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The one and only Earth?

By J GRAHAM COWELL, Editor of PERCEPTION
(See advertisement elsewhere in this issue)

Since the dawn of our present-day knowledge, we have come to accept the idea that our planet is an island in the universe, a lost outpost abounding in various forms of life.

Today the situation has been reversed. Whether we find the idea palatable or not, scientists agree that it is quite possible, and indeed probable, that of the vast numbers of planetary systems in the universe, many must have planets in an appropriate condition to support long-term organic evolution.

If we accept this, it is quite feasible that many of these civilisations have progressed far in advance of our own, and conquered the vast distances involved in space travel.

The sceptic with little understanding of the UFO enigma is obviously sincere in his opinion when debunking all saucer sightings. But what of the witnesses - the people who have claimed to have seen strange objects in the sky and on the ground, and in some instances to have spoken with their occupants? Here we have evidence that must be either accepted or rejected, but certainly not ignored or overlooked. I believe that if the test of common sense is applied to both sides of the controversy, it will be the saucer and not the sceptic that will survive.

The thought of intelligent beings on other planets does at first seem a revolutionary idea, but it is not without foundation. Strange radio signals from space have caused many an astronomer to turn a previously deaf ear to this tantalising possibility.

Are other civilisations trying to contact us? If they are, how can we reciprocate? When we venture out of our earthly nest and explore space, we must not be too surprised to find that we may have been beaten to it.

I am sure that with the passing of this decade we will possess the answers to many of these intriguing questions.

Congratulations

to Robert W Tibbitts on becoming engaged to Miss Diane Harpley. Bob Tibbitts used to work on the Coventry CUFORG magazine, then in 1971 he produced several issues of an excellent journal called SYNTONIC, which amalgamated in June with Graham Cowell's magazine, PERCEPTION, which is still alive and well and living in Orpington!

FLAP 71

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A major flap in UFO activity has occurred since August 1971. Investigators throughout Britain have been flooded with material. This summary deals with the more provocative reports from August to October. One of the peak areas was Banbury in Oxfordshire. The three investigators above are still working diligently in that area, and they have kindly supplied us with copies of their reports to date. Close liaison is being maintained with BUFORA. Further comment and analysis appears at the end of the article, but now - the reports.

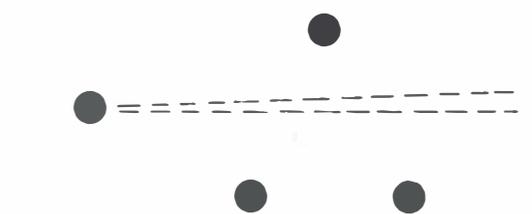
1. Aug 5 0200hrs Grid 4833 Bottesford, Lincs

4 people heard a muffled bang and saw a bright flash of blue light and sparks drifting over parkland opposite their house in Bottesford Lane. Two of the men who saw it are members of the 50-missile regiment in Minden, Germany. One was on leave to celebrate his 21st birthday. They had "a bit to drink but nothing much". The blue flash appeared round one of the chest-

nut trees opposite the house and lasted about 10 seconds. It was about 15-20 feet long. Then it just vanished. The tree had a few branches newly snapped off, but no burn or scorch marks.

Scunthorpe Star 13 Aug 71
via South Lincs UFO Study Group

2. Aug 7 2215hrs Grid 3815
N Bradley nr Trowbridge, Wilts
2 students from Keele University and 2 friends from Dulwich, S London, were driving when they noticed a moving orange light in the sky. After about 5 minutes they stopped, but they had lost the light behind some trees. However, they noticed a white, luminous object moving erratically across the sky in relation to the stars. Then they saw a collection of moving white lights, 3 of which manoeuvred and formed an isosceles triangle overhead. One white light then shot through the middle of this



triangle. About 30 min after they first stopped, they again saw an orange light. After they had watched it for a while, they drove home to N Bradley, 2 or 3 miles away, and saw the orange light was still there. Due to cloud cover none of the stars or planets were now visible in that

sector of the sky. Shortly after, the moon was completely obscured, but the orange light was still visible in front of a thick cloudbank. Then it went slowly upwards and disappeared, looking as if it was going away-getting smaller uniformly, not being covered by cloud.

When the moon reappeared there was no sign of the orange light. The time it disappeared was about 2345 - a total sighting time of about 1½ hours.

