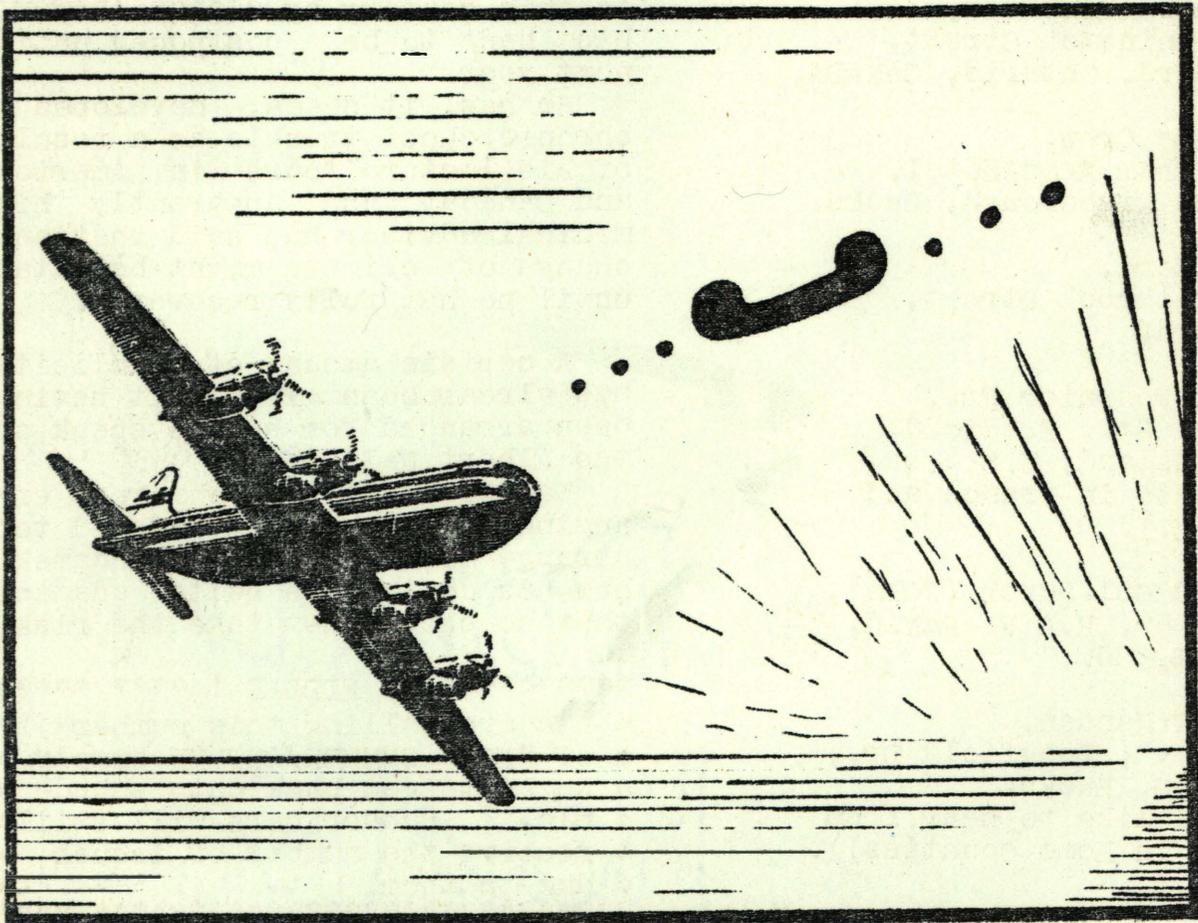




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ADAMSKI VISIT
POSTPONED

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~~==DATE==OW==SET==FOR==MARCH==30th==~~
WE LEARN from Messrs. T. Werner-
Laurie, that the proposed visit
to this country by GEORGE ADAMSKI
has had to be postponed until
next year.

He has, it seems, developed a
chronic chest trouble as a result
of his lecture tours in America
and Canada, and apparently his
medical adviser has said that any
change of climate might be fatal
until he has fully recovered.

A certain amount of publicity
has already been given - it having
been arranged for him to speak at
the Albert Hall.**

Werner Laurie's - who were arr-
anging the bookings - offered to
arrange air transport for Adamski,
but his doctor was quite adamant,
that he should not take the risk.

***** NO FIDDLE ! *****
* We are calling this number *
* of "FSN" SUMMER/AUTUMN simply *
* so as to get back onto sched- *
* ule. Subscribers will still *
* receive the number of issues *
* due to them! *

I M P O R T A N T !

OWING TO A PROBABLE CHANGE OF EDITORIAL ADDRESS
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"Chaos and Confusion" EDITORIAL

Now that saucer interest is so much on the increase, there seems to be a tendency, more than ever, towards "cultishness" - not all confined to the New World! - and we are at the receiving end of an ever increasing number of weird and wonderful claims and stories. The number of claims of people having been aboard saucers is being stepped up* and - possibly even more perplexing - there are now countless people claiming to have had contact, either telepathically or through the Spirit World, with the Saucerians - one or two even going so far as to say they have established radio-communication, after first contacts by psychic means....

We detect an almost hysterical note in a great deal of what is being written and claimed at the present time, and - whilst agreeing that no possibility can be entirely ruled out - would take this opportunity to make a plea for the preserving of a sane and analytical point of view.

All the various claims that purport to come through the Spirit World may very well do so. That, we do not dispute. However, this does not necessarily give them absolute validity. Why should the etherian, or astral, beings know more about Flying Saucers than we do? Indeed - some claim that FS are etherian beings - but again, others aver that they are on our own plane, but come from half way across the galaxy. Yet others confine the Saucers to this system, but claim a different vibratory rate of existence. Some say they have landed, and others, apparently just as well-informed - are loud in their protestations that FS have not landed, nor yet are able to do so. In fact, the number of different answers to the FS problem, via the Spirit World, would seem only to be equalled by the number of different recipients of these fateful messages.

Why, if all these communications from the Spirit World are correct, do none of them tally? Not only differing in detail, most of them appear to be quite contradictory. One gets the impression that these entities are having a huge joke at the expense of us poor earthbound mortals! What will they think up next, to lead us even further into the maze of chaos and confusion?

As it stands, any one of these tales may or may not be the right one. It is impossible to say. Certainly if one were to try to integrate them into a complete picture, the result would be frustrating, to say the least, since one cancels out another. For the time being, then, it seems we must simply acknowledge each of these possible answers on its own merits, and take as impartial a view as possible.

There is only one thing of which we can be entirely sure, and that is that the Saucers are real and that they are not made on our earth. With sightings greatly on the increase, and research, both official and unofficial, much intensified; with more and more very

*See page 18.

well authenticated sightings which cannot be "explained away", one cannot help feeling that something will "break" very soon.

This is a very natural feeling, especially for those more intimately concerned, who have a broad view of developments, but it is an entirely human "hunch" - and not necessarily at all correct. Instead of suddenly "breaking", it is just as likely that the Saucer story will be one of simply ever-increasing bona fide sightings, with wider and wider coverage, until perhaps after several more years, everyone but the most unthinking have - perhaps unconsciously - come to accept not only the presence of real 'flying saucers', but hand in hand with that, their actuality as visitors from other worlds.

