Slightly reduced article from

"Yorkshire Evening Post", Leeds, September 24, 1983.

Cr. Mr. W. Ager, Brugge, Belgium.

A CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH A RAT MAN?

23.00 and later; July 22, 1983. Wigan, Greater Manchester.

It was a hot evening and three women, whose husbands were working night shift, were sitting in chairs on the pavement chatting. Opposite them were some flats with a line of garages to their right, and beyond these a piece of waste ground.

After about 2 hours of chatting, one of the women - Mrs. M. - noticed a bright star over the flats (west). As the 22nd became the 23rd July, the star began to move to the north and elongate, taking on the appearance of a spinning top and becoming reddish. At 00.15 it curved away over Winter Hill.

When 02.00 came, a Jack Russel dog the women had with them began to whine and darted off into one of the houses. At that moment the three women heard a noise that Mrs. M. says "We never want to hear again in all our lives." It was like a sucking, croaking noise and was repeated four times. Then, with a huge sucking sound, this terrifying figure appeared on the waste land and after seeing it for a few seconds they all screamed and fled inside. The figure was of normal height and wore a one-piece suit with a goldfish bowl on its head. There was a glass visor, a ridged tube like an elephant trunk and a box on its chest into which this led. Around the face-end of the tube were lumps. The right arm was held stiffly and the other held the box.

Mrs. M awoke her son who lived opposite and he tried to film the area, but the flash unit failed to work (even when new batteries were put in). The figure wasn't seen again after this first encounter, and when the police arrived at 02.35 they were laughing, but soon changed their attitude when they saw the women's fear. A WPC searched the area but found nothing, although the dog reacted adversely by the garages.

The women checked fire, police and council offices, but couldn't find a suit like the one worn. A neighbour suggested that they may have seen a workman spraying rat poison, but the council said they would not do so at that time of night. Since the encounter the women have seen assorted LITS in the area.

Ref. "Northern UFO News", no. 100, Jan/Feb. 1983.

POLTERGEIST PROJECTILES?

A genuine case of 'Pennies from Heaven' mystified the parishioners of St. Elizabeth's Church, Reddish, between Manchester and Stockport. On the morning of 28 May 1982, a young girl claimed to have seen a 50p coin fall "from nowhere" in front of her as she walked through the churchyard. During the day many pounds worth of copper and silver coins were found by children at the same location. The affair came to the attention of the Rector, Rev. Graham Marshall, when the owner of a corner shop came to see him wondering if the sudden increase in children buying sweets meant they were raiding his Poor Box. Rev. Marshall tracked down the phenomenon to his churchyard and collected numerous plummeting pence to a value of over £2. Investigations quickly eliminated the obvious theories - the nearby church wall was too high to conceal a practical joker, and there

were no signs of magpie nests, and a number of coins dropping together ruled out the idea of a bird overhead.

We managed to speak to the Rev. Marshall, who confirmed all the details. Children would hear the tinkle of coins on the path and turn to discover them. Only in one case (above) did a girl claim to see one falling. Most curious of all, he told us, was a detail all the kids could not have dreamed up - a few coins were found embedded in the ground by their edges. He tried an experiment, hurling a fistful of coins at the ground, but they made no impression. Either the coins fell from a great height (which does not square with the gentle tinkle signalling the arrival of most of them), or we are seeing in the open, the phenomenon of poltergeist projectiles. Anyone with a modest reading in the latter subject will be familiar with stones of impossible trajectories, sudden acceleration or deceleration, instantaneous loss of momentum, slow falls, and eerie markmanship. Whether or not this applies to the Reddish Ready we do not know. Coins fell from an un-discovered source and there is some feeling that they might have fallen also the day before, and possibly the day after, the 28th.

Taken from "Fortean Times", no. 36, Winter 1982, pp.26-27, quoting "Stockport Express", June 4, 1981.