Explanations: Possibly satellites, meteors, and Mars.
GEMINI investigation by CDOH.

3. Aug 12 2300hrs Grid 3826 Droitwich, Worcs

At the BUFORA meeting on Sep 4, Tim O'Brien, their new National Co-ordinator, said the cause for the report was thought to have been a Harrier Jump-jet. Nevertheless, here are the details of the report. The guides were camped at Himbleton Manor, Droitwich. The visual witnesses were the 1st Netherton Guide group leader, the local Divisional Commissioner, another guider from North Dudley, and two guides aged 16 and 13. One of the guide leaders said:

"We were drinking cocoa when there was the most terrifying noise over our heads - no warning of an approach like an aircraft makes. We saw this object come over some trees. It looked enormous, about 30-40 feet long, and we thought it was going to crash onto the tents.

Instead it went into the next field, stopped 50 yards away & hovered lower than the trees around it. There was no sign of exhaust flames as it went over our heads - only what looked like red and green lights. There was no sign of any wings, and while it hovered it was silent. All we could see was a red, glowing light. I found after that some of the girls in the tents heard the noise and thought it was a plane flying very low. When it went, it rose suddenly into the air without any noise* and appeared to descend behind some woods. It looked like a long straight cigar with red lights glowing from it. Either it was a UFO or the authorities have developed something very hush-hush they do not want us to know about. Soon after it went, a jet aircraft came over and flew round for some time as though it were looking for something.

"It is possible that it might have been some sort of secret experimental aircraft. It seems the only explanation."

John D Llewellyn, BUFORA investigator from Stratford-on-Avon, said the RAF had stated that its Pershore station has no hovering aircraft that might fit this object's description.

* At the marked point above, the Times quotes the guide leader as saying: "When it left it rose with a noise".

Explanation: Possible aircraft.
From: The Times, 24 Aug 1971
The Guardian, 24 Aug 1971
Daily Mail, 24 Aug 1971

4. Aug 15 0230hrs Grid 4030
Aldridge, Staffs

A shopkeeper, Mr Joseph Wilcox, and his wife saw a slowly-moving light low in the sky from outside their home in Walsall Rd, from 0230 to 0400. They could not see the shape because of its brightness but estimated its height as 7-800 ft, in the direction of Wednesbury. The object was reported to Aldridge police. A spokesman at Jodrell Bank confirmed that they knew of the object, but did not know what it was. Birmingham Airport said they had no reports.

Explanation: Possibly Mars.

As a result of receiving this report, PC Leslie Leek and 4 colleagues followed the slowly-moving light for several miles, and took 12 pictures. The camera was on automatic setting, using Tri-X film rated at 200ASA. On 18 Aug, Chief Constable Arthur Rees said the pictures were not going to be released, but after widespread criticism he relented. The light was roundish, bright yellow-orange, travelling at 300 feet, and the apparent size of a golfball at arm's length. Edgbaston Observatory said the object was "possible Mars". The object was seen for over 2 hours, moved slowly up in the sky at a 45° angle, hovered at about 1000 feet, and at one time was directly overhead.

Explanation: Investigations by Dr J Allen Hynek, Julian Hennesey

PC Leslie Leek



The "thing"



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and BUFORA suggest that the object followed in the car and seen by the shopkeeper was Mars, whereas the object in the photo was a mercury vapour streetlamp at which PC Leek accidentally pointed his camera. From numerous national & daily papers including: Daily Express, 17, 18, 19 Aug 71 Express & Star, Wolverhampton, 16, 20 Aug 1971 The Sun, 19 Aug 1971.

5. Aug 15 Grid 4356
Tynemouth, Northumberland

Mr Wolfgang von Metz and neighbour Mr G R O'Brady-Jones, of Percy Gardens, watched an object in the sky for nearly 3 hours. Mr von Metz described his sighting, also reported to the police and the Ministry of Defence, on the BBC2 programme "One Man's Week", on Sun 5 September:

"I noticed a large, glowing, yellow object and thought 'This is unusual, but it's probably only a star,' but as I watched it, it began to move. So I got hold of the first passer-by I saw, and he expressed interest. So we watched this thing to see if we could make accurate scientific statements on it. We also took some fairly good drawings from the telescope, and we did this independently. I drew the object, then Mr O'Brady-Jones drew it, and all our drawings through the telescope were identical. So I got in touch with the Ministry of Defence, but there was very little they could do...."