The only factor that might possibly hinder this gradual but steady indoctrination is the intrusion of too many little green men, multi-headed monsters or even humanoid saucer-pilots and pin-up saucer commandresses. But even these - though regrettably tending to bring Saucerism into disrepute - may help, in their way, to widen interest. Indeed, IF IT WERE PROVED TODAY THAT ALL THE 'SAUCER-MEN' CLAIMS WERE HOAXES - THIS WOULD STILL NOT AFFECT IN THE SLIGHTEST THE FACT THAT SAUCERS ARE HERE AND SAUCERS ARE REAL. There is now far, far too much solid evidence for the whole subject to be dismissed out of hand on the grounds of a few dozen 'imitations' - and even the most sceptical of the general public are now, it seems, beginning to realise this. In fact, where once it was the fashion - if one wanted to appear knowledgeable - to scoff at Saucers, now it is the fashion to sagaciously stroke one's chin and declare that one thinks "there must be something in this saucer business" after all! Soon, one supposes, Sir Harold, Dr. Menzel, Arthur Clarke et al will be telling us that they really knew all along.....

The last few months have seen some quite new developments, the most outstanding of which has of course been the "Stratocruiser Sighting" - most notable for its changing-shape characteristics. This seems to have had a sequel, in the Wigan observation, and may be the beginning of a new type of saucer phenomenon. Many other reports, too - as will be seen from the following pages - now show the breaking away from the more conventional and - let it be said - questionable - reports of the kind which could be Menzelforms of one kind or another - from meteorites to Met. balloons - and the emergence of observations which are very definitely not to be explained by any of these stock answers.

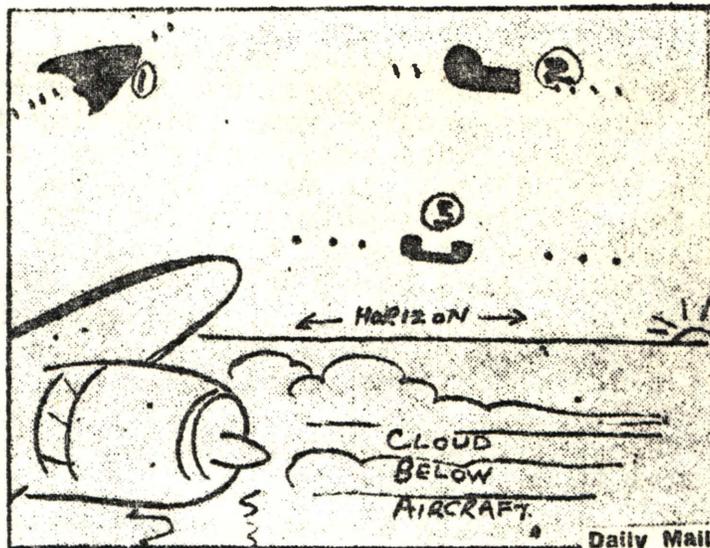
Sightings are becoming more numerous and better authenticated, as has been said. However, with all the evidence in the world, one thing stands out plainly, and that is that despite all that can be done by governments and 'authorities' - either in investigating or 'covering up' - the matter of our finding out the ultimate facts concerning the Saucers is still essentially, as it always has been, in the hands of those who operate them!

R.H.

The Flying JELLYFISH

PROBABLY the most widely publicised UFO sighting to date, the experience of the crew and many passengers of the BOAC Strato-cruiser, 'Centaurus' on June 30th, was featured boldly in even

the most staid and conservative of the country's newspapers.



A formation of strange black objects flew parallel with the airliner for about 18 minutes, over Labrador. Captain James Howard, the pilot, was sufficiently impressed to write some 800 words about it in his routine flight report. His crew of 11 all saw the objects -- a large one and six smaller ones. For 80 miles the things kept station with the aircraft at about five or ten miles distance.

Flying at 19,000 ft. in clear weather, above a layer of low cloud, both pilot and First Officer noticed the objects simultaneously, and they called the whole crew forward to witness the spectacle.

The large object kept changing its shape - or else rotating, so that it presented a different profile. Its escorting black dots were apparently circling or at least changing position frequently about the larger object. Three of the most prominent forms taken on are illustrated above. The change of shape was made in such a way as to be likened to a jellyfish swimming in the sea.

First Officer Lee Boyd radioed Goose Bay Approach and asked if there were any military aircraft in the area. Goose replied that there were none, and that the Stratocruiser was the only return on their radar screens. When informed of what was being witnessed, a fighter aircraft was despatched to the scene immediately.

About 6 or 8 minutes after the first sighting and the radio-call, the large object appeared to close in quite considerably towards the airliner. Still no definite fixed shape could be discerned, despite the absolutely clear visibility and the fact that it was silhouetted against the western sky, as the sun sank below the horizon (The time was 01.05 GMT). The escorting objects remained west of the larger one and did not appear to close with it.

Radio contact was made with the fighter, and as its pilot announced that he was 20 miles away, the objects began to diminish rapidly

in a westerly direction and disappeared in about 30 or 40 seconds. Press reports gave rather confusing impressions about the 'disappearance' - some indicating that the objects "dissolved" or otherwise faded away, but we have Co-pilot Lee Boyd's assurance that they did not, in fact, dissolve, but "diminished as though moving rapidly directly away from the observer". He further stated: "All these craft looked black against the sky. The small ones appeared as hard black dots and the larger as a black blob slowly changing in shape. As we had ample time to observe the movements and manoeuvres of these craft, we were all convinced that they were not cloud formations or birds".

On landing, they were briefly interrogated by a U.S. Airforce Officer. Later, it is understood, RAF Intelligence experts also interviewed them.

The affair had become such a news item that Capt. Howard and his Officers were interviewed in a BBC "Week in the West" programme - (being Bristol men) - and Stewardess Daphne Webster gave her impressions on "Woman's Hour". Capt. Plunkett - BFSB's own Hon. Secretary - also took part in the former programme, and was able to point out that GOOSE BAY had already featured in various saucer reports - UFO's having been sighted visually and on radar at least four times previously. (Vide: Keyhoe).

Various 'explanations' were, of course, put forward - and these ranged from "reflections of the aircraft on (non-existent!) cloud" through "flocks of birds" (which would have had to have been flying at 274 m ph for 80 miles, at a height of 19,000 ft.) - to a "reflection of the eclipse" - a most ingenious interpretation, but one which took few of the observed facts into account - especially that of the objects having been black.

Although Captain Howard himself said that he was not prepared to formulate a theory of any kind as to what it was they had seen, the other members of the crew gave the impression of being very sure that they were some kind of craft, and frequently referred to them as "craft" or "machines".

Mr. Lee Boyd said "...I am willing to swear that what we saw was something solid, something manoeuvrable and something that was being intelligently controlled".

Mr. George Allen, the Navigator, said: "I am absolutely convinced that the objects we saw were some kind of base ship with a number of satellites linked with it".

ANOTHER SEVEN.....

One large, and six smaller shiny, balloon-like objects were seen over Shanklin - Isle of Wight early on July 23rd, by a garage worker who said that the six smaller objects were in front of the larger one and were weaving about.

('Daily Mail' 27/4/54).

The full explanation may never be known, and - although shape-changing is by no means unique in saucer cases, this is undoubtedly one of the most definitive and must surely make this sighting one of the most enigmatic on record.

STRANGE SIGHT

seen over.....

WIGAN

WIGAN amateur astronomer, Mr. Harold Hill, has sent a full report of the strange sky phenomenon he observed on July 8th., to the British Astronomical Association.