Footnote: Like those few coins found embedded in the ground by apparently inexplicable means, Bigfoot types and other alien animals leave deep footprints in hard ground quite out of proportion to their estimated weight. If this is not due to great weight, which would require the creatures to be composed of high density material, then what branch of science should we turn to for an answer? (Ed.)

UNIDENTIFIED SUBMERSIBLE OBJECTS (USOs)

Night-time; May 11, 1981. Penzance, Cornwall.

Mrs. Sandy Tsan, a nursery school supervisor, was in her house when she happened to glance out of her window and saw a very bright sphere in the sky. Within minutes a second one appeared and this continued until there were four such spheres in the sky, all hovering in a straight line. Mrs. Tsan watched them for 25 minutes when they slowly began to fade.

Shaken, Mrs. Tsan made herself a cup of tea, but some three minutes later all the objects appeared once again in more or less the same position in the sky. Ten minutes elapsed before they began to move east over Mounts Bay, home for the Penzance-to-Scilly Isles ferry. After a further 10 minutes or so the objects formed into another straight line, and then they slowly and evenly descended to sea level before disappearing beneath the water.

Mrs. Tsan was shocked even more as she realised the four objects could not have been distress flares, etc., because on this treacherous part of the coast everyone can positively identify flares. Besides, this night was very calm with hardly any wind and the sky was very clear.

The next day Mrs. Tsan contacted the local newspaper and was told that she wasn't the only one to have seen the bright spheres - four other people had also. These people described the same sequence of movements and saw them at the same time as Mrs. Tsan, which brought her some relief.

We can reveal that this is not the only case of objects having been seen just above or below the sea around Cornwall, for they've also been reported by some of the local fishermen. While some objects have been identical to Mrs. Tsan's sighting, others have been described as oval, and colours reported as blue, red, firey red, orange and bright white. Explanations by the authorities such as the M.O.D. for these sightings include submarines or bizarre research exercises, and these are clearly pathetic...

Slightly reworded account taken from "West Country UFO News", no.5, Nov.1982, p.7.

MYSTERY OF A HOLE IN THE ROAD

People living in the quiet Berkshire village of Charvil couldn't believe their eyes when they woke on the morning of January 16, 1983, for a mystery trench had appeared cutting off their access road. The only explanation the residents could come up with was vandals... of the hard-working, silent and neat variety.

One resident, Mr. Halliday of Thames Drive, said: "I couldn't believe it. The hole cut off Milestone Avenue, which is our only access road. It was like an elephant trap. Whoever did it took up five feet of tarmac and then dug a trench more than a foot deep. It's got lovely neat edges."

The police have no theories yet about who dug the hole, while Mr. Qusklay, Berkshire Council Area Surveyor, said: "It's a mystery... The road isn't our responsibility... but even if it was we wouldn't go digging there in the middle of the night."

Summary of article in "Reading Evening Post". Jan. 19, 1983.

UFO CREW WERE 'FAT, UGLY'

Paris. Tues. AAP.

A 45-year-old labourer claimed today he was "sucked up" by a UFO and whisked six kilometres away.

Stefan Gasparovic, who is in hospital with bruises and memory and sight difficulties, described the UFO crew as "fat, ugly little men with pointed ears."

He described the UFO as a "ball of flame" flying at a height of 200 metres.

Some townsfolk at Metz, in eastern France, agreed they had seen something bright in the sky on Sunday, but others thought Mr. Gasparovic was suffering from heatstroke.

"Herald" (Melbourne, Victoria, Australia), July 20, 1983.

Cr. "UFO Newsclipping Service", Sept. 1983, p.13.

SCIENTISTS BAFLED BY ASTONISHING EVIDENCE OF UFO LANDING

Government scientists are totally baffled by an incredible UFO that mysteriously aged plants at the spot where it landed.

The eerie saucer-shaped craft touched down in the Gard region of southern France, according to an eyewitness, a retired bank clerk in whose garden it landed.

"This is the first time we have findings that defy explanation," confessed Alain Esterie, former chief of GEPAN, a French government scientific team that investigates UFO sightings.