Mr von Metz is a Mathematics teacher and Mr O'Brady-Jones an engineer. They said the object was like an edge-on disc, yellowish at the centre with red tips, and at times seemed to be surrounded by a bluish haze. Sunday Express, 21 Aug 1971.

6. Aug 15 Grid 6316
Broadstairs, Kent

Couples in Joss Bay car park were startled by a huge ball of fire heading towards them from the sea. It moved quickly over the cliffs and seemed as if it would strike cars. Some couples jumped from their cars. However, the fireball exploded nearby. The local police logged this as an "unidentified flying object".

Explanation: Probable bolide (exploding meteor).
From: East Kent Times & Broadstairs Mail, 18 Aug 1971.

7. Aug 16 0000hrs Grid 5030
Stamford, Lincs

Stamford police received a report from RAF Wittering of an orange and gold coloured light without definite shape moving slowly E-W at about 5000 feet over Stamford. The station also received at least one report from members of the public. The object was first spotted just after midnight, but 3 hours later was seen by a police patrolman over the George Hotel, Stamford. One of the reports made to RAF Wittering was by Mr P Hodgson who looked at the object through a telescope from his home

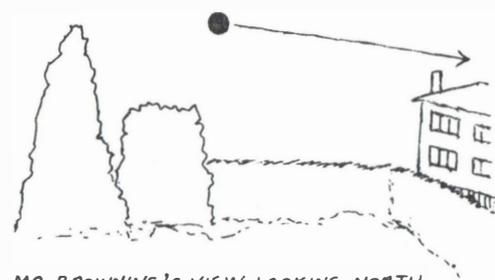
at Cambridge Rd, after his wife had seen it while putting out milk-bottles. When she got up again later, she could still see it, in a new position in the early-morning sky. Mrs Hodgson said that "through the telescope it gave the impression of a golf ball studded with pit-marks." It was said to be too low in the sky to be a star.

Explanation: Possibly Mars. Stamford Mercury 20 Aug 1971, via S Lincs UFO Study Group.

8. Aug 16 1945hrs Grid 5417 Eltham, South-East London
Two independent witnesses in Eltham and New Eltham seem to have observed the same object. "Triangulation" indicates the object to have been somewhere



MR BELTON'S VIEW, LOOKING EAST

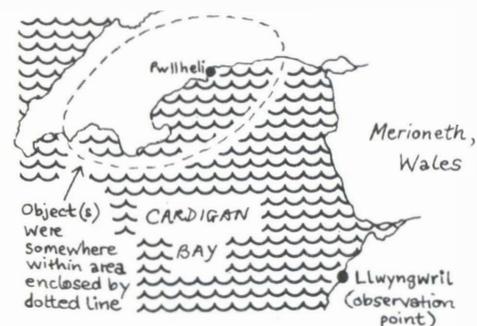
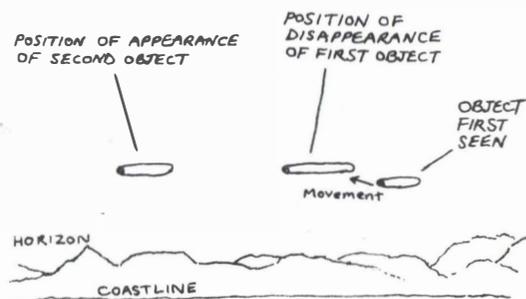


MR BROWNING'S VIEW, LOOKING NORTH

over Eltham Park. The object was a large, bright, red-orange ball. The attention of the nearer witness, Mr David Belton, was drawn to it by a noise from up in the sky that he described as "like scaffolding-poles rolling on concrete". It appeared to him as nearly the size of the moon, and seemed proportionately smaller to the other witness, Mr Robert Browning, who said that after he and his next-door neighbours had watched it, stationary, for about $\frac{1}{2}$ a minute, it suddenly shot out of sight behind the rooftops to the east at an amazing speed.

GEMINI investigation by CDOH.