He first noticed it as a bright, star-like object, but under high powered binoculars, it was seen to be a small, bright metallic-looking globe.

Mr. Hill dashed to his observatory and trained his 12" reflecting telescope upon the strange object, which was by this time seen to have shifted its position, being higher in the sky. What he then saw was as amazing as it was unexpected:

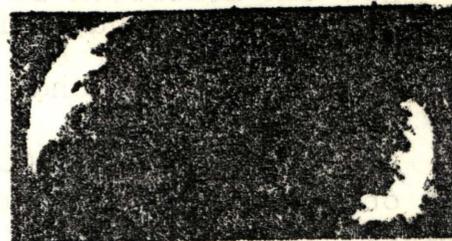
"There was a principal bright silvery object, of indeterminate shape, accompanied to the left by a cluster of what appeared to be minute stars. The components numbered from 15 to 20 although it was very difficult to estimate the precise number because the members of the cluster constantly changed their positions independently of one another. The whole scene gave the impression of being one of great activity...."

Clouds intervened for a short time, and on clearing, another surprise was in store, for now there were TWO bright objects close together, the cluster of small objects having either disappeared or gone out of the field of the 'scope.

"They were gradually seperating and not only appeared to be gyrating and flashing, but exhibited a slow, pendulum movement about each other in a manner rather like dancing partners - a truly amazing sight! One of the members was decreasing in brightness, and probably both - because they were now lost to view to my wife, who still had the binoculars trained...."

"The impression given was that the phenomenon was at a tremendous height, probably in the upper reaches of the stratosphere - or even beyond - because the small star-like objects of the cluster had shown no sensible size, even with the power of x 50. The two principal members defied description; they flashed as they gyrated as though metallic surfaces were reflecting the rays of the sun. Probably the closest analogy to what was seen is to be found in the flashing of the facets of a diamond as it is turned in a strong light".

The total time of the observations was from 9.30pm to 9.55pm, when clouds finally obscured the objects from view. It is stressed that the sketch is only a rough idea of what was seen; as already stated, the objects defied description. Mr. Hill has been an amateur astronomer for nearly 20 years, and a member of the B.A.A. for 11 years and is convinced that the phenomenon was NOT of astronomical origin. His report and sketches were supplied to the Wigan Flying Saucer Club, of which he is also a member - and have now been passed on to B.F.S.B.'s Director of Research.



VICAR SEES 'FLYING CRAB'.

The Rev. Cedric Wright, vicar of Seighford, near Stafford saw on June 25th, what he described as "A great, illuminated crab-like thing with feelers". It hovered like a helicopter about 80ft. above the ground and threw out a light like burnished gold. It kept moving back and forth. He called his wife and 22-year-old son, and they watched it for nearly an hour.

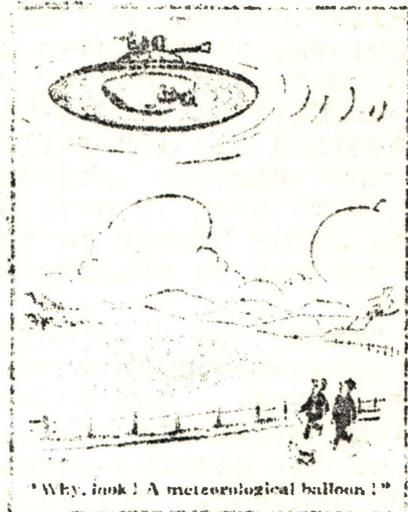
His son described it as "a dome, like half an orange, about 25ft. wide". There was a halo above it and a noise coming from it, he said. ("Sunday Dispatch").

AND THEN OVER LONDON?

An object which seems to have been very similar to the above, was seen by six people on June 27th - though the report was not published until a week after.

It was a long way off, and high in the sky, as they watched it from a top floor flat, overlooking Regents Park, for an hour and a half. It moved slowly, appeared to hover at times and was surrounded by a very bright light. As it moved it seemed to change its shape, at times resembling a bowler hat.

One of the witnesses said that 'SUDDENLY, TWO LINES SHOT OUT FROM EACH SIDE. At the end of each was something that looked like a shimmering plate.' After a time the object seemed to DIVIDE INTO TWO EQUAL PARTS and from the point of division, silver rays appeared to be emitted. Another witness said there appeared to be LITTLE OBJECTS COMING OFF THE MAIN BODY, but was not able to define them. Then the main object suddenly speeded up and disappeared. ("Evening News" (London) - 3/7/54)).



"Why, look! A meteorological balloon!"

"CRAB SHIPS" ?

Normally, this report from Canada would be dismissed as a 'saucerism' and reserved for a joke column, but the ship described has a rather alarming similarity to those described above!....

"SUDBURY - (CP). A nickel miner came out of a dead faint and told a strange story of seeing three 13 ft. men with three sets of arms step from a space ship. Enzo Lasarza, in his 20's, told workers at the Garson mine First Aid station that one of the visitors fixed him with a hypnotic stare until he fainted.

"HE DESCRIBED THE SHIP AS 25 ft. IN DIAMETER, WITH TWO ELECTRONIC EAR-LIKE SPURS, AND THREE SETS OF ARMS WITH CLAWS, and six legs..." ("Vancouver Province" - 7/7/54).

"FEELERS" -- "TWO LINES WITH 'SHIMMERING PLATES'" - "CLAWS".... Is this merely co-incidence or are these reports signs of another new type of saucer? They certainly seem to tie up and will bear closer investigation, as will also the similarity between the Wigan and Regents Park sightings.

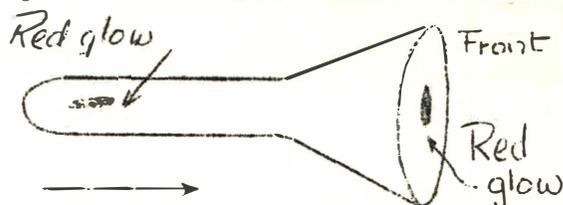
Saucer - OVER HAMPSHIRE AND SOMERSET.

ON the night of May 19-20, two independent witnesses claim to have seen a huge circular flying machine, surrounded by a brilliant flame-coloured light. Both witnesses - Miss Doreen Heffer, of Shobley, near Ringwood, Hants.- and Nigel Frapple, of Bruton, Somerset-agreed on the salient features.

At least 50 ft. in diameter, it hovered gently at first, and then made off at speed. The only sound was a slight swishing.

Frapple claimed to have seen it whilst cycling home at 2 am. on May 20th - at a distance of only about 30 yards - when it appeared to have been about 20 ft. from the ground.

Miss Heffer has described the object she saw as flame-coloured with a deep red mark in the centre, and following - and seemingly attached - was another light, surrounded by a flame-coloured glow. She drew a diagram for FSC Representative, Mr. J. Ibson, which we reproduce here.



Seeing the glow from her window - which overlooks a large forest, she at first thought it must be from a forest fire, but this was ruled out when the glow was seen to move steadily forward on an even course, at about the speed of a transport 'plane. It followed the main Southampton to Bournemouth road in the direction of Ringwood.

Miss Heffer had seen the object some three hours earlier than Nigel Frapple, but had not reported it until she saw his claim in the local paper.

A full report of the object, it is understood, has been sent to R.A.F. headquarters at Uxbridge.