Tests of plants from the spot where the ship landed revealed that the normally green grass and weeds had mysteriously lost their green colour. They had faded to brown, shriveled and turned old as though the aging process had accelerated!

What's more, the amazing UFO made prints in the soil that were still visible 40 days after the landing... and it also left bizarre deposits of iron oxide and other minerals not normally found at that site! After all the tests we can't explain what happened," admitted Esterie, whose agency spent two years studying the Jan. 8, 1981 sighting.

The ENQUIRER has obtained the scientists' report. It includes the following account by the witness, identified only as Mr. Colini: "I was working in the garden about 5 pm when a strange whistling noise caught my attention. I turned and saw a craft shaped like two inverted plates, one on top of the other, in the air roughly level with a large pine tree on the edge of my property. The machine was descending slowly, but I saw no flames or smoke around it. I took cover behind a hut. It was very quiet. It fell, but didn't smash. Then it lifted off the ground and when it reached the height of the trees it zoomed away to the northeast. The craft was about four feet tall."

Where it had landed, police said, they found two circular indentations in the ground, about 6 and 6½ feet in diameter.

Colini told a neighbour about the landing and informed the police. The next day, officers took the first of two sets of soil and plant samples. The police also called in the GEPAN scientists. And five laboratories tested the plant samples. They reported that the "only conceivable explanation (for their sudden aging) was exposure to a powerful electro-magnetic field."

The official report concluded: "The least we can say is that an event of great significance occurred at this place and time."

"National Enquirer" (USA), October 11, 1983.

Cr. Mr. Cyril Marystone, New York.

UFO ACTIVITY IN NORWAY

An important series of UFO sightings which began in November 1981 has been quietly taking place in two well defined parts of Norway. The first area displaying activity was the town of Arendal on the southern (Skagerrak) coast where lights and structured objects - cigar shapes mainly - were witnessed by many for about 3 weeks, mostly at night. Luckily the flap lasted long enough for UFO investigators to take 78 photo's, but unfortunately only coloured lights show up in their films.

The other centre of activity was (and probably will be again) Hessdalen, an area 600 km from Arendal and situated in a remote valley among the mountains of central Norway. Since December 1981, and immediately following the Arendal flap, hundreds of lights, cigar and egg-shaped objects have been reported, mostly at night with only a handful during day-time. Here, too, UFO investigators have managed to photograph some objects, but the witnesses' reports tell of more interesting sights than the photo's show.

When activity was at its peak in early 1982 it received good coverage on TV, radio and in the press. As a result, hundreds of people rushed to Hessdalen hoping to see something, and on occasion 100 cars at a time were present at various locations.

Some UFO researchers are of the opinion that these objects are under some sort of intelligent control and "motivated in some way by the geophysical character of the Hessdalen area." Apparently the magnetic field here is the strongest in the country.

Meanwhile PROJECT HESSDALEN, comprises various Scandinavian groups, whose aim is to investigate the phenomenon which, although quiet at the moment, usually flares up as autumn arrives.

Ref's. Fine accounts appear in NORDIC UFO NEWSLETTER no.2, 1982; 1, 1983 & 2, 1983. This publication is normally only available by exchange although the really interested can try dropping them a line at: NORDIC UFO GROUPS, P.O. Box 1155, N-5001, BERGEN, Norway. Alternatively a good account by Hilary Evans appears in MAGONIA no.14 (with small corrections noted in no. 15). 50p each, £2/4 issues payable "John Rimmer" at 64 Alric Avenue, New Malden, Surrey KT3 4JW.

APE-MEN TO THE RESCUE

Scientists are investigating the strange story of a French Canadian trapper who claims he was saved from death in the wild by a family of hairy creatures like the Abominable Snowman of the Himalayas. Georges Gilot, 42, was searching for firewood on a mountain slope in the Yukon when he broke his leg and was knocked out in a fall.

When he came to, he says, he found himself in a cave with a group of six ape-like creatures with large staring eyes. Folded beside him was his tent.