9. Aug 16 2040hrs Grid 2530 Llwyngrwil, Merioneth, Wales
This was a sighting by a family of four on holiday in Wales. Shortly after sunset, they noticed a bright yellow-orange cigar-shaped light with a dark spot at one end. The spot was visible only through binoculars. The phenomenon moved very slowly across the sky, disappearing after about 20 minutes. About 20 seconds later a similar phenomenon appeared, about 10°



southwest of where the first disappeared. (If this was the first object reappearing, it must have increased its speed considerably to reach this point.) This was only in sight about another 20 seconds, then it faded out quickly. The sky was remarkably clear, and judging by the distant coast, Llyn Promontory, opposite, the witnesses estimated that the object was at least 30 miles away, which suggests that the UFOs were at least a mile long. The only possibility that suggests itself is a very unusual cloud formation, but as the edges of the light were crisp that length of time, and the spot remained throughout, this seems unlikely.

GEMINI investigation by CDOH. BUFORA Ufolog ref 3/5/7.

10. Aug 17 1930hrs Grid 5924 Kersey, Suffolk

A Colchester factory worker aged 33, Mr Costas Olymbios, of St Cyrus Road, Colchester, was taking relatives for a drive when they saw a strange object in the sky, and followed it. He said:

"I can swear it wasn't a plane. It was sparkling and golden in

colour. Just before it disappeared, we saw another flying saucer, but we asked people in the road and they thought it was a plane. There was a big flame on the back. We followed it for about $\frac{3}{4}$ hour along the road. It was travelling quite slowly and we could easily see it."

Requires investigation. Essex County Standard, 20 Aug 71 via Alan Watts BSc FRMetS, GEMINI Consultant.

11. Aug 18 Evening Grid 4020 Cirencester, Gloucs

Judith Wills, 16, and her 19-yr-old boyfriend Duncan Edwards saw, hovering 100yds away from their car, an orange light in the sky. It was soon joined by another, and they hovered together. Strange noises accompanied the appearance of the objects. The couple were very frightened.

The Sun, Aug 20 1971 BUFORA Ufolog 3/5/9

12. Aug 24 0600hrs Grid 4030 Brownhills, Staffordshire

Silver object with bluish sheen. No sound or smoke. Weather dry - no wind. Sketch showed vertical cigar shape, 2 extending arms top and bottom. It hovered for about 4 minutes, then descended with arms folding. When approx 50ft from ground they folded like a penknife leaving a vertical cigar. It then rose rapidly and headed north.

From John D Llewellyn BUFORA Ufolog 3/5/11.

13. Aug 27 2145hrs Grid 4314
Andover, Hants

On Friday 27 Aug, 4 young people from Andover saw 2 UFOs near Scat's Silos. Their attention was first attracted by a "shooting star pulsing on and off". Then they saw below the scattered cloud 2 straight sausage-shaped objects. They were much brighter and larger than stars but same general colour. The objects were at all times moving SW and if they were not joined together they kept a remarkable station with each other. The lights pulsed slowly, when dim looking like bright stars. The edges were not sharp. All the witnesses watched the lights for about 3 minutes before they disappeared over the horizon.

Andover Ufologists
via BUFORA Ufolog 3/5/12

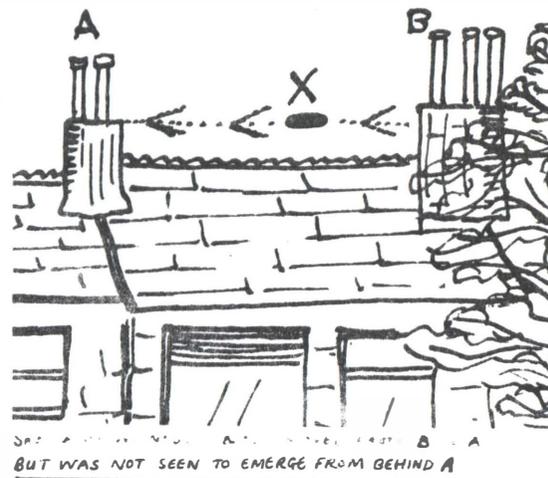
14. Aug 30 0610hrs Grid 4411
Southampton

A letter in the "Southern Evening Echo", Sep 1 1971: "On Mon Aug 30 at about 6.10 am, I saw what appeared to be a UFO and I watched it for over 10 min in a clear blue and almost cloudless sky. At first it appeared as a halo and I thought it must be a curious formation of white cloud, though it was a perfect circle, but it narrowed into an ellipse and to my amazement tilted to the right, and I saw what seemed to be two bright points of light on the lower right edge. A moment later it reappeared from the lower edge of a cloud and sped into the

distance until lost to view as a pinhead of bright light, somewhat to the right of the sun. Andover Ufologists, Mr R L Seaman via BUFORA Ufolog 3/5/13