STRANGE MACHINE SEEN OVER BRISTOL CHANNEL.

"BRISTOL EVENING POST" reports a detailed description of a Saucer seen over the Bristol Channel during July. Whilst driving a van, Mr. E.G. Emery, of Hotwells, saw a saucer-shaped object in a patch of blue sky, at about 1,000 or 2,000 ft. "The bottom of the object appeared to be red hot and radiating a heat-haze", he said. "It had a turret on top and two projections similar to wireless aeri-als. I stopped my van and watched for about two minutes and then the thing just disappeared". He sat by the roadside and made a sketch of the saucer - which he estimated had been the size of two double-deck buses, and aluminium coloured. B.F.S.B. will no doubt be investigating this sighting, and we should be able to feature further details shortly.

Meanwhile, as we go to press, another report comes to hand, concerning a mushroom-shaped object seen over Barry. It pulsated and changed shape, and was also seen by some Cardiff FSC members, on August 6th.

BRITISH Sightings

MAY 18. CAMBORNE, Cornwall: Yellow ball of fire with a brilliant tail, estimated as 20 yds. length, streaked across the sky in E-W direction for about 2 miles, at 9.30 pm. Passed out of sight within a few seconds - estimated height 5,000 ft. Witnesses said it made a hissing noise. ('Cornwall Gazette' - 20/5/54).

MAY 30. CANVEY ISLAND, Essex: A small globe-like light was seen to cross the island at speed. It gained height considerably and disappeared rapidly in direction of London. ('Daily Herald' 31/5/54).

JUNE 15. FOUR ELMS, Kent: A bright yellowy light, attended by two smaller blue lights on either side, seemed to rise from the ground and move swiftly across the sky towards London. It moved in a slow curve and made a curious rushing noise, quite unlike any jet plane. No firm shape detectable behind the lights. ('Kent & Sussex Courier' - 18/6/54).

JUNE 23. HENGISTBURY HEAD, Hants.: Five people watched a large brilliant white cigar-shaped object, larger than any aircraft, which remained stationary for three minutes, around 9.15 pm. - before shooting off at terrific speed. Also seen by people in St. Catherine's Hill and pokesdown. ('Christchurch Times').

JUNE 26. LEEDS AREA: Flame coloured object seen low down on horizon about 10 p.m. Observed through binoculars to be cone-shaped object, with red and orange flames flickering from its base (compare with Hampshire report -p.9). Another 2 witnesses watched it for 15 mins. from the moors. It manoeuvred before moving off. ('Yorkshire Evening Post' - 28 & 29/6/54).

JUNE 27. HINDHEAD, Hants.: A bright light, the intensity of a bright star was seen to move fairly rapidly across the sky, on a straight course, at 1.40 a.m. It gave the impression of being at a great height and seemed to be slowing down and speeding up again; also it appeared to wander from its course and correct itself again (see reports from Canada, and Berlin). Seen for about 30-45 seconds, during which time it travelled through 70-90 degrees. A noise similar to a jet aircraft was heard, which seemed to be coming from a point some distance behind the object. (Reported to FS NEWS direct - with statement signed by eight witnesses).

JULY 2. WALLSEND-ON-TYNE: Three men saw a crescent-shaped object - turning in circles "too tight for a plane", at a great height. It spun several times "almost on its own nose" and then shot off at a high speed without any sound. ('Daily Mail' - 3/7/54).

JULY ?? HOPE, Derbys.: On three evenings, villagers reported "a brilliantly lit cylindrical object" moving silently across the sky. ('Daily Dispatch' - 12/7/54).

JULY 7th. LONDON: Another "balloony" episode. This turned out to be a cosmic ray balloon, from Cardington University, Bristol. It was 60 ft. diameter, and 200 ft. high - and was fifteen miles above city. Minor sensation in evening Press, but they had the explanation, too.

JULY 12. CHELTENHAM: Brilliant silver disc, "like a flying dustbin lid" high in the sky. Sailed away at "terrific speed" a few seconds before a jet plane passed over the spot. ('Daily Mail' - 13/7/54).

JULY 13. GREAT EASTON, Leics.: Farmer watched disc following jet plane. "It looked something like a full moon, saucer shaped and almost flat". Much bigger than the plane and practically transparent, though clearly defined. It gradually gained on the jet, and before both went from view, it could be seen high above the 'plane. ('Leicester Evening Mail' 14/7/54 & 'Daily Mail' 15/7/54).

JULY 26. TONBRIDGE, Kent: Two lights in the sky in Maidstone direction suddenly merged into one and moved silently off towards Tonbridge. Then disappeared, to reappear again in the Tunbridge Wells area. Kept "moving to and fro like a gnat" a witness said. Similar strange lights have been seen previously in the district, says the report, and always between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m.

('Kent & Sussex Courier' - 30/7/54).

JULY 13. HINKLEY, Leics.: Glittering object stationary in the sky for 2 mins., then vanished. Early morning. ('Leicester Mercury').

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FINLAND:

Luminous objects described as 'flying saucers' and 'flying-cigars' have been seen over Southern Finland. Several people reported a cigar-shaped object flying in a westerly direction with a streak of fire behind it. ('Sunday Dispatch' - 11/7/54).

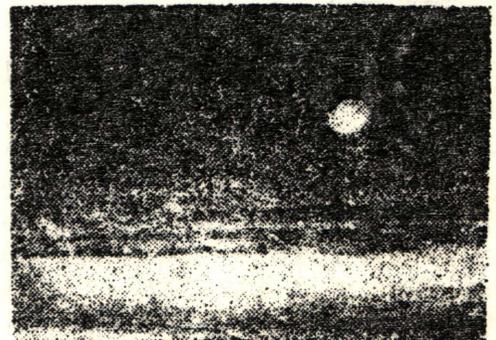
GERMANY: Air-line officials at Dusseldorf airport claimed to have seen a saucer flying at high speed at about 18,000 ft., on June 9th. ('Daily Mail' - 10/6/54).

SWITZERLAND: Fifty people 'phoned the police at Zurich, reporting a flying saucer circling over the city for 20 minutes, on June 11th. ('Daily Mail' - 12/6/54). Swiss Air Force is also investigating reports of a saucer shaped object of quickly changing colours, seen on August 15th., over Zurich. ('Daily Mail' - 16/8/54).

MORE OVERSEAS REPORTS OVERLEAF 

SAUCER PHOTO.

This picture was taken by a Norwegian cameraman whilst making a colour film of the June eclipse from an aircraft at 15,000 ft. He said that the disc moved across the horizon at great speed. The film is now in Oslo after being shown to a small audience in London. Two other photographers had similar results when their films were developed. ('Daily Mail' - 7/7/54).



OVERSEAS REPORTS - Ctd.:

AUSTRALIA: Scores of Sydney residents reported strange, multi-coloured lights, changing from white to blue to red, in the sky over the city soon after 7 pm. on June 14th. The following morning at 6 am. and 6.10 am., respectively, two independent witnesses saw an object "shaped like a railway carriage" flying in from the South, over Botany Bay, with blue-green flames shooting from the rear. It was judged to be about 30 ft. long and 10 ft. wide, and at about 600 ft. altitude. Mascot airport and R.A.A.F. stated no planes in the area at the time. ('Sydney Sun' - 15/6/54).