Although frightening to look at, the creatures - scientists have named them the Bigfoot group because of large footprints found in different parts of Canada - were friendly and tried to communicate with him in sign language.

In Canada's "Weekly World News", Gilot says the ape-men fed him with raw meat and dried fruit, while his leg mended with the help of a tent pole splint.

"The family was made up of two adults and four younger creatures," he says. "They were gentle and very tender with each other. They talked in deep-throated grunts. I spent about seven weeks with them and they nursed me back to health. Then one morning they were gone."

Gilot packed up what gear he could carry and returned slowly to his log cabin. Without the help of the wild creatures, he says, he would almost certainly have died of starvation and cold.

The trapper's story is one of several reports of half-human creatures being seen in remote parts of North America in recent years.

Odette Tchernine, author of "The Snowman and Company" and "The Yeti" told me: "It is a strange story but I feel sure it is true. I certainly believe there are elusive ape-like people in remote areas of the world. But this is the first time I have heard of any modern person living with them."

Miss Tchernine is shortly to bring out a new book entitled "Alive! The Missing Link".

"The Sunday Express" (London), November 6, 1983.

SEARCH FOR THE HAIRY MONSTERS OF CHINA

PEKING: Chinese researchers claim that they have new evidence of at least eight hairy monsters, the elusive and legendary "wild men" who may be the missing link between apes and humans, roaming the forests of Hubei Province. "Steady progress has been made in the research and study of the wild men. A large amount of material has been collected from eye-witnesses," writes Li Jian, secretary-general of the Chinese Wild Man Research Institute in Wuhan, Hubei's capital.

His article in "The Workers Daily" claims researchers at Wuhan Medical College recently examined "hairs of eight kinds of red-haired wild men" and concluded eight of the creatures exist in the Hubei back-country. The Wild Man Institute claims more than 200 large footprints, up to 19" long and human-like feces, have been found on Hubei's Jiongdao mountain.

Taken from the "Sunday Express" (London), February 26, 1984.

DOES AN ARTIFICIAL OBJECT ORBIT THE PLANET SATURN?

In their fly-by of the ringed planet Saturn, both Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 spacecraft detected discharges similar to terrestrial lightning, which were later shown to originate not from the planet but from somewhere within the ring system. In an article in "Nature", scientists at JPL, the University of Colorado and Radiophysics Inc., write of having used data from Voyagers' radio telescopes to pin-point the exact location of the lightning source, which suggests it is a discreet entity orbiting the planet on its own and hidden within the 'B' ring, some 108,000km from the centre of Saturn.

Analysis of the best of the visual resolution material from Voyager 2's instruments reveals two 300 km-wide bands filled by small particles, and in the centre of all this what appears to be a barely detectable dust-filled gap only 150 metres wide from which larger particles have been herded. Whatever it is that's causing the great bolts of lightning lies within this gap, and as yet no one has a clue what sort of small, natural body could be producing such unique effects.

Summary of report in "Astronomy" magazine (Milwaukee, WI, USA), June 1983, pp.60 & 62.

GOVERNMENT FACES LAWSUITS OVER ALLEGED 'COSMIC WATERGATE'

Successful Freedom of Information Act suits by some UFO writers and the Washington-based Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) have already pried thousands of pages of UFO-related material from the FBI, CIA and other agencies. Other such suits against the Air Force are pending and the Supreme Court some months ago dismissed a suit against the super-secret National Security Agency, which had to admit, though, that it possessed hundreds of UFO-related documents.

Two other suits are generating excitement and publicity: a suit of "habeas corpus extraterrestrial" filed by CAUS to force the government to reveal the alleged alien bodies, and a \$10 million damage suit on behalf of two women and a boy who had symptoms similar to radiation poisoning after they encountered a fiery UFO on a Texas road in December 1980. Because the UFO was reportedly surrounded by more than 20 helicopters such as the military uses, the plaintiffs claim the government should take the responsibility for their injuries, which include hair loss, progressive blindness and psychological problems.

