



# FLYING SAUCER NEWS

THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE FLYING SAUCER CLUB OF GT. BRITAIN

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IT'S NOW

## OFFICIAL!

**B**BRITISH and American intelligence experts are now exchanging "Top Secret" information about Flying Saucer sightings. Air Ministry officials have admitted that regular interchange of information between Britain and the United States has begun.

THE MATTER IS NOW A TOP LEVEL STAFF ITEM IN BRITAIN.

Several alledged Saucer incidents have been withheld from the public on grounds of security.

The Admiralty is also known to have collated information from the Fleet Air Arm.

In America, USAF crews are now issued with a questionnaire prior to take-off. Carefully calculated questions, 42 in all have to be answered as soon as an 'Object' is spotted. Air crews are also asked to make sketches at once.

IN ADDITION - A SEPERATE "ELECTRONICS DATA SHEET" HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR GROUND RADAR STAFF WHO MIGHT GET THE SAUCERS IN THEIR SCREENS.

The U.S. Ministry of Defence states: "The Air Force has

never denied that the possibility exists that the Flying Saucers are from another planet"

THE FOREGOING INFORMATION HAS JUST REACHED US (via the "Sunday Graphic" 8/11/53) - AT THE INSTANT OF 'GOING TO PRESS'.

WE HAVE THEREFORE DISPENSED WITH OUR EDITORIAL (A SUMMING UP OF RECENT EVENTS) - AND REDRAFTED THIS FRONT PAGE.

By the time this reaches members, they are likely to be reading of even further developments, in the daily press.

Obviously, the future policy of the Club will have to be reviewed - and it is hoped to convene a meeting of top British 'Saucerers' in London very soon for this purpose. (That is, the FSC, "Ouranos" and the BFSB - see pages 6 & 13).

These announcements shed a little light, perhaps, on the news from America referred to in the panel below - the only remaining item from our original front page.....

SUDDEN "CLAMP-DOWN"  
ON U.S. SAUCER GROUPS!  
SEE SPECIAL ITEM  
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"POSTAL SAUCERERS"

The following members would like to correspond with fellow-members or other interested persons:

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Mr. N.T. Armitage,  
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BIRMINGHAM, 38. (Jnr.)

✓ Mr. R. Avery,  
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N.W.9. (is an aeromodeller).

M. Andrew Rekk,  
148 Winston Churchill Ave,  
Uccle, BRUSSELS, Belgium.  
(Also an aeromodeller).

Miss A. Saloman and  
Miss W. Harries, (Staff)  
City Isolation Hospital,  
CARDIFF.

Mr. J.R. Hammond,  
58 Stratford Road, West-  
Bridgford, Nottingham.

✓ Edward Fournier Jr.,  
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RHODE ISLAND, U.S.A.

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TANGIER, Morocco.

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A WORD TO LOCAL MEMBERS.

Several Brighton residents have asked if there is any local group. This query was to be expected, as a result of the items appearing in the local press. It has been pointed out to them that this Club is operated solely via the medium of Flying Saucer News and the mail.

However, your Secretary recently joined a local group, who meet in Brighton, and are called :

THE NEBULA SCIENCE SURVEY GROUP.

This group studies many types of phenomena, from Flying Saucers, to occult and psychical. There is also a library, from which members may borrow any of the club books, which include - as well as Science-Fiction - books on Yoga, Dianetics, Space Travel, etc. and the works of Einstein, Darwin, Dunn, and others.

Meetings are quite informal, and are at present held at the president's home, where a room is devoted to the Club activities and library.

Most members are Science-Fiction enthusiasts, and in fact, the Group is named after a well-known British publication in this field. The Editor of NEBULA, Mr. Peter Hamilton, is an associate member of the group (and has just joined the F.S.C.! See p.18- Ed.) and is assisting in the production of a 'Fanzine', by loan of printing blocks.

Membership fees are 1/- enrolment, and 2/6 per annum, with nominal library charges.

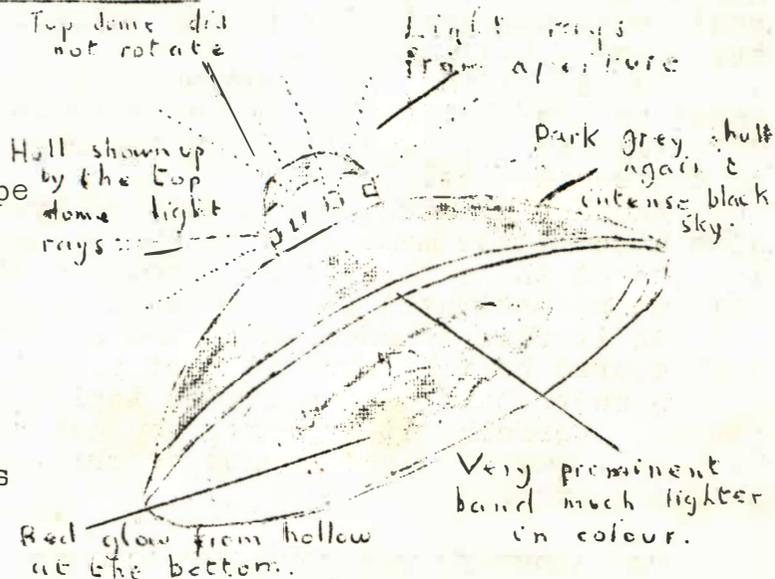
Intending members should contact the president, Stephen C. Wright, at 25 Seville Street, BRIGHTON, 7, by letter in the first instance.

## THE NORWICH SAUCER

One of the most detailed sightings on record!

AN OBJECT LIKE A "FLYING SAUCER" glowing in the night sky over Norwich and moving at incredible speed has been seen through a telescope and the observation is confirmed by several reliable witnesses.