At Alice Springs, an Aborigine reported that while he was riding his horse on March 17th, a weird flying machine nearly flew into him. The object was about 40 ft. in diameter, emitted four streams of smoke from each side and caused a heavy wind when it rose at terrific speed, making a noise like a drum-laden truck on a bad road. Other natives saw it from a distance. They were well-educated, and used to aircraft, including jets. ('Melb. Argus' - 2/4/54).

At Roma, a vee-shaped craft was reported by half-a-dozen people spread over some 40 miles, on 15/5/54 at 11.45 pm. It was flying soundlessly at "hundreds of miles an hour" and only 100 or 200 feet up. It was a bright yellow in colour and the size of a large motor car. One witness said it seemed to have two red rear lights. ('Brisbane Courier-Mail' - 18/5/54).

CANADA: Abbotsford, 7.20 am., 27/4/54 - Two pure white, round objects in the sky, united by a ribbon-like thing. Seen for about 3 mins. They were travelling in a jerky manner (see page 20 - Berlin) - one would pass the other in turn and it appeared as if when one gained the ribbon would slow it up and then the other would gain, and so on. ('Vancouver Province' - 8/5/54).

SOUTHERN RHODESIA: Two independent witnesses reported seeing a silver object - one at 7.15 am. and one at 10 am., on June 12th. Their full reports have been sent to us by Mr. Glyn Benjamin, our Central African Representative, and passed on to BFSB's Research section. One witness describes what he saw as being "like the fuselage of a very small aircraft minus wings and tail, round on top tapering to the rear, and flat underneath" (Sketch rather resembles a Clark 'Y' airfoil section). It suddenly accelerated to an estimated 3,500 mph. travelling parallel to the witness's car. With him were two African assistants. (Brief reports in 'Rhodesia Herald' - 15/6/54).

JOHANNESBURG: (No date available): A flying saucer bearing the figure "1" followed by "3" or "B" has been seen near Kimberley. ('News Chronicle' - 3/7/54).

U.S.A.: Captain of the Dutch Ship 'Groote Beer' reported that he and five of his officers watched a flying saucer for about 14 mins., as their ship approached New York on July 29th. One of the officers who observed it with a sextant said it travelled straight up through half a degree in 2 minutes. ('Daily Mail' : 30/7/54).

B.F.S.B. Newsletter

71 Chedworth Road,
Horfield,
BRISTOL, 7.

August, 1954.

Dear Colleagues,

Having returned from what must have been the wettest holiday on record I find myself confronted with a massive pile of correspondence! Therefore this letter must open with an apology to all of you who are awaiting replies, receipts, back issues and the thousand and one other requests which are called for. Further to this I regret the non-arrival of badges from the makers, and for the continued hold-up in Membership Cards. It has been decided that a new card and serial number will be issued as soon as possible to cover the entire membership of the recently merged BFSB & FSC which of course is now virtually one, and this I feel cannot be delayed much longer. However, this and many other aspects are still in the Committee stage, and in due course will receive sanction, and notification will be made either directly or through the medium of this newsletter.

THE B.O.A.C. STRATO-CRUISER SIGHTING:-

Elsewhere in this copy of the NEWS this subject will have received due prominence, but I have no doubt you will all be pleased to learn that no time was taken in contacting Capt. Howard immediately the news received publication in the Bristol press. Unfortunately he was then engaged in moving house to Wokingham in Berkshire, and thus was unable to be principle guest speaker at our July meeting. However, he assured me over the 'phone that he was convinced that he and his colleagues had seen something exceedingly strange, unlike anything previously sighted in a long experience of flying. Some time afterwards he was good enough to write me from his new address and I feel that his final words - written after whatever contacts made whilst in London - are worthy of mention - and here I quote...."But I think that people are more and more taking these things seriously which is as it should be -for it is a serious matter..."

Mr. Graham Knewstub, Vice-president and research Chief of the Bureau wasted no time in contacting Capt. Howard's Officers, and on 7th July both Chief Officer Lee-Boyd and Navigator Allen were guest speakers at the monthly general meeting at Carwardine's Cafe, Baldwin Street, Bristol, 1. A record crowd were present, but Mr. Wintle, a local aircraft designer, who - in the local Press - had tried to explain away the whole affair as a form of mirage caused due to the eclipse, unfortunately did not take advantage of the invitation extended by the Bureau to discuss his theory direct with the actual participants in this most amazing of sightings to date. Let me assure you all that after listening to both the above members of the crew, coupled with detailed sketches of the actual sphere of operations we were left in no doubt that both men were absolutely convinced they had seen something very extraordinary indeed that more than warranted the term U.F.O. Mr. Lee-Boyd and Mr. Allen accepted the offer of Honorary Members of the Bureau on the spot, and of course Capt. Howard had already been granted same. Altogether a very wonderful evening, during which a complete tape recording was made, and cine-film records by courtesy of Members Whitting and Watts.

ADAMSKI MEETING:-

Following on a letter from Messrs. T. Werner Laurie Ltd. informing me of the fact that Adamski's doctor had refused permission for him to travel to London due to ill-health, for the much awaited Albert Hall meeting - despite the offer to fly him here and back - I have received a letter from Desmond Leslie now staying with Adamski at his home in California. Mr. Leslie in his letter of the 30th July writes - and here I quote with his permission: "Let me say... what I personally think of George Adamski after spending a month in his company. He is one of the most sane and balanced and honest men I have met. I have inspected thoroughly all his original negatives, equipment etc, and find them to be genuine. Had Adamski wished to set himself up as a Californian Prophet, he could have had two Cadillacs by now, but he prefers the simple honest life as do all genuine philosophers. I notice he seems to attract around himself only good, sincere people and thinking people. With cranks he has little patience. In his forthcoming book which we are preparing he has sworn before Almighty God that were he to die tonight and be given the chance to recant his story he could not do so because it is true". Leslie goes on to say : .. "He is not a well man.... I am afraid he is burning himself up like a bulb with too high a current running through it. For this reason his doctor has positively forbidden him to leave this warm climate..... and said 'if you go to England this year you will probably come back in a coffin'. For that reason we have cancelled the Albert Hall. However, the doctor feels that if Adamski relaxes and does not overwork himself like he is now so doing, there will be quite a likelihood of a visit to England next year".

Mr. Leslie hopes to return to England in September and ends his letter with "... and will tell you of many interesting things".

THE BRUTON, SOMERSET, SAUCER:-

This sighting by Nigel Frapple, an 18-year-old youth which received a great deal of prominence in several London papers was personally investigated by myself and Committee member Mr. Watts, who also took along his cine-camera and took shots of the youth concerned and the countryside over which the sighting took place. Nigel Frapple assured me that Mr. Leslie had interviewed him a few days previously, and my visit was followed a few days later by the West of England B.B.C. Staff recording car. I would like to say that all those concerned in the various interviews came away with a genuine feeling that this was an extraordinary clear and concise sighting, but unfortunately the youth later became involved in some police court proceedings (entirely unconnected with the Saucer incident), and we felt we could not therefore publicise this sighting as we had fully intended doing. This policy was also adopted by the BBC. Nevertheless, anyone who so desires can have the findings of myself and Mr. Watts with regard to this interview with Nigel Frapple, for obviously his personal conduct does not necessarily invalidate the truth of his sighting.