A federal judge dismissed the CAUS suit last month, and the suit filed by Betty Cash, Vickie Landrum and her grandson Colby is being appealed. After hearing arguments by CAUS and a lawyer representing the Air Force at a hearing last month, District Court Judge Oliver Gasch rejected CAUS Director Larry Bryant's request for a "writ of habeas corpus extraterrestrial," partly because Bryant had no way of knowing whether the alien remains really existed. Bryant argued, however, that FBI documents recently made public included strong evidence the government was holding alien remains. The memo, included in court records and dated March 22, 1950, stated: "An investigator for the Air Force stated that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico... Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only three feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth."

"This is a public issue on the scale of Watergate," Bryant told Gasch at a 30-minute preliminary hearing... Bryant tried to introduce a document submitted by Leonard Stringfield, who has interviewed former military personnel who claim that the ETs were held at Wright-Patterson AFB, near Dayton, Ohio. The judge asked, "What you are telling me is hearsay?" Bryant responded, "In a case like this, hearsay prevails."

After the suit was thrown out Bryant said: "The bodies are there. It's just getting to them. There's smoke and there has got to be a fire. This court has lost a big opportunity."

In the Cash-Landrum case, the two middle-aged women and the boy, now 9, still have symptoms from a UFO they claim to have encountered... The diamond-shaped object, radiating intense heat and light, hovered over the road in front of their car, belching flames downward.

The witnesses said they experienced uncomfortable heat, even though the evening was cool, and that the car door was too hot to touch. Cash got out of the car to look at the object while Landrum stayed inside to comfort the terror-stricken Colby.

The three all claim to have seen military-type helicopters circling the object and following it as it left. Their descriptions matched the twin-rotor Chinook helicopter in wide use by the military.

After returning to their homes, all three developed severe symptoms similar to those of atomic bomb victims in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, including swelling of tissues, nausea, loss of appetite and hair, blistering of the skin and lethargy. Some of the symptoms persist, most tragically for Colby, who has had a progressive loss of sight. He also suffers from an irrational fear of helicopters, according to space engineer John Schuessler, who has been investigating the case.

With the help of New York lawyer Peter Gersten, now of Gagliardi, Torres & Gersten in Tarrytown, N.Y., and a member of CAUS, a \$10 million damage claim was filed against the Air Force in December 1982. The claim was rejected on the grounds that "the attendant facts failed to establish that the unidentified flying object or helicopters were owned or operated by the U.S. government."

Gersten in response wrote in a July 20 letter, "Regardless of who owned and operated the strange craft or helicopters, the United States government has the responsibility of protecting the citizens of this country from physical injury resulting from any unwarranted and/or inadvertent exposure to a secret government vehicle or a foreign airborne aggressor, whether terrestrial or extraterrestrial..."

"The burden of proof is now shifted to the government to prove that it is not responsible for the resulting injuries to my clients."

Gersten plans to initiate a lawsuit in the appropriate U.S. district court to press the claim. If the government does not settle out of court, the possibility exists that court-ordered discovery proceedings will force the Air Force to open its files on this incident and others.

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Slightly reduced account from the "TRIBUNE" (New York, NY, USA), August 11, 1983.
Cr. UFO Newsclipping Service, Sept.83, p.7.

ALIENS SEEN IN NEW YORK CITY

Space aliens are hiding out and conducting research in condemned tenements and brownstones in the slums of New York City. The aliens have been sighted over a period of several weeks in a deserted city slum made up almost entirely of condemned buildings in Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant section.

Meanwhile, an early morning jogger briefly spotted an egg-shaped craft taking off in the dawn's light from nearby Prospect Park. "He was moving along the sidewalk just outside the park when he saw bright coloured lights through the trees. It was just behind the small zoo there. He was afraid to go inside to the park, but by standing on a bench, he was able to see a glowing oblong craft just as it took off," the source said. "It's getaway was incredibly fast. In one second it moved from hovering a few feet off the ground to beyond the horizon."