15. Aug 30 1000hrs Grid 5417
Eltham, South-east London

On Bank Holiday Monday a 29-yr-old teacher, Mr Terence Cooling, of Eltham, was having breakfast with his parents in the back room about 10.00 when he happened to glance out of the French windows in a northerly direction, and saw a dark, horizontal, cigar-shaped object with no wings, tail or other protrusions, apparently stationary between the chimneys of the houses forming the horizon. At a rough estimate, he placed the object at between 1 & 3 miles away, but this was clearly difficult as there was no definite way of judging its size. After a few seconds he realised it was gradually moving across to the left. He drew the attention of his mother and father to the object



and they watched it for about 1½ minutes until it disappeared behind the top of a chimney. They continued to watch, but it surprisingly did not emerge, and they did not see it again. The object had been travelling far too slowly for a plane and anyway it was not a regular flight path. (Its location could be very near to that of report 8, a fortnight before - CDOH).

GEMINI investigation by CDOH.

16. Aug 30 1000hrs Grid 6016
Faversham, Kent

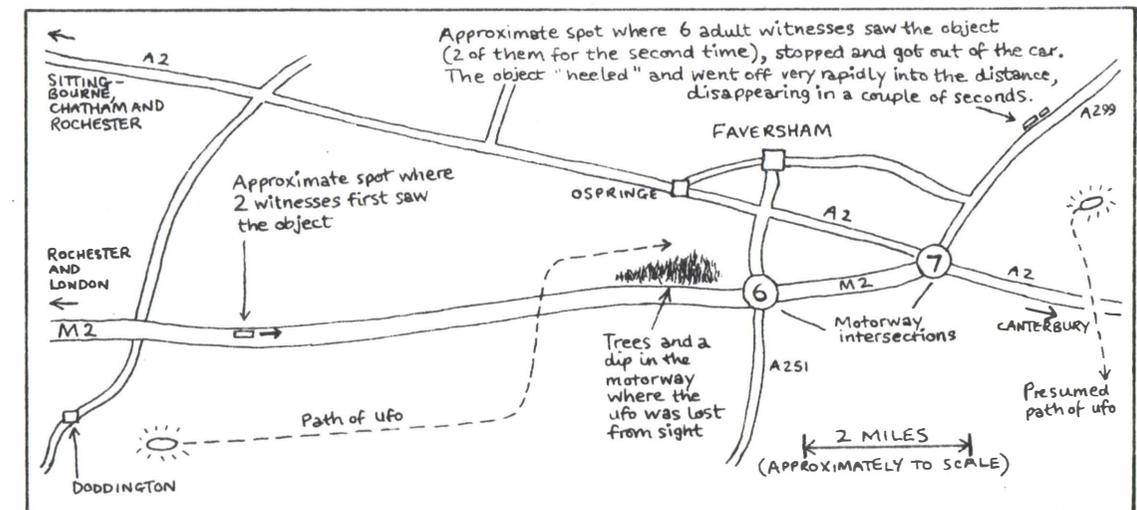
Ken Seaton & his wife Rosemary were driving easterly along the M2 towards Ramsgate. It was a clear, sunny day but there was very little traffic for a Bank Holiday. In the Ospringle area near Faversham, their young daughter pointed out what she thought was a plane flying parallel to the motorway on their right. The object, however,

was cigar-shaped and a very bright white. When it went behind a small cloud, the cigar shape was clearer and the brightness dulled a bit, like the sun appears behind a cloud. After about 5 minutes the object turned, becoming egg-shaped, and crossed the motorway in front of them, then turned in the same way as before and flew parallel to them, cigar-shaped once more, on the left-hand side. A minute or so later they lost it when the motorway dipped and there was a forest on the left. When they emerged the object was no longer visible.