Members of the Norwich Astronomical Society who have been keeping watch throughout the hours of darkness in the hope of catching in their telescopes one of the strange lighted objects whizzing over the city have succeeded.



### EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT.

Mr. F.W. Potter was keeping a watch on Tuesday evening, October 6th, at 7.15 pm. with a  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " refractor telescope, when a very bright object appeared in the south-west as a yellow light of great size.

He says:

"I focussed upon it and found the light given from the object was not reflected sunlight as I first believed, but an internal light being sent out from a fixed apparatus situated around a dome.

"The rays or beams of light could be seen distinctly from the dome, and attached directly beneath it was a much larger and flattened dome with a protruding band running in a circumference round its edge.

"This was clearly seen in the telescope by the rays of light thrown out from the apertures in the top dome. The underneath of the large flattened bottom dome was hollow and appeared to be glowing red, but there were no vapour trails or gases to be seen.

### ANGULAR COURSE.

"It did not rotate but kept the same portion of the dome towards the telescope until it changed its angular course. Then it gave me a chance to visualise another of the apertures that previously had been hidden from view."

Mr. Potter added that the night sky was perfect, with no cloud and all constellations visible.

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NORWICH SAUCER - Continued.

The object was noiseless and kept a constant altitude. The duration of movement on its course from coming into view in the south-west and vanishing in the telescope in the north-east was three and a half minutes.

Mr. F. Dewing, of Lloyd Road, Norwich, saw the strange object about an hour later when he was near the Plumsted Road Library. This time it was travelling on the reverse course and disappeared to the south-west.

Another witness, Mr. Small, of Prince-of-Wales Road, who is also a committee member of the Norwich Astronomical Society, saw the object the same evening through a binocular-telescope. He told me he estimated its height at 10,000 feet or above.

As it flew so unerringly and at such a speed on this N.E.-S.W. course he felt sure it must be guided by a radio beam.

Saucers have been a common topic in Western America for years. Norfolk, it appears, now has night-flying saucers seen by people whose evidence cannot be written off as imagination or hallucination.

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THE ABOVE IS THE COMPLETE ACCOUNT, WITH DIAGRAM, AS IT WAS PUBLISHED BY THE "EASTERN EVENING NEWS", NORWICH, 8/10/53.

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Mr. Potter has since been interviewed on the B.B.C. Midland Home Service, by Hardiment Scott. He has now accepted Life Membership of the Flying Saucer Club, and tells us that he and his fellow-astronomers have set up 'contact points' all over the country, and will inform us of any further developments. \*

Mr. DESMOND LESLIE, co-author of "Flying Saucers Have Landed" (See page 9) gave a lecture in Norwich, on October 20th, at which he stated that his co-author GEORGE ADAMSKI has had further 'contact' with the space-visitor, who said that the men from Venus were "very amused" by the book. He also stated that there were very small saucers which acted as "flying eyes". They were about the size of ordinary saucers and had come right up to aeroplane windows. (Again, we quote from the "Eastern Evening News" - this time, of 21/10/53).

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THIS NORWICH SIGHTING IS, WE THINK, ONE OF THE MOST DETAILED AND WELL-AUTHENTICATED ON RECORD, EITHER HERE OR ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD - APART, OF COURSE, FROM THOSE DESCRIBED, WITH PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE BOOK, "FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED". COMING FROM INDEPENDENT WITNESSES, WE FEEL THAT IT IS ALL THE MORE VALUABLE - AND THE RESEMBLANCE OF THE NORWICH SAUCER TO THOSE SHOWN IN ADAMSKI'S PICTURES IS TRULY MOST REMARKABLE.

\* Further news from Mr. Potter - page 17.

# THE SAUCER OVER THE CHANNEL

ON OCTOBER 9th. two experienced British European Airways pilots reported that on a flight to Paris they watched a mysterious object in the sky for 30 minutes.

The weather was perfect, with visibility unlimited - one could see an aircraft 50 or 60 miles away. Just after a 'Constellation' aircraft had overtaken them, Capt. Fletcher noticed the 'Saucer'.

It appeared to him at first to be just another aircraft, above the 'Constellation' and a little to the left, and it seemed to have similar sun reflections.

After a while, however, they became aware of a subtle difference between the "aircraft" and the 'Constellation'. Even when the latter was some 30 miles ahead, the irregularities of its engines and tail could be distinguished, breaking up the reflecting surface of the wing.

The Saucer, however, was smooth and unbroken - and it was much more highly polished than a normal aircraft's "skin". Its relative position to the observers remained unchanged throughout the whole 30 minutes, and it appeared to be motionless.

The intensity of the reflected light from its top surface (it was like two shallow saucers with their rims together) remained absolutely steady until the last ten minutes, when it dwindled away at a rate consistent with the changing position of the sun.

The object appeared to be solid, having a shape approximately that of an aircraft wing, being roughly one tenth as deep as it was long, and constructed of some unusually highly polished metal.

THE ABOVE IS CONDENSED FROM A HALF-PAGE REPORT OF AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PILOTS, PUBLISHED BY THE "SUNDAY DISPATCH" OF OCTOBER 18th, 1953.

Needless to say, there appeared, the following week, the usual "explanation" - a letter saying that the quite simple explanation was that they had seen (you've guessed it, the same old story! -) the PLANET VENUS !

So Venus is now out of the 'oblate spheroid' category, and has become one tenth as deep as she is wide. News indeed for the astronomical fraternity!

OUR THANKS ARE DUE....

To all those who have so kindly helped with the compilation of this number, by sending along press cuttings.

And a very special vote of thanks to :

GEOFFREY COOK, of

50 Green Lane, HALTON, Leeds,

who did the duplicating for this issue.