Sixteen certified sightings by different people - nearly always in the early morning hours - have been collected and filed by an elite, informed and secret task force within the New York City Metropolitan Police, nicknamed the "E.T.s." In a city where the strange is normal and most of the policemen deeply skeptical, the E.T. squad has concluded that 16 sightings are genuine among the dozens of accounts they have sifted through. A source within the squad who asked not to be identified said the group has gone back and re-opened the files on every recent account of sightings of strange creatures with prominent green eyes and red reptilian skin. These creatures have been seen in the early morning hours, sometimes by people police do not consider reliable witnesses - prostitutes, drifters,

alcoholics and tramps - who roam the city's no-man's land of boarded-up and condemned buildings.

"The creatures dress in raincoats, hats and dark glasses and usually pass unnoticed," the source said. "They have attracted more attention in the hot weather because their clothing is more conspicuous." The aliensquad has come to believe the aliens are living in the deserted buildings and conducting research there. The police task force has no intention of making the findings public, the source said. "But I believe the people should be warned," he said.

In one of the strangest accounts by a witness police consider reliable, a taxi driver actually struck an alien in the early hours of a smoggy morning. "The cabbie was barreling along," the source said. "He said an eerie feeling came over him and he wanted to get out of the area - quick. Suddenly this form appeared in front of him and - whoomp! - he hit it. The driver was a Vietnamese vet and got out to give first aid. The guy on the ground was out cold. The cabbie tried to take a pulse. There was nothing. The guy was totally cold, like about 50 degrees cold. Then the driver noticed the hand only had three fingers. And the skin was scaley. The head was totally bald. The eyes, even though they were shut, seemed funny. The skin was reddish. The driver spooked and ran. By the time we arrived there was no victim at all. Just some stuff on the ground that looked like radiator fluid, only the cab's radiator wasn't leaking."

Another of the squad's thickest files involves a mother and her 10-year-old son who live on the outskirts of the no-man's land. The mother, who is divorced and works during the day, asked for help from social agencies because she couldn't keep the boy out of the condemned buildings. The boy told social workers stories of strange goings-on - eerie lights at night, men with glowing eyes and perfect rooms with shiny walls, TV screens, consoles and equipment.

Police, when at last they investigated, found nothing. "Some of those buildings don't even have any entrances any more," the police source said. "We couldn't get in ourselves. The doors and windows have been cemented shut to keep the tramps from setting fires."

The boy's stories were discounted until they jibed with other sightings in "Alienville," as police have dubbed the dismal area.

Police are also looking into missing person reports in the area, on the chance that such disappearances were actually alien kidnappings.

"Sun" (New York?). U.S.A. August 30th, 1983. Cr. Mr. Cyril Marystone, New York.

N.B. Since it isn't known how much truth there is to the above, please read with considerable reservations! (Ed.)

EPIDEMIC OF 'THINGS' (File on the Unexplained).

Recently, "The Unexplained" dealt headlong with a phenomenon quietly reaching epidemic proportions - the increasing numbers of terrifying "things" being seen in the hidden valleys, the far-away mountains and the deep lakes of the world.

A variety of reports are reaching us of monstrosities like the water-loving miscreation in Africa that bears an incredible likeness to the extinct brontosaurus; the great man-like baboon that haunts China's Hubeir Province; and the awesome buffalo-headed sea monster that lies waiting in its volcanic lake on the China-North Korea border.

There is some comfort in knowing that oceans separate us from them... but that satisfaction evaporates like the sudden sound of fear when consideration is given to what is happening not too far from our North American homes. For instance:

Anna Mae Saunders, 60, and her son-in-law Charles Fulton of Mason County, Kentucky, had a heart-stopping view of a seven-foot monster, covered with long white hair, which was an unwelcome guest on their front porch on the evening of Oct.4, 1980. Neither of them want to see the apparition again, ever.