APPARENT SHAPE WHEN TURNING



Their friends, also a married couple in their middle twenties, and 2 teenage girls had been in another car a little way in front of them, and had not seen the thing at all. However, about 10

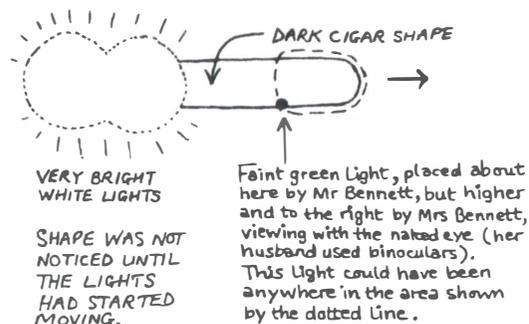


minutes later when they were on the A299 heading for Herne Bay, the occupants of both cars, now together, saw what was presumably the same object on their right, stopped their cars, and got out. All 7 of them watched the thing, which appeared stationary for a few seconds, then heeled as before and shot off, apparently in a direct line away from them, and had completely disappeared from sight in 2 seconds. It was not seen again. The final disappearance was about 25 minutes after it was first seen.

GEMINI investigation by CDOH.

17. Aug 30 2115hrs Grid 5417
Eltham, South-east London

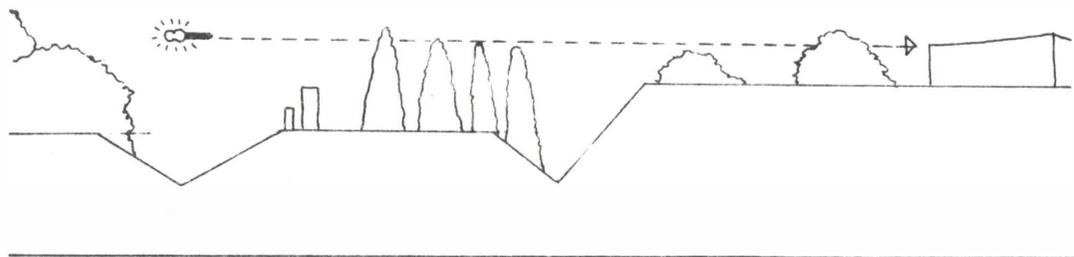
A middle-aged man was in his back garden in Eltham with his dog, when he noticed, in the direction of Lee Green, and about 15° up in the sky, two large bright stationary lights like car headlamps, very close together, the outer haloes of light overlapping. The dog, a labrador, ran in, expressing adverse reaction to the pheno-



menon. - its hair stood on end. After 3 or 4 minutes, he called to his wife and daughter, and they watched the lights together. When they had been stationary for about 15 min (not an aeroplane!) a kind of shutter came over the lights and off again, and they started to glide to the right (NW), much slower than a plane, and making a low whirring noise "like a child's humming-top, but of a deeper pitch". As the lights moved, they saw a dark cigar-shape to the right (the left end was still obscured by the brightness of the lights), which remained equidistant as the object moved. Through binoculars, they then observed a faint green light somewhere near the right end of the ob-

FIRST SEEN FOR APPROX 15 MINUTES WHERE DRAWN, (LIGHTS ONLY) FROM MR BENNETT'S DESCRIPTION.

MRS BENNETT FELT IT WAS HIGHER IN THE SKY.



ject. It took about 45 seconds to travel about 45° of sky, after which it disappeared, probably behind a church.

GEMINI investigation by CDOH.

18. Aug 31 2130hrs Grid 4829
nr Uppingham, Rutland

A UFO was reported to have landed in a field near Uppingham, and then to have taken off again. It was seen by a man and his girlfriend as they were driving past the field, and looked like a large spinning top.

Requires investigation.

Leicester Mercury

via S Lincs UFO Study Group.

19. Sep 1 2240 hrs Grid 4127
Solihull, Birmingham

2 brothers, Simon Day (13) and Crispin (12), watched a bright object in the sky from their bedroom window. They discovered next day that their friend Mark Brown had also seen a bright object in the sky the same night. Simon, who first saw it, said: "It was about 1040 when I looked out. I looked at the moon because it was bright and I saw this shape in a rough curve. It was almost as bright as the moon and the same colour, yellowish-white. I called my brother and we watched it for about 5 minutes before it scattered into little pieces, tiny little objects as bright as the big one had been." His parents saw the object before it went over the moon in a rainbow shape

and disappeared. Mark Brown described the object he had seen on the same night. "It was pure white with a green light flashing under it about every 10 seconds," he said. "It was completely still all the time, so we didn't think it could be a plane, and I watched it for about 40 minutes before it disappeared."

Birmingham UFO Investigation Group
Malcolm Drew and Alan Crowe
via BUFORA Ufolog 3/5/14

20. Sep 3 Night Grid 4029
Great Barr, Birmingham

A green L-shaped object changed to cigar-shape before disappearing ½ hour after it was first seen.