STRANGE NEWS FROM AMERICA.

We have been in contact with the International F.S. Bureau, of Bridgeport, Connecticut - whose British representative we wrote of in our Summer edition - and recently your Secretary was made a member of the International Council of the I.F.S.B.

In a recent letter to us, Mr. Bender, the president of the American group, mentioned some important news that they would be releasing on October 15th. Now, we have not yet had their bulletin, but are quoting here from our friend, Capt. Plunkett, the British representative:-

"It will doubtless shock you, as it has me, that IFSB of U.S.A. has had to close down as a 'purely Flying Saucer investigation body' - for reasons at which we can only guess ... Mr. Albert K. Bender could not divulge the reason, but stated: 'to avoid trouble.... visits from a higher source.... and if you were in my position you would do so - and fast! .....the mystery of Flying Saucers is no longer a mystery .... WE ADVISE THOSE ENGAGED ON SAUCER WORK TO BE VERY CAUTIOUS ..... but because of the nature of the information we have been advised (from a higher source) not to print the full story....'"

News came to us, too, some weeks ago, that CIVILIAN SAUCER INVESTIGATION - U.S.A. - (no connection with the New Zealand organisation of the same name) had had to close down owing to financial difficulties. MR. BENDER HINTS THAT THIS MAY HAVE BEEN A 'BLIND' AND THAT THEY HAVE PROBABLY RECEIVED THE SAME WARNINGS AS IFSB.

Capt. Plunkett says that our guess at the actual reasons is as good as his. There are several possibilities, of course, not the least of them being that it was due to one of these political 'witch-hunts' they are having over there just now - and then again it might be the 'Secret Weapon' angle (though this has been threshed over again and again, and it just won't fit the facts) - OR - IT MIGHT BE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DEFINITE INFORMATION AS TO THE INTERPLANETARY NATURE OF THE SAUCERS. That is our guess, but we are not sure that this is the only thing it could be. SET PAGE 10 FOR OUR OPINIONS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A GOVERNMENTAL "PREPARATION PLAN" FOR US TO MEET AN ALIEN RACE. Speculation, of course, but nevertheless a possibility!

"B.F.S.B."

Now of course, this leaves the 33 British members of IFSB a somewhat isolated group on their own. The American-published "SPACE REVIEW" is to continue to appear - but as a "general interest" magazine, with Flying Saucers definitely taboo. This being so, Capt. Plunkett's group have (rightly, in our opinion) decided to continue Saucer activities over here, and are now  
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BRIEF REPORT ON \_\_\_\_\_  
 THE RECENT FLYING SAUCER CONVENTION

A recent letter from Max. B. Miller - of FLYING SAUCERS INTERNATIONAL, who organised the Convention, gives these notes:-

Held at the Hollywood Hotel, California, on August 16, 17 and 18th, the World's First Flying Saucer Convention was a great success. Total attendance was 1500 - though thousands were turned away. This broke all records for the famous Hollywood Hotel.

Publicity was fairly good, but could have been better. A 24-hour sky-watch was kept from the roof during the Convention, and a number of saucers were sighted.

The speakers included Silas Newton, Dean of Sequoia University, Frank Scully, George Adamski, H. D. Walsh ("Scientology"), J. K. Criswell ("Criswell predicts"-), Orfeo Angelucci, George W. van Tassel, Truman Bethrum, Genevieve Johnston and others.

On the last day, a unanimous voice vote was taken, to petition the U.S. Government to release ALL information on the Flying Saucers. \*

Mr. Miller goes on to say: "I'm inclined to think (as a result of the Convention) that there have been thousands of saucer-landings!

"Things are looking very good right now, and I've been telling a few friends that THIS MAY BE IT! - within the next few months.

"Three new SAUCER BOOKS are officially coming out next month (Oct.) in U.S.A.: They are "F.S. Have Landed" - which you know about - "F.S. from Outer Space" - by Keyhoe and Bailey and "The Saucers Speak" by Williamson and Bailey. From advance reports of the Keyhoe book, it sounds terrific. (What an understatement!). Almost a semi-official government announcement of their existence...."

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\* We have since received a copy of the Open Letter sent to President Eisenhower, asking for all the government knows to be released to the public. See our comment, page 12.

ANOTHER PREDICTION.

The "world-shaking event", the prediction of which was accredited to Nostradamus, and due for August, did not occur. That is, if we exclude the suggestion made by one of our more witty members that this event was the publication of the Kinsey Report!  
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A SIGHTING REPORT FORM has been drawn up, modelled on that in use by Civilian Saucer Investigation of New Zealand (since they have had so much more experience of receiving reports from individuals) - and will be sent to all those who have reports to make to the F.S. Club. Results will be published in due course.

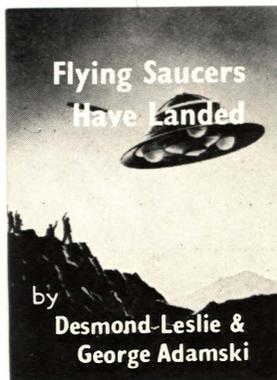
SOME RECENT  
SIGHTINGS IN

OHIO

from our Columbus correspondent,  
- DON BERLINER, -

Don has been sending us regular lists of sightings, taken from the USAF Ground Observer Corps Filter Center reports. We reproduce a selection of these below.