Fulton, 39, and his family were watching television after a hard week's work when tentative, scratching sounds were heard at the front door of the farmhouse. Before anyone, fortunately, had a chance to respond, the heavy door burst open. The open space was filled with white, shaggy hair. Whatever stood there was so tall that its head was above the top of the door frame.

Quick-thinking Fulton, surrounded by screaming family members, grabbed his 22-calibre pistol and shot twice at nearly point blank range. There is no possibility that his shots missed their appalling target.

But, seemingly unhurt, the huge creature turned and loped off into the nearby woods offering its dumbfounded witnesses a 90-second view of itself and leaving one of Fulton's chickens on the porch, dead.

Kentucky is the better part of 1,000 miles from Central Florida, but equally mystifying reports recently have come in from two backwood areas there.

"Investigators are baffled by the origin of giant footprints discovered deep in the Ocala National Forest," begins a UPI wire story dated July 2, 1980.

The day before, a road grader had come to an isolated section of sand road in a seldom travelled section of the forest. The road builder stopped, astonished, at the sight of six 17-inch long by 6½-inch wide footprints. They left the dense forest on one side of the road, crossed it and disappeared into the wall of green entanglement on the other side.

Sgt. Dee Kirby of the Lake County Sherrif's Department, made casts of the prints. So did representatives of the U.S. Forestry Service. These casts show a 5-toed foot with an arched instep. The prints were about 4 feet apart and, evidenced by the depth in the semi-soft sand, law enforcement officers were led to believe that whatever walked across that narrow road must have weighed close to 1,000 pounds and could, possibly, stand 10 to 12 feet in height.

Slightly less terrifying to consider, perhaps, is the gentle colossus that, while it has harmed no one yet, has been scaring the residents of Bardin, Florida, a crossroads in the centre of the Sunshine State.

Although the first sightings go back a number of years, more recent appearances have produced enough news value to reach the pages of the "Daily News" in nearby Palatka and the wires of the Associated Press.

The marshy, sub-tropical forest has been home to the Bardin creatures for more than 45 years. During that time, it has been reliably reported on at least a dozen times. But something has persuaded it to lose the shyness that was, in a way, part of the appeal that has kept townspeople from hunting it down. Appearances, now, are rarely more than six months apart, sometimes only weeks in between.

One of the more recent sightings was on the night of April 16, 1981. Doug Crews was one of several young men sitting on the tailgates of their pickup trucks. The talk was relaxed, the night quiet and moonlit. It was Crews who first saw the white shape coming from the woods. All conversation stopped as the five farmers watched the electrifying scene. Slowly, as if completely unconcerned with its surroundings, that awful wraith came to within 30 feet of the staring onlookers.

There were five different opinions of the visitor's size and general conformation that night but there was a unanimity of opinion, an unshakable agreement, that something had, indeed come out of the April woods that evening.

"The Edmonton Sunday Sun", August 15, 1982. Cr. Mr. J.B. Musgrave, Alberta, Canada.

A CALIFORNIAN FILM MAKER PROBES THE EXTRATERRESTRIALS

John Tricas doesn't want to be contacted by extraterrestrials or have a close encounter. He's talked to too many people who have and he knows it's a debilitating, deflating experience. No one believes them and it shatters their whole perception about reality. He also knows from first-hand experience.

Tricas is first a film maker and second a UFO investigator. The Agoura resident has been making films since he was 12. He started working as a grip in Hollywood at 16 when he was a student at Newbury Park High School. It was through his filming that he became entranced with extraterrestrials.

A free-lance field producer, Tricas was researching a story on UFOs and the government's alleged cover-up of the subject for television's "In Search of..." with Leonard Nimoy when his interest was whetted. At the same time as the "In Search of..." staff was preparing its segment, Channel 7 did a story on a man in Wyoming who claimed to have been taken on board a spaceship. Several aspects about his story made it plausible, said Tricas, who asked Channel 7 to see the story. "I knew there was credence to the story," said Tricas. "It wasn't just lights in the sky stuff." The sightings recurred during the late 1970's, according to Tricas.