Explanation: Probably noctilucent cloud.

BUFORA Ufolog 3/5/15

21. Sep 5 1630 hrs Grid 3945
Barden Tower, Wharfedale, Yorks

Mr H Hiley and his wife were watching a single-seater plane apparently making for Leeds Airport when they noticed "a hazy metallic inverted saucer or cone" above the plane at about 6-7000 feet. After plane and object had travelled at the same speed for several seconds, one directly above the other, the plane went out of view into a bank of thin cloud. After hovering for 2 or 3 seconds the object reversed direction, accelerated and disappeared at terrific speed. There was no noise.

BUFORA, Halifax Branch
via BUFORA Ufolog 3/5/16

22. Sep 6 2315 hrs Grid 4646
Strensall, nr Yorks

Mr D Jobling & his friend Mr K Menzell were waiting at the bus stop in the centre of Strensall. Mr Jobling looked up and saw a bright white light appear in the NW. They watched it moving up & down until it dropped to the ground behind a house. Speed was constant. No noise. Visible 15

secs
BUFORA, Halifax Branch
via BUFORA Ufolog 3/5/17

23. Sep 7 Night West Coast
Thousands of reports of a "flying saucer".

Explanation: Weather offices said it was caused by reflections of a rocket launching off W Scotland. (Some ufologists disagree with this. We invite comments.)

Daily Mail, Sep 8.

24. Sep 8 2340 hrs Grid 3528
Clee Village, Shropshire

From a car travelling about 20-25 mph, 2 people saw a well-defined cone-shaped object with a flat top, metallic silver coloured. The object, about 500ft high, was hovering in a low valley to the right of the road. It had 3 port-holes of light and below them a convex row of small round lights. As the witnesses reached the hilltop a bright moon was revealed which outlined its shape: no blades or wings. They stopped but did not switch off the engine because a large red bright light shone from the top of the cone and beamed for about 5 secs. They got scared and drove away as quickly

as they could. It was still visible through the rear window till the trees & descent obstructed the view. It was near Clee Hill Radar Station where a silver disc had been seen 3 weeks before at mid-day. A sketch by one of the witnesses of the former object shows a tall hat-shape with a big brim. Small lights circled the brim & the crown had larger lights. There was a red light on top.

From: John D Llewellyn
via BUFORA Ufolog 3/5/18

25. Sep 8 Grid 2637 2130 hrs
Llanfairfechan, North Wales

Mr E Jackson of Colwyn Bay and his fiancée noticed an oval white light in the sky to the north, about 35° above the NW horizon, and it seemed to be obscured by haze like a bright bulb seen through frosted glass. The apparent diameter was that of the full moon. It remained still for about 10 minutes, then they stopped to make a phone call. 10 minutes later the light was still visible but it had traversed about 10° & was lower - about 25° above the horizon. Its shape had altered a little and it seemed to be slightly flattened. They watched for a few more minutes but were unable to watch longer.

From: Mr E Jackson
via BUFORA Ufolog 3/5/21

26. Sep 19 1730 hrs Grid 5317
Forest Hill, South-east London

GEMINI interviewed a rather deaf old gentleman, one of whose only remaining joys in life was to

fly his model aircraft in Blythe Hill Fields, about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from his home. This he was doing on the day in question when he noticed an object in the sky near his plane. He estimated it as about 2-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles up, and it appeared to be "floating along" with a dipping motion. Its shape



was like a "partly-deflated balloon", but he is sure it was not a balloon. Had it been a weather balloon, he said, it would have been silvery, but it was a dark colour. There were lots of people around, especially children. As they began to notice it and started pointing towards the sky, it began to rise, in the same direction, north to south: it was nearly overhead - about 80°.

It finally went too high to see, disappearing towards Sydenham. It was in view for about 4 min: 3 min "floating" and 1 min rising until it was lost from sight.

Explanation: Possible balloon.
GEMINI investigation by CDOH.

27. Sep 24 Night Grid 4418
Wantage, Berks

The first of several reports of a monster near the Stockham Park housing estate. The "monster",

according to those witnesses interviewed so far, is about 8 ft tall, with broad shoulders and an otherwise featureless head with glowing red eyes about 12" apart. It also has small horns, a very deep or protruding back, and thick arms. It appears to have a covering of greyish-white hair or fur, and can run through dense undergrowth without making a sound and jump large obstacles.