- JULY 9. COLUMBUS,: "A circular, silver object travelling at terrific rate of speed" at very high altitude, seen by accountant at N.American Aviation plant.
- JULY 24. Mt.VERNON, 0900 EST: "Large silver object" circled over town and then left in SW direction at speed slightly faster than clouds. Altitude estimated at 30,000 ft.
- JULY 31. PORT CLINTON: White light, going east, 45 degrees in 30-40 seconds. Viewed through 7x field glasses; ceiling was 15-20,000 ft. 2050 EST.
- AUG. 12. COVINGTON, Kentucky (SW Ohio border): 2245 EST- "Flash of fire 50 or 60 ft. wide, visible for a minute - streak at least 200 ft. long - no noise. SE heading, very fast; 8 - 10 observers. Calm, clear - no moon.
- AUG. 20. SPRINGFIELD: 2040 EST - "Very bright flashes of light" - circled, seen through field glasses. Clear, calm conds.
- AUG. 21. MAUMEE: 2200- 2300 EST - Black oval - beads of light with green and red around perimeter. Going NW - 20 degrees above horizon. Very little movement (up and away). Size of 10 cent piece at arms length.
- SEPT 12. CRESTLINE: 2125 EST: Red light, blinking. Seen 8 minutes.  
MAUMEE - 2115 EST: Red flashes - larger than star - 5 min.  
MAUMEE - 2330 EST: Red flashes, low and slow. 5 min.
- SEPT 22. TROY: 1930 EST - Large, pointed, amber-flashing lights.
- SEPT 24. BEXLEY: 1027 EST - Round disk, silvery - few seconds, following 'plane.
- SEPT 28. SELBY: 2010 EST - Red light - size of baseball (also on 27th.)
- OCT. 1. COLUMBUS: 2100 EST - Top-shaped, white & pink, bright light.
- OCT. 4. COLUMBUS: Light flashing at 8 minute intervals. Stationary.



# BOOK of the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ MOMENT \_\_\_\_\_

HERE is a book which is a "must" for all "saucerers". Apart from the more sensational aspects of the actual Saucer-landing, given by George Adamski in Part II, Flying Saucers Have Landed is quite the most comprehensive study of the subject yet published, and Mr. Desmond Leslie is to be greatly congratulated on his painstaking researches which have taken a period of years to complete.

Part One gives a History of the Flying Saucers from as far back as written records go - which is some 3,000 years! In fact, far from being a product of 20th Century imagination, space craft "have existed in human memory and records since our own particular human family first began to think and remember".

Starting, however, in more recent times, Mr. Leslie takes the reader on a conducted tour of his 'Saucer Museum' - which begins in 1619 - with a report of an "Enormous long fiery object seen flying along a lake" in Switzerland; through the seventeenth and eighteenth Centuries, when astronomers saw 'immense globes' and 'dark, round disks' in the sky; on through the 19th. Century when disks, globes, torpedo- and heel-shaped sky objects were reported in nearly every year - to our present Century, opening in 1901 with 'Revolving, luminous wheels seen over the Persian Gulf' by a ship's crew - and making special reference to processions of sky-objects seen on numerous occasions, by astronomers and public alike.

After dealing with Dr. Menzel - (who, as Mr. Leslie points out, by showing us what some of the 'saucers' are, has only made it more plain what the remaining ones are not) - he goes on to cover a truly vast amount of ground, including Saucers in Politics, Saucers and Sound, Saucers before the Flood, in Atlantis, recorded in Sanskrit, and in Celtic pre-history. An important chapter is devoted to a study of Waste Products which have been seen to fall from Saucers - or simply from the sky - throughout the years, whilst another looks at the Solar System, and yet another at a famous prophecy.

Final chapters deal with the Power Source - which is linked, here, with the same mysterious power which is said to have been used in ancient times to move the massive blocks of stone used in the construction of the Pyramids.

As was to be expected, the Press concentrated upon Mr. Adamski's meeting with the Venusian, as reported in part Two of the book, and since it was so widely publicised we feel it is unnecessary to be expansive about it here. A review of some of the reviews is given overleaf, and our own comments may be found there, also.

Although leaving the reader quite breathless, with the immensity of the concepts involved, Mr. Leslie never for a moment becomes tedious or too abstruse. The entire book is a great adventure for the mind, in which scintillating thoughts and ideas abound.

ROUND THE REVIEWS.

The controversy aroused, in newspapers and periodicals alike, by reviews of FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED certainly has exceeded our expectations - and probably those of the authors. We rather think that it is this controversy which may have caused 'amusement' among Venusians, rather than the book itself, as reported on the previous page.

Quite the most space was given by ILLUSTRATED (Oct. 3rd) which devoted four whole pages - mostly photos and drawings - to their review, but whose comments were distinctly derisive. As it turned out, however, this may have been a good thing in its way, since it afforded Mr. Leslie an opportunity of replying the following week, and later for readers to offer their opinions.

At first glance, too, some of the other reviews (DAILY SKETCH and PUNCH, for instance) seem to sneer a little - but upon closer examination it can be seen that - but for a few sentences wherewith the writers insure themselves against possible future repercussions - they really do appear to accept the facts presented in the book.

Another form of fence-sitting, certainly more sensible - and also a 'two-way' insurance policy - was that typified by the "DAILY MIRROR" and "TIT-BITS". Both gave the facts as stated by Adamski, their only comment being to ask the readers: "What do YOU think?" The MIRROR, having asked this question, has since remained completely silent on the subject. Perhaps the response has disturbed them. Their question may have been rhetorical, but we cannot imagine several million readers leaving it unanswered.