The producers not only agreed to let Tricas see the tape but to do a follow-up on the man for Channel 7's "Eye on L.A."

During the summer of 1980 the young film maker and cameraman camped out in Wyoming for five weeks near where Pat McGuire, married and the father of eight, claimed the discs had been sighted. Three weeks into the trip, he and the cameraman were sitting on a knoll when a green globe of electricity came at them. It did a 90-degree turn, shot up and disappeared. The experience lasted about 10 seconds. They saw the globe twice more and were able to take photos. But when they took the film for developing it had blistered in several places. Holes were burned through the film, which the lab technicians said could be caused only by an intense energy source such as the sun. The sightings occurred at night.

Here is McGuire's story: It begins in 1974 when strange lights appeared at night. Shortly after, cattle were mutilated on his property. Cattle mutilation is an unexplained phenomenon throughout the farms and ranches of the West and Midwest. Often the skin is cauterized as though by laser and sexual organs appear to be surgically removed, according to Tricas. A relationship seemed to exist between the occurrence of the lights in the sky and cattle mutilations. McGuire and his cousin suspected cattle rustlers with helicopters. They staked out the area and one night spotted the lights... The cousins drove to within 1,000 feet of a hovering object which was giving off tremendous light when they realised it was not emitting a sound. This was no helicopter. The cattle were gathered below the disc, bawling. The men watched in amazement as the object shot down beams of light and picked up a cow. The cow disappeared.

McGuire's story was revealed under hypnosis by Dr. Leo Sprinkle of the University of Wyoming... McGuire had no conscious memory of the experience, but under hypnosis, he said he had been picked up 12 times. He has since been divorced. The unexplained experience shook his personal life, which is typical of contactees, according to Tricas. Questioning McGuire was an eerie experience. "It was as though he was a channel for them. They answered through him," said Tricas.

One thing which made McGuire's story credible to Tricas was a well he had drilled on his property which pumped in excess of 8,000 gallons a minute. It was the largest well in the arid state. The second largest pumped 3,000 gallons a minute. Experts said it was a miracle he could have drilled such a well. McGuire said he was guided by the Star People, his name for the beings who visited him because of the star on their helms. Through McGuire, the Star People said they had directed him to drill the well to prove that they were here. It was a calling card, it would be in other contactees, they told McGuire.

Why are they contacting certain people? These people are being guided because of their talents, Tricas said. "The beings said, 'It's according to the plan.' When I asked what plan, they said, 'It's not for you to know,' reported Tricas.

The beings are interdimensional, he said. They're not physical in their true form, not flesh and blood but electricity. They can manifest their appearance in different forms. Experts think there are 70 different groups of beings, said Tricas. He said these could be what the Bible calls angels or some call the devil. There are many early references to beings visiting the earth, according to Tricas. He has a photo of a 15th century painting of the Madonna and baby Jesus with a shepherd in the background gazing at what appears to be a space ship.

He also has copies of documents signed by J. Edgar Hoover, former head of the FBI, and the Army acknowledging the government's retrieval of crashed or incapacitated "discs" or "saucers" and said the government's withholding of this information could be the next Watergate. Reduced article from the "News Chronicle" (Thousand Oaks, Los Angeles, Calif. USA), October 12, 1982. Cr. Mr. Lindy Whitehurst, Dallas, Texas, USA.

A NEW NEWSLETTER - A REGRETTABLE CHANGE OF PLAN, by the Editor.

Despite my announcement last issue that a Newsletter of my own would be following the Earthlink series, I regret to say that, for various good reasons, this will now no longer be possible. I had every hope of continuing on when the previous edition of Earthlink was published, but now it is clear that another publication is not to be and I can only say sorry to all those who anticipated the follow-on Newsletter. For what it is worth, I'd just like to say that I intend carrying on with my interest in UFOs and it is possible that some articles will eventually appear in various publications - Flying Saucer Review,*for example.

In closing I can only hope that readers have enjoyed the contents of this magazine, and trust everyone is able to find an alternative publication to their liking.

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