THE ALBERT K. BENDER (U.S.A.) RECORDING:-

May I reassure all members - particularly those in America - who have written to ask me whether the so-called mystery has been

solved re the closing down of I.F.S.B. that this is definitely not so. Mr. Bender in his tape to the Bureau had little or nothing to add to any statements previously given to the Press in America or to personal friends in Great Britain. Rather was it a sincere message to all old colleagues that he was unable to add anything to the subject of Flying Saucers, and that in future he had absolutely no interest in such phenomena and wished to forget the whole thing. May I also add here that if my friend Bender has been subjected to a flood of letters from curiosity seekers, then I here and now offer my sincere apologies for having been the unwitting cause of same.

THE WESTON-SUPER-MARE RECORDINGS:-

Dr. R. Irving-Bell, the President of the Bureau, and many others have been privileged to hear a series of further recordings taken from the medium whilst under trance. These have been pronounced most remarkable, and as soon as circumstances permit I trust I shall be able to give you all a first-hand account of these beautiful recordings - for beautiful they are, in diction, clarity - and ideals.

INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE:-

The Vice-President, Mr. Knewstub, is rapidly gathering about him an able and competent team of investigators, and these as soon as their normal work permits make contact with those concerned in saucer sightings. One of the most indefatigable and enterprising is member Mr. Keith Purchas who at entirely his own expense has travelled far and near during his holidays to visit persons concerned in recent newspaper reports, and of whom I shall have more to say I trust in future newsletters when the facts are placed before me. The organisation is gradually assuming a comprehensive and workable shape, inasmuch that Committee and other members are gradually accepting Officership in a particular sphere, i.e.: Research (practical and psychic), Photography, Tape-recording, and Librarianship - which includes the almost full-time occupation of coping with newspaper reports and cuttings etc. and the maintenance of scrap-books. May I on behalf of the Committee and myself extend a hearty vote of thanks. Our only trouble is that we find enthusiasm is not enough, and that the membership has grown - and is still growing - to such a capacity that secretarial work especially is becoming a major problem. For instance; during my fortnight's annual holiday well over a hundred letters have accumulated, many of these requiring receipts, which after all is one of the first and main considerations. Therefore may I ask the indulgence of you all, and can only add that in due course every letter will be answered by myself or someone allocated to deal with same in a special field. Harold Copley our respected Hon. Treasurer who can do with less sleep than any man I have ever known is also feeling the strain, but rest assured we your representatives will do our utmost to make the combined BFSB and FSC a force in the land.

Before I close I would like to submit a rough draft of a letter by our Vice-President with regard to the ever pressing problem of Local Groups. This letter is meant purely as a guide, and is therefore in no wise complete, but it will be sufficient for those who wish to make a start:-

FORMATION OF LOCAL GROUPS:-

Many enquiries have been received from members regarding the formation of local groups, and the Committee have therefore decided to issue these notes for the guidance of potential Group Leaders. It is suggested that the first step should be to form a discussion group which could meet regularly at members' houses, or in a café or hotel. Matter for discussion could be taken from one of the several well known books on the subject, or current Press reports, and in addition the Librarian would be able to supply leaflets dealing with important sightings and other topics. At an early date a public meeting should be held, at which the public could be acquainted with the facts concerning Flying Saucers, and the work of the BFSB/FSC. In order to assist local speakers, précis notes for suitable address are being prepared and may be obtained from the Librarian. Alternatively, the BFSB can supply a speaker who will give his services free provided the local group can pay his travelling expenses. It will of course be necessary for the group to meet their own expenses, and at a later date when the group is fully established and growing in numbers it may be desirable to form a local Club or Society, governed by an elected Committee having its own rules. Here again, assistance and advice are available on request. If you wish to form a Local Group just let us know and we will supply you with a list of local members (as soon as possible) and any other assistance you may require, and later publish your name and address in a current FLYING SAUCER NEWS.

MISCELLANY:-

Much though I would like to go on with numerous other local reports, happenings at General Meetings etc., I am afraid lack of space makes this impossible, but I feel that Saucerdom has made great strides of late in Great Britain - and having received from Mr. Fulton the New Zealand magazine only yesterday it would appear that both there and in Australia that the number of sightings and the reliability of witnesses is certainly on the increase.

I must also thank our old friend Mr. Eric Biddle for the first issue of the new British "URANUS" magazine on which he is to be congratulated, and of which more appears on other pages of this issue. The Bureau's first Technical Report has been prepared and negotiations are now pending re its publication on behalf of the membership.

Yours fraternally,

E. L. Plunkett

(Capt.).

Hon. Sec. B.F.S.B.

MANTELL PARALLEL ?

A strange paragraph in the daily press on July 3rd. gave news of what many consider to be a parallel to the Mantell case.

On July 2nd., a jet fighter crashed near Utica, New York, after it had been sent up on what was described as "AN ACTIVE AIR DEFENCE INTERCEPT MISSION", it was reported.

The U.S.A.F. were stated to have said that there was a "successful intercept" - but did not know what it was that had been intercepted. Armed with rockets, because of the active nature of its mission, the machine crashed into a car and buildings, killing four people. However, the crew had baled out - due to the cockpit having become unbearably hot. Pilot and radar-man survived - though we are not given their story.

This incident doesn't bear more than a superficial resemblance to the Mantell case. Apart from the fact that the pilot survived -- this machine was abandoned. However, it is perhaps worth noting that the pilot whose compass glass was shattered over Esher earlier in the year (reported in our Spring FSN) later stated that he had experienced a sensation of heat on the back of his neck at the time. Of course, the heat in the cockpit of the American aircraft could have been due to a variety of causes, in the way of mechanical malfunction - but the point is, that we are not told what it was that he saw and intercepted!

FLYING FROTH (Detergent Saucers!).

Readers may recall an item in the Spring 1953 FSN about a suggestion in the Lancet, that some F.S. may be caused by froth blown from sewage works on washdays when suds go down the drain. This is now seemingly proved correct, judging by reports from Shropshire, Herefordshire and Worcester. They raised quite a sensation in those counties when six "saucers" were seen floating on high. However, a garage man who works near the sewage farm had seen these six take off. He said it often happened. Warm conditions must have helped this bunch to remain aloft for over three hours. (Full report : "Ludlow Advertiser" - 15/7/54).

RUMOUR LEVEL.....

Sensational-sounding bulletins are being issued by one American Group, who insist that their information is "very reliable". They state that at Edwards Air Force Base, five types of F.S. are under top-level inspection - with the permission and help of the 'etherian operators'! In a report abounding in superlatives, it is stated that there is 'consternation, confusion and collapse' among scientists and technicians, faced with a new super-science involving principles enabling the F.S. to de-materialise etc.

Certainly, when we do get hold of the Saucers' secrets - especially their (probably) electromagnetic driving force (on which, it seems, Project Magnet is already making headway) - a lot of people are going to have headaches working out how not to ruin our economy -- it would certainly mean chaos and collapse in Wall Street!

MORE Saucer CONTACTS CLAIMED

More and more people are being befriended by the saucerites, it seems - if we are to believe the various claims now being made.

TRUMAN BETHURUM's story of his encounter with a woman Saucer-commandant in the Nevada desert is well known in the U.S.A. but may be news to most British saucerers. He claims to have met a "gorgeous woman" with a Latin appearance, who captained a crew of swarthy types in a saucer they called a 'Scero' - which hovered 4 ft. from the ground. Bethurum claims she seemed anxious to talk, and told him that her name was Aura Rhanes, and that they came from a planet called Clarion. The meeting was said to have occurred about 70 or 80 miles outside of Las Vegas, at about 3.30 a.m. in July, 1952. Since then, Bethurum says, he has had eleven more meetings with the visitors, and has published his experiences in book form.