In the OBSERVER, (Oct. 4th) Mr. Charles Davy gave what was, on the whole, a very sympathetic review. This was prefaced by some comments as to the "extent and fervour of the flying saucer cult" - and the seemingly "powerful psychological drive - hope tinged with anxiety -" thought to be at work. ("We go some of the way with Mr. Davy on this point - but not, of course, to the extent of his inclusion of our own organisation!!). The review itself is quite straightforward, but Mr. Davy is to be congratulated on going into some additional detail about the various ways in which the story could be received, with regard to the difficulties involved were it a hoax and so on. He gets right to the focal point of the whole issue by suggesting that, since there were said to have been some USAF aircraft circling around during the visit of the 'mother-ship', it should be possible to verify its presence by checking with the Air Force. Finally: "IF THE AMERICAN AIR FORCE REALLY HAS UNDISCLOSED INFORMATION ABOUT THE WHOLE SAUCER PROBLEM...THERE SEEMS TO BE NO GOOD REASON WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE PUBLISHED". Or does there-? See page

-----TELEVISION REVIEW CAUSES CONCERN!-----

"A television programme last Wednesday about flying saucers has 'seriously disturbed' hundreds of people in the Midlands, according to Mr. James Harrison, Socialist M.P. for East Nottingham.

"He has asked Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, the Home Secretary, to have the story confirmed or denied".

- "DAILY MAIL" - 2/11/53.

SAUCERS AROUND

TANGMERE

A Flying Saucer Club investigation.

A small "Tailpiece" note in the "Sunday Dispatch" featured a saucer rumour. We followed this up, writing to the columnist concerned, who said that a colleague of his had been at Tangmere - the famous Battle of Britain fighter station, in Sussex - and had told him about the saucer. He suggested we contact the Commanding Officer at RAF Tangmere for further information.

This we did, but Group Captain Kent had not even heard of the incident, nor had any of the airmen we spoke to on a visit to the aerodrome.

Then our columnist wrote again, giving the address of a person whom he said had seen the Saucer. Again, when we made contact, we found that the letter this "witness" originally wrote, merely said that sky trails had been observed, and pointed out how easy it would be to imagine this to be a Saucer.

We had almost given up hope of finding any witnesses when, as a result of publicity in the local press, a Brighton gentleman paid us a visit and gave a vivid description of what he, his wife, and a number of other people had seen, from Brighton promenade, on the day in question.

He was able to view it - a cigar-shaped object - through his binoculars, and was kept busy lending them to a crowd of curious holiday makers.



Since this, we have received letters from more local residents, offering details of objects seen at or around the same time, and over the same district.

Space does not allow of details here but a full report, and any additional details will be included in the next issue of this journal.

NEARLY FOOLED.

A photograph was sent to us recently, showing what the sender thought might have been a saucer. It appeared to be an oval shaped object, whizzing across the sky over the South Downs. The object had not been seen at the time the snapshot (of the sender) was taken - but this could have been accounted for by its apparent speed. It had apparently covered about a mile during the snapshot exposure (say, 1/25th. sec.).

We were greatly interested, and asked for the negative, which was supplied. On inspection, the 'Saucer' proved to be a small fault in the gelatine, around which chemicals had deposited during processing. On being hung up to dry, a 'trail' ("track" of Saucer) resulted from the small particles draining down along the film.... The photo was sent in good faith, it is only fair to point out, the sender not being familiar with what can happen when developing films.

ARE WE BEING "PREPARED" ?

We recently received a copy of an Open Letter addressed to President Eisenhower, which asked that the U.S. Government should reveal all that was known about Flying Saucers and their origin. This made us think, quite a lot, and we would like to put some points to members for musing upon.....

1. If it were announced that the F.S. ARE space ships from another planet, it is most likely that there would be wide-spread panic and alarm; possibly riots and other disturbances. Imagine what would happen to the Stock Exchange, for instance. One only has to remember the Orson Welles broadcast to imagine the effect that world-wide release of such information might have. The world would soon be in chaos. Such is the human temperament.
2. The Governments MAY know all about F.S. and what they are - and - if they are extra-terrestrial - may simply not know what to do. Obviously nothing must be done in a hurry. The Saucers have only been suspected of being extra-terrestrial (as far as anyone knows) for six years or so. NOT so very much time to decide what to do, in view of the tremendous implications involved.
3. The Governments may be aware of the F.S.'s nature, and - if it is interplanetary - they may be already working to a carefully laid-out scheme for slowly and gradually indoctrinating people to the frame of mind when such things can be accepted without fear or panic. Such a plan would involve years - perhaps decades - of careful conditioning, through literature, broadcasts, newspaper articles and so on. It may be that such conditioning would be intended to affect the generation which will reach maturity in another ten years or so. Or it may be aimed at everyone of all ages.

We think that the third of these possibilities is the most likely. No evidence of this? Look again.

There has been a quite phenomenal increase in Science-fiction publications, especially in Britain, during the past five years. Every bookstall now has masses of periodicals and pocket novels, both British and reprinted American productions, of a science-fiction nature - where once were only two or three, half hidden, at the back. Most of the pocket novels are trash, of course - but they could serve a purpose, nevertheless.

Our own accomplishment of space flight draws more within reach each year - and there are large numbers of scientifically slanted publications on this theme.

One of the foremost children's comics features space-flight as its leading item, and on the radio, 'Children's Hour' is now on its second recent Space-travel serial. Apart from this, the BBC is  
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REPORT FROM

NORWAY

A "FLYVENDE TALERKEN" (F.S.)

Reported in "Adresseavisen" 4/8/53 and translated for us by our Norwegian representative GUNVALD TEIE.

"TROMSØ, 3 (NTB). - At 11.45 pm, Tuesday 7th July this year, three men observed a strange phenomenon. All of a sudden they caught sight of a mysterious object flying slowly over Roskund, in Nord-Troms, at a height of 200 metres above sea-level. Arrived in front of the house in which the men resided, the object started whirling, rose to a height of about 1300 metres and flew away. The speed was enormous, the thing passing over Kvenangen in a couple of minutes, dwindling out of sight having crossed the bay.

"The distance between the observers and the object being temporarily one kilometre only, the men got a good look at it. It was ovoid in shape, surrounded by a dark, flattened ring. It had no propellers and moved without a sound.

"When it commenced rotating and ascending, it appeared as if the object were shrouded in something resembling a thin layer of clouds. No windows could be seen, nor was it possible to decide whether or not it had a crew of living beings."

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This is yet another instance of the many and varied forms the saucers seem to take. In general it ties up with several other reports of ovoid, or 'flattened sphere' reports, but in detail, it is again new. As we have said before, one of the most peculiar and inexplicable factors in this Saucer business, is the immense diversity of shapes and sizes, speeds and colours, in which the phenomena appear. Even the interplanetary theory begins to have to be stretched a little to cover all these types of object!

"B.F.S.B." - Concluded.

consolidating themselves as the BRITISH Flying Saucer Bureau.

However, they find they will not be in a position to produce a journal of their own, and Capt. Plunkett has suggested it might be a good idea to affiliate with the Flying Saucer Club, and thereby have space in the "NEWS" for reports of their activities. Members (and several of them are technicians in various fields) could also contribute articles and so on.

Nothing has been decided officially as yet, of course, and the B.F.S.B. will have their general meeting in Bristol to decide what is to be done.

We have assured our friend Capt. Plunkett that the F.S.C. will be only too pleased to have the B.F.S.B. affiliate with us, and give them every assistance, and we are sure that all members will welcome this very useful addition to the Club's membership, should B.F.S.B. decide on this course.

MORE SIGHTINGS  
IN

# NEW ZEALAND Report from C.S.I.

## A FEW RECENT INCIDENTS.

- JUNE 29. DUNEDIN: Seen by two observers; 1/3rd. size of moon; pale green colour. 11.45 pm for a few seconds. High speed.
- JULY 8. AUCKLAND: 8.30 pm: 2 observers. Bright light moving at high speed, with whistling noise. No direction given. Was also seen by two observers, five minutes later, at TAURANGA.
- JULY 22. DUNEDIN: Schoolteacher and wife watched for 3 hours an object - apparent size of walnut- black in centre - ring of flames, red, green and yellow, shooting from it. Nose dropped and machine generally gyrated around sky from 9.25pm.
- AUG. 1. NEW PLYMOUTH, 2.20 pm.: Man and wife saw round whitish object not too clearly defined, moving in clear sky at low altitude.

We recently received a copy of C.S.I.(N.Z)'s publication, for August. This is a vastly improved edition of their first number, having 27 pages crammed with important information, sightings and instructive articles. An item of particular interest is a graph, which CSI members have prepared, showing the sightings in N.Z. - from January, 1952 to August, 1953.

The peak of saucer-reports is shown to have been reached in December, 1952. Altogether, in the period covered, there were a total of 153 sightings. 23 of these were seen in daylight, and of the 153, 73 were saucer- disk- or otherwise round-shaped, and 23 rocket or cigar-shaped. It is noted that most objects appear to be surrounded by an 'unearthly luminosity' when seen at night. The saucers had brilliant colours - hues ranging from orange and orange-red, to a brilliant white. Opalescent, l minescent, incandescent lights of hues ranging from blue-green to bright green, and yellow to white were also noted, as were objects which changed from red to green repeatedly. In daylight, objects showed a mirror-like polished metallic surface.

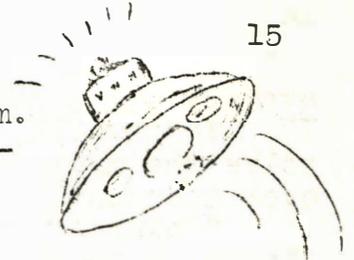
One of the more outstanding N.Z. Sightings is that which occurred on Oct.28th, 1952 at Dunedin. This object resembled a drummer's CYMBAL, surrounded by a greenish, phosphorescent light. It was seen - amongst others - by an aviator of eight years' experience, who said it climbed steadily away, to disappear after 20 mins. as a star-like dot in the sky. First seen at 5-6,000ft. Speed app.300mph.

Occasional sightings are still coming to hand, and the New Zealand CIVILIAN SAUCER INVESTIGATION group is investigating, at present, an incident on par with the 'Scoutmaster' one. Mr. Fulton has promised more news of this if it stands up to investigation.



## ITEMS

a Charivaria of Saucerdom.



### "VOICE OF SPACE PANICS NEW YORK".

A thickly accented voice broke into a radio show in New York, on October 7th, saying "This is from outer space. I warn you Earthmen... your planet will be annihilated". And it started the biggest scare in this city since Orson Welles's "Men from Mars" broadcast 15 years ago.

Telephone switchboards were jammed for several hours with listeners trying to discover what was happening. It is generally thought that it may have been a publicity stunt in connection with Donald Keyhoe's book "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" - which was being reviewed at the time. However, from what we know of Keyhoe, and his previous sincere writings and investigations, we think it more likely that it was a practical joke - being played on him.

### "THE MONKEY AND THE SPACE SHIP". (June, 1953).

Three men in Atlanta, Georgia, told a story of a glowing red object they came across in the roadway, and three elusive "little men". They produced a 21 inch "creature" to back this up. On investigation it was found to be a monkey, with tail vertebrae removed. The men said that they had knocked it down in their car. The animal had no hair -- but two of the men telling the story were..... barbers!

### "SKY FIND MAY BE UNKNOWN PLANET".

Discovery of a new object in the sky that may be a comet, an asteroid - or even the long-sought 10th planet was announced in September, by Harvard Observatory. "It will take a lot of observations to establish just what the object is," said Dr. Frank Orrell, at the Observatory. "It was first sighted by astronomer S. Arend".