Only recently, however, was released the story of DAN FRY, who now claims a much earlier contact. 1950 in fact.

His saucer didn't hover, but settled to earth, with a crunching sound (which seems to scuttle the theory that FS cannot touch the ground without short-circuiting their power supply!), and he was, he claims, addressed via a loudspeaker, by a voice, telling him in perfect English that there was nothing to fear. After a ten-minute conversation, he was invited to enter. He did, and according to his story, was whisked over St. Louis, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and then Manhattan, at about 8,000 miles per hour. He was also presented with an illustrated description of the saucer's construction and operation. "The White Sands Incident" is the title of Fry's book - and in it, we are informed, is an explanation of Saucer operation and counteraction of gravity "from an understandable engineering standpoint". Let us hope that this description is a little more graphic than one recently published over here, which - under the heading of "How a Saucer operates" - gives rather laborious instructions as to whether to press the Blue or the Red button!....

AND NOW - in the SAHARA.

The "Isle of Man Times" (17/7/54) published a report of a lecture given by a Dr. Cannon, who claims to have authentic information on yet another saucer contact. This time it was an American scientist, working in the Sahara desert.

The meeting was very brief, apparently, as the language difficulty prevented much interchange of information - but the scientist handed over a metal container from his kit, to the Saucerian.

This scientist - personally known to Dr. Cannon - and according to him "one of the most sceptical people living" - then reported the affair to the U.S. Authorities, and kept it to a small circle of his friends besides.

Some time later, while working in his laboratory back in Dakota,

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NEWS FROMAustralasiaNEW ZEALAND

Most outstanding sighting - sent us by N.Z.'s Civilian Saucer Investigation President H.H. Fulton, is featured in the "New Zealand Herald" of 25/5/54. Three pilots of a New Plymouth top-dressing firm saw a number of strange objects flying over eastern Taranski at about daybreak on May 24th.

"They were oval in shape and looked like giant discs. They seemed to be a red-orange in colour with a reddish flame coming from them.... We first noticed three. They appeared to be hovering at about 7,000 feet above us, but as we were flying at 135 mph. it would be difficult to estimate accurately whether or not they were moving. We flew on in the same direction for another three minutes and saw a number of others. They seemed to be flying in single-line formation. Suddenly they all climbed rapidly at great speed and disappeared."

Mr. Fulton goes on to say that the pilots were interviewed on the radio, and related that there were altogether 15 of the huge discs and that they were sure they had seen strange ships which must be from another world.

We note that Mr. John E. Stuart, previously of Hamilton Flying Saucer Investigation Society, has now formed Flying Saucer Investigators. Mr. Stuart is a veteran Saucerer - with several sightings to his credit. He tells us that they have compiled a theory on Saucers which they have sent to the N.Z. Prime Minister, and have been instructed not to divulge any of the contents, but does say that it concerns Mars. (We don't quite get the "secrecy" angle, since this would seem to be just another theory - unless we have another Bender episode in the offing!)

From letters and reports - which we cannot begin to try to cram in here - it seems that FS activity in N.Z. is very intense, as is also the case in

AUSTRALIA

Whence we hear that the Australian Flying Saucer Club (formed by Mr. Fred Stone, after reading of the British original) has now amalgamated with the longer-established Australian FS Bureau - Director, E.R. Jarrold. A recent letter from Mr. Jarrold tells of their "worst flood of hysterical mail so far" - resulting from a report that the Bureau had a "piece of a flying saucer". However, they did in fact have a portion of one of the several mysterious 30 ft. long unidentified objects observed passing over Shepparton, Victoria, on May 12th. (We'd've said that was the same thing - Ed.), and it is proposed to submit this piece of 'strange material' to whatever analysis may be necessary in order to determine its exact composition and origin. Further to this, Mr. Stone writes of a "special mission" - though it is not stated if this is to do with the 'piece of saucer' or not. It seems, however, that some fresh information has come into their hands from official sources.....Again, why the veiled hints and much secrecy, we cannot imagine...unless.... Woomera?.....

Saucer formations SEEN REGULARLY over

BERLIN

Mysterious appearances in the sky over Berlin are at present engaging the attention of the Air Technical sections of the occupation powers. For several weeks, unidentified objects have been seen flying at great height over the four sector city on nearly all cloudless nights. Their manoeuvres and lightning changes of course at tremendous speed are so mysterious that experts think it impossible that these flying celestial bodies are piloted by any human agency.

A German expert has also voiced an opinion. Rudolf Hermes, one of the few German flying saucer experts, who works in the Templehof air traffic control and who was for ten years employed in the same capacity by the Lufthansa, said: 'There is no doubt that these appearances are identical with the flying objects known as flying saucers'.

In his office on the airfield, Rudolf Hermes records all observations made over Berlin. His file already holds about 300 eye-witness reports. The observations were made by various witnesses in different parts of the city at the same time, so that an hallucination is scarcely likely.

The story of the mysterious flying objects over Berlin began on May 15th this year. About 22.15 hrs. that day, Wolfgang Kobski and Rudi Fibich, two amateur astronomers, observed three round luminous bodies flying at great height on a zig-zag course. They declared that what they had seen could certainly not have been meteors, stars or an hallucination. In the following weeks, responsible witnesses made similar observations. All reports agree that the observers saw the objects between 22 and 23 hrs. - for three to ten minutes, and in all cases three luminous discs were seen in formation, flying jerkily on a zig-zag course.

For some time English and American officers have been visiting all Berliners claiming to have seen 'flying saucers', taking statements on their observations. The American authorities have drawn up a questionnaire which is sent to all persons who think they have seen Unidentified Flying Objects.

American technicians have also started installing another radar apparatus on the airfield, as the present apparatus is fully occupied with traffic in the air corridors.

(Translation from "Der Kurrier" sent by our Berlin Correspondent).

ARTIFICIAL SATELLITES ?

The fact that these 'saucers' are seen at regular intervals would seem to add weight to the Artificial satellite rumour - which has been put forward from several quarters. If the course of these objects can be correctly established, there seems no reason why we should not all very soon be able to see something very interesting for ourselves. The zig-zag flight, however, does not quite fit - though it ties up with a number of observed saucer cases.

Weird Possibilities...

"The Flying Saucers are real, are truth-in-action. The skies are literally teeming with beings from other worlds; swarming with instruments and machines carrying living beings as real and vital (and in some cases a thousand times more vital.). And we must prepare to meet them at once!...

"I wish to go on record as saying that at this moment responsible men and women in positions of governmental authority are often near to nervous collapse with the terrible knowledge which they are endeavouring, for good reasons, to withhold from the public ...but they do not know WHY these strange creatures in their strange craft are here - nor what they plan to do to our earth. Nor does anyone else - unless they are willing to listen to sources of information which are of a spiritual nature" (i.e. : mental, psychic, metaphysical - not religionistic in the usual sense of the word).

(N. Meade Layne - quoted in "PREDICTION").

SEALING US UP!

Yet another example of the infinite variety of Spirit "explanations" of FS is given in "Atlantis to the Latter Days" which we mentioned last issue.