### "SAUCER WAS SWIFTER".

So busy was everyone with Neville Duke's speed bids that no-one had time to report the appearance of our old friend the Flying Saucer last week. One was seen over Tangmere aerodrome, just as Duke was about to take off for his record-breaking flight. And - say eye-witnesses, it went faster than Duke, "by a long chalk". (Quoted from "Sunday Dispatch" 13/9/53 - see further note, page 11).

### "CHANDELIERS' IN NORTH-WEST".

People in Swinton (Manchester) area reported on Sept. 28th, what appeared to be a "huge glittering chandelier" travelling silently in the sky. It came from the direction of Blackpool and disappeared over Trafford Park. A member of the Manchester Astronomical Society said the spectacle was probably caused by the sun catching a formation of aircraft flying high up. It may have been a 'day-meteor' - but he doubted it.....

MYSTERY FLASH OVER SNOWDON.

AUGUST 1st, 1953. "Llanberris police were today trying to solve the mystery of the lights in the sky, and muffled explosions over Snowdon last night.

"Thinking an aircraft might have crashed, 12 policemen and firemen went up Snowdon. The search was abandoned when it was discovered that no aircraft was missing." (Manchester Evening News, 1/8/53).

A large number of people on Merseyside saw a meteor-like object, and it was described by two members of the Bidston Observatory staff, who saw it from the coast between West Kirby and Hoylake. They said it appeared as a 'mysterious light', travelling on a slightly curved path in a W.N.W. direction, and was - apparently - overhead. It suddenly blossomed and three starlike particles burst out like those of an expended rocket. The view taken by the Observatory was that it must have been fifty to sixty miles above the earth, to have been seen by so many people in different areas at once. They thought it was probably a large meteor. We are inclined to agree with this diagnosis, as the object seemed to conform with accepted movements of such objects, and did not reverse, or suddenly alter its course, as do genuine Saucers.

LIGHTS OVER BOLTON.

A letter to the 'Bolton Evening News' (20/7/53) details "fanlike illumination of the N.N.W. sky, starting at one point and spreading fanwise in the sky".

The writer of the letter said he had expected to see mention of the occurrence in the press, but no confirmation was forthcoming.

MENZELFORMS.

Since "natural phenomena" is such a long and ugly phrase, we intend, henceforth to refer to any objects under this category as MENZELFORMS. (Dr. D.H. Menzel has written a book, in which he has attempted to 'write-off' ALL Saucer reports as - Menzelforms).

"ANOTHER PREDICTION" Ctd. from p-7.

However, it may quite possibly be that an error has crept in somewhere in the translation, and that the event is still to come. (We know this is a rather trite 'excuse' - but nevertheless, we feel it may be the correct one).

Reports of another prediction - this time allowing of no errors - comes to us from the U.S.A. One, Jeron K. Criswell, who has a syndicated column, "Criswell Predicts", appeared on a TV. show recently, called "You Asked For It" - and predicted that there would be an official government announcement of the existence of Saucers, on DECEMBER 10th.

He had previously stated that we would have space travel by 1963 because of captured discs.

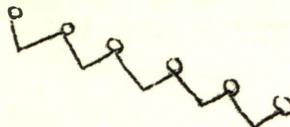
NOW, SINCE THIS GENTLEMAN PREDICTED STALIN'S DEATH, AND THE DATE OF THE KOREAN TRUCE, ACCURATELY, THESE PREDICTIONS WILL BEAR WATCHING, WE THINK!

SKYWATCHNo. 1. REPORT FROM LIVERPOOL,  
October 6th, 1953.From F. Potter, M.B.A.A., M.N.A.S.

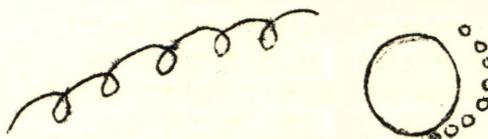
AS stated on page 4, Mr. Potter and his colleagues have set up Contact Points around the country, to watch for Saucers. Here is the first report, of an observation made at Liverpool - on the same night that Mr. Potter saw the Norwich Saucer.

"At 9.25 pm. a tiny cluster of 'stars', oblong in shape, was seen moving towards the N.E. from the S.W. in a sky free from mist - all the stars being visible. A compass bearing revealed the object due N.E. from the observers, moving on a level plane. Then it began to change its direction in a strange way, unlike an aircraft. This caused observers to watch more closely.

"To the naked eye, the colour now started to alter, sometimes yellowish and sometimes greenish, with a fluctuating intensity. While under naked eye observation it suddenly started progressing 'up' into the heavens thus:- until it became fixed at one point - when it was easy to see that it was not a star, aeroplane or planet.



"Suddenly, moving from this fixed position, it commenced to describe small circles in the sky:- It sometimes would move similarly in the opposite direction, and at one time its shape became slightly elliptical.



"Once or twice, it moved round on its own axis so quickly as to leave a trail behind it - though this was only seen by one of the observers and may have therefore been imagination.

"The total length of the observation was 7 minutes, after which the object disappeared, becoming smaller and smaller in the distance but still in the North-east.

"The Bidston Observatory and the Liverpool Echo were notified, but it is not known if news of the observation was printed."

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MR. POTTER tells us that he has had many other reports, from different parts of the country - and from Ireland - which he is going to produce at the next meeting of the Norwich Astronomical Society for fellow members to study.



### OUR CELEBRITY MEMBERS.

In July, we had the pleasure of enrolling as a member of the F.S.C., Mr. WAVENEY GIRVAN - publisher, author and broadcaster, who is Editor-in-Chief of T. Werner Laurie Ltd. (publishers of "Flying Saucers Have Landed"). Mr. Girvan has long been interested in the Saucer question, and before joining Werner Laurie, was Managing Director of Carroll & Nicholson (who published Gerald Heard's "Riddle of the Flying Saucers") and Westaway Books Ltd.