The idea, this time, is that the FS are "Sentinels", in their "Magnetic Conveyances" - which they have the power to create, themselves - travelling along an uninterrupted beam or track betwixt the material and spiritual planes. They can come into the material plane and, passing into matter, can materialise the "conveyance" in order to carry out their purpose and functions within and around the earth's magnetic envelope.

In the same or reverse way, they can dematerialise it as soon as they are beyond the material envelope and into the higher dimensional Thought-Spheres.

These 'magnetic conveyances' do not land and are not for the purpose of having personal contact with the people of this world, but act only as sentinels. Their work is to draw together again through magnetic force, any break or leak in the magnetic envelope surrounding the earth..."as a protection, cutting off from outer space the contaminating thought rays emanating from the earth plane".

A letter to a Stockholm paper offers the explanation:-

"Could it be that they are television pictures, flying through the air, looking for a TV receiver to appear on?"

(A.P. report -
"Daily Mail" - 13/7/54).



LORD DOWDING STATES HIS VIEWS.....

In an article - "I believe in Flying Saucers" featured in the Sunday Dispatch on July 11th., AIR CHIEF MARSHALL LORD DOWDING - Air Officer Commanding in Chief in the Battle of Britain - outlined his reasons for belief in Saucers. After saying that probably the best evidence was contained in Keyhoe's "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" because most of the incidents there have been checked by the USAF Intelligence branch, he continued: "I am convinced that these objects do exist and that they are not manufactured on earth. I can therefore see no alternative to accepting the theory that they come from some extra-terrestrial source". He thought it was possible that beings from other planets may be coming to investigate the atomic explosions - or, on the other hand may be on a routine survey - in which perhaps the earth's inhabitants might play little or no part. Lord Dowding concluded with a warning against any attempts to open fire or attack in any way these objects. Quite apart from the fact that they must be well capable of defending themselves it would be criminal folly if we were to do anything which could hinder a contact "which may well bring untold blessings to a distraught humanity".

DUBLIN SAUCER A FAKE ?

One of our Dublin members writes to tell us that the photo. of the "Dublin Saucer" which we published last issue, is now thought to have been deliberately faked. A snap of a Christmas tree decoration in fact! It is suggested, further, that the 'witness' (an actress, who, the following week had her photograph published, together with her corroboration, and the fact that she was playing at a Dublin theatre) - was in collusion with the photographer and his wife. This is a serious allegation - and we don't want a libel action on our hands! - so perhaps someone can produce some facts? Our own letter to the photographer, last March, evoked no reply....

WE HEAR.....

That Arthur Clarke, recently returned from America, has now somewhat modified his views, and whilst still regarding Adamski as a hoaxer, is nevertheless prepared to admit that Saucers may, after all, be real..... more and more Science Fiction magazines are indulging in editorials on FS - including NEW WORLDS (with 5 pages of FS book reviews) NEBULA and VARGO STATEN.... Stf play on AFN featured a jet-pilot taken aboard a saucer.... a new wide-screen Technicolor documentary is being filmed, with the title "Project Saucer" - script by Rip van Ronkel, who wrote Destination Moon a recent 'Lecture' in London's Wigmore Hall seems to have nauseated many Saucerclub members - a number walking out in the interval..... George Adamski's long-awaited but still-to-be-published book contains "long discourses by the space men which stand on their own merits".....record by 'Goon Show's' Peter Sellers: "Jakka and the Flying Saucers".....



STAR LETTER

While agreeing, on the whole, that "FS ON THE MOON" is a well written and interesting book, with a good deal of useful information, I really must protest at what seems to me to be not only "extraneous" material (as your review so kindly puts it), but downright gross exaggeration, and deliberate dramatising.

This business about the Cigar-shapes being hostile, for instance, seems to me to be sheer nonsense. If they - or any other kind of saucers - were hostile, they would have attacked us by now. Indeed, since it has been shown that we have been observed probably for centuries, it is reasonable to suppose that had our visitors any hostile motives, they could have liquidated us when we were in the bow-and-arrow - or at least the musket stage. To say that a huge space ship would go around setting off fires in cycle sheds is, well, to say the least - ludicrous! These fires may have been started by FS - but if they were, then I suggest it was accidental and not a "hostile act". The powerful magnetic fields probably generated by their motive force will undoubtedly have some odd side effects, and this may have been one of them.

If the cigar-shaped vessels are hostile, then so are the discs, since there are well authenticated cases of people having observed discs leaving the mother ships (I don't mean the Adamski ones, here) and also returning to them again (Swedish sighting: FSFOS p.157).

Then again - "Death Ray Aeroform" - what nonsense! The way Wilkin puts it, one almost thinks he has got some definite facts - instead of merely using his imagination. That goes for a lot of the book, too, in my opinion. He may be sincere, but I think he's working on nothing more than rumours for a lot of his more "dramatic" pronouncements. Keyhoe's explanation of the Mantell case is much more feasible - electromagnetic induction again.

Not so misleading, but nevertheless irritating, are the various little slips, where Wilkins shows his own scant knowledge on several almost commonplace items. Stroboscopes, for instance, can only be used for measuring the speeds of rotating or vibrating objects, at a range of, at best, a few feet. A camera obscura, does not take a photograph; it enables one to delineate the object viewed. And as for the sun's heat travelling through space, and his not being able to understand how the moon rotates and yet keeps one face to the earth - well!!

A. FITTER,
Birmingham.

N.B. Mr. Wilkins seems to be going even further now. It seems his book is appearing in America under the title of "FLYING SAUCERS on the ATTACK" !!! (Ed.).

Ctd. from p.18:-

the nameless scientist watched a saucer descend to some 500 ft. He took several photographs (it was not stated what became of these) - and then observed something fall from the saucer. It proved to be the container he had parted with in Egypt! He just reached his telescope, it is related, in time to see a hand wave from the cockpit of the saucer in farewell.

The container was dented, but intact - though apparently devoid of any messages or inscriptions.

Nothing if not a showman, apparently Dr. Cannon delivers his lectures in the semi-darkness of a hall he calls "The Enchanted Hall" - and titles the talks "Out of This World With Soft Lights and Sweet Music" !!!

(STOP PRESS): In reply to our enquiry, Dr. Cannon writes: "...I was giving Dr. Layne's official report, which I understand is mentioned in Adamski's book". He goes on: "...Outer space signals (which were magnified thousands of times) were heard clearly in the Enchanted Hall".

"URANUS"

Since our last issue, when we stated that FS NEWS was the 'only British Saucer magazine', we find we have a contemporary. Probably the world's first commercially published saucer periodical, it is edited by our friend Eric Biddle, of Ouranos fame, and published by the Markham House press at 10/- per year. A statement by the publishers says that the main purpose of the new periodical is not the reviewing of news items, but the more academic or interpretative side of the question so that, in fact, the two journals will be complementary rather than competitive. ((Markham House Press Ltd, 31 King's Road, London, S.W.3.)).

"TRUE" Magazine, for May 1954, features a book-length article on what Project Bluebook found out, by Capt. Ruppelt, who was in charge of the Project from 1951-1953. It 'takes the lid off' a number of the more 'classic' cases - but some parts are in direct contradiction to certain items in Keyhoe's book. This may be yet another example of the difference of opinion in High Places which Keyhoe emphasises. It certainly only serves to confuse the poor Saucerer more than ever. If there is a lull in saucertivity we might be able to include a review of the more controversial items next issue.

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