More recently, the editor of the prominent British Science-fiction magazine, "NEBULA" - Mr. PETER HAMILTON - applied for membership, which was granted with alacrity. Mr. Hamilton, Editor-Manager of Crownpoint Publications Ltd, Glasgow, has fast become popular in science-fiction circles, both as an editor and a personality. We understand that he is shortly launching a sister-publication to "NEBULA", and have no doubt its success will be as great.

From France, our Celebrity member, M. DANIEL CARION, writes : "I have just written an article about F.S. in which your Club and its journal are noted...." M. Carion is a regular co-writer of "SCIENCE FICTION MAGAZINE", and also publishes his own review - "LETTRES ET POSSIE". He has kindly contributed a short item for publication in the "NEWS" - and this will be appearing in a future issue.

### MORE CONTACTS.

Since July, we have contacted yet another American Saucer group, and two more American-published magazines.

In view of the news on page 6, however, we are leaving details in abeyance for the time being, until the situation in the U.S.A. has become clarified.

### SAUCER ARTICLES.

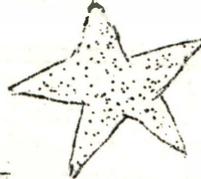
The re-prints of articles from American magazines, visualised in our Summer number, are now in course of preparation. A list of these will be sent as soon as ready to those who have notified us of their interest.

Lists will be sent to all members, with the next issue of "F.S. NEWS" - scheduled for January, 1954.

### SAUCERISMS.....

1. Cartoon in "Daily Express" showing streams of troops, vehicles and aircraft pouring into yet another American base.... accompanied by .... four Flying Saucers, happily forming with Thunderjets!
2. Discussing the 'Beria Mystery' some weeks ago, one national daily said that it was one of those things which were unaccountable, and it was suggested that it be filed alongside Flying Saucers. A new version of "Tell it to the Marines", we suppose!

# STAR LETTER



A reply to the 'Abominable Snowman' theory:

THE "Abominable snowman" theory of Mr. Nolan's is very interesting but I should think "they" would choose a more congenial spot to land in. They could land unobserved at night in any country in the World. Judging by the photograph of the footprint of the 'Abominable Snowman' I should say that if it was made by a visitor from space he must have been wearing a space-suit, because the print isn't in my view even remotely human.

If we agree, as surely we must, that these visitors from space via the Saucers are in a much advanced stage of evolution than we are, then we must look for a race of people more refined physically as well as spiritually and mentally.

I, personally, do not think that if we ever contact any of these people that we shall find them much different in appearance from ourselves.

If we go to the greatest of our History Books for guidance, we read that God made man in His image, which to me means that we all came out of the same mould, with perhaps slight variations in colour and temperament in accordance with our environment -- and, second - in accordance with the stage of spiritual evolution of each separate one of us.

Again, we find that the greatest Teacher that has been sent to this planet tells us quite clearly that "In My father's house there are many mansions..."

Then, if we turn to the very beginning of the Book, we read that man came - overnight - closely followed by woman when man, always the explorer, had found that he could eat live and sleep on earth.

From that time, at different periods throughout the ages, there has come to one or the other of the different races of this earth, a Teacher, each with a certain amount of mystery surrounding his birth or advent here.

ALL these men - Confucious and Buddha included - taught the people of their time a lesson that was couched in a language suitable for the people of that particular age, and it was fundamentally the same in every case.

S. CALLOW, Johnstone,  
Renfrewshire - 18/8/53.



Though usually a little wary of bringing in Theology, we felt we must print this letter with all its far-reaching implications.

We now await the deluge of either approbation or condemnation...

MR. CALLOW - WHO IS, INCIDENTALLY, ONE OF OUR LIFE MEMBERS- (Report: 'Dunoon Saucer' in Summer edition)- HAS BY NOW RECEIVED HIS AWARD FOR THIS EXCELLENT "STAR LETTER".

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Owing to the ever-increasing size of F.S. NEWS, we find that we shall have to raise the annual subscription to 2/6d.

It was originally not intended that this journal should exceed 6 to 8 pages, but owing to the vast amount of material coming to hand it has been impossible so far to compress it to this size.

Notice of renewal, together with appropriate form, will be sent to members with whichever edition concludes their present subscription.

ARE WE BEING PREPARED? - Contd. from page 12.

currently broadcasting two space-travel stories, and TV. has also featured a space travel play this year.

To mention the present glut of Space-travel Films is probably superfluous - there are a copious number of new ones ready for release or still under production.

Now, IS THIS ALL JUST THE NATURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THIS ERA, OR HAVE THE PRODUCERS AND PUBLISHERS BEEN ENCOURAGED - OR EVEN COMMISSIONED - TO STEP UP PRODUCTION OF SPACE TRAVEL ITEMS?

It would be a good plan. It might work. It would certainly help....

MAYHEM AVOIDED.

Last issue, we reported an incident that occurred at MARBLE CREEK, California. As the main town in the area, it has become known as the BRUSH CREEK incident. Two miners applied for permission to shoot at a midget-manned Saucer which invaded their diggings, on May 20th and June 20th - as they expected it to return on July 20th.

We understand that a large crowd gathered on the appointed date - no doubt suitably armed - to watch the little visitor, complete with 'shiny pail' return for some more water. He didn't turn up.

SAUCERISMS -

3. Cartoon in "The Motor" showing 'bug-eyed monster' (complete with antennae and electronic cross-bow!) with abandoned saucer in the background, thumbing a lift from scared-looking gent in small car and bowler hat....

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