The monster first appeared to 3 teenagers walking home across waste ground, from the local youth club. After they heard a rustling in the undergrowth, the monster "popped out" from the bushes, and simultaneously a glowing red indeterminately-shaped ethereal form rose slowly from a few feet away, levelled out and sped swiftly out of sight. The teenagers fled across the field with the monster silently pursuing them.

Despite the detailed descriptions from some of the witnesses none of them gave any satisfactory explanation as to how the monster departed. They all recall how they encountered it, but it seemed to have the ability to vanish suddenly. Some of the witnesses obviously preferred to think that due to its agility it dodged behind bushes etc, but others could not explain its disappearance. They were sure it just vanished. Some of them said that it recoiled and vanished when lights were shone at it (which may explain why the police were un-

successful when they hunted it with searchlights). The police took a fairly serious view of the reports, but the only explanation they could find was goats.

Explanation: Probably goats standing on haunches to reach foliage.



WANTAGE MONSTER OR GOAT?

28. Sep 27 0200 hrs Grid 4423 Bodicote, Banbury, Oxon

A London lorry driver, Len Delman, is reported to have claimed that he was frightened by the same creature as in Case 27, when he encountered it standing in the road near the Bodicote flyover. The driver has since

disappeared.

Explanation: Likely hoax. Banbury Investigations.

29. Sep 28 1650 hrs Grid 4424 Ruscote Estate, Banbury, Oxon

While on their way home from the school situated on the opposite side of the Ruscote Housing Estate, 3 boys, Tony Pettinger, Ian Sales, and Colin Wood, all between 10 and 11, saw a cigar-shaped object to the north at an elevation of approx 15°. Although the boys were all able to describe their experience, a lot of detail has been lost due to their juniority, and to their excitement, but all 3 basically agreed that there was a large silver cigar-shaped object moving slowly eastwards accompanied by 4 or 5 small silver objects of indeterminate shape.

Their statement contains the type of contradiction often found in accounts by different witnesses. e.g. Tony and Colin stated that the cigar was formed by the small objects merging, while Ian said that he saw the small objects leaving and flying round the larger cigar.

Banbury Investigations.

30. Oct 17 2345hrs Grid 4424 Farnborough, nr Banbury, Oxon

Former RAF pilot Mr Ruck-Keene made a sighting from his home. He said: "At about 11.45pm I was looking out of the window of my bedroom, having just extinguished the light, when I saw a very

bright light in the sky, bearing approximately 200° from where I was watching. I looked at it for about 20 seconds, wondering what it was, then suddenly realised that it could not possibly be either a star or an aircraft, because it started to move. It was too far away to make out any shape, but it was emitting a very bright yellowish-white light which was not steady but pulsating. And as I watched it began to move, and it moved across the sky through an arc of about 30° from where I was, maintaining a steady height, but not making steady progress. Occasionally it stopped or slowed, and there were very abrupt changes of direction."

He then went on to describe further sharp turns. It seemed to repeat its manoeuvre twice. Through a pair of 7 x 50 binoculars it appeared as a bright, dazzling light.

Banbury Investigations.
Investigated by Rev H Thomas.

31. Oct 19 Grid 4526 0230 hrs Daventry, Northants

Mr Brian Burchel became aware that an intense red light was filtering into the room casting long shadows. He looked out to see a large, intensely-luminated red disc flipping over and over coming towards the housing estate. He describes a complicated series of events during which he rushed into another room for his camera, went outside and took 2 colour photographs, ran to the telephone box and called the police while

taking a mental note of the object's manoeuvres. Investigations are continuing.

Banbury Investigations.

32. Oct 19 2300 hrs Grid 4423 and 4523. Banbury area

Independent witnesses from Aynho and Charlton saw intensely bright flashing lights on the ground. Further details in GEMINI 2.

Investigation by CDOH and Richard Colborne.

33. Oct 26 1153 hrs Grid 4222 Enstone, Oxon

ATV cameramen on location at Enstone, 10 miles SW of Banbury, saw an orange-white object to the N. They filmed it as it flew E towards Banbury. The film was widely shown on TV, and BUFORA have obtained a copy...

34. As above. Banbury Grid 4424

Dave Chatt and other witnesses reported the object as an orange sphere leaving a dense vapour trail. The sphere seemed to pause for a few seconds, leaving breaks in its trail...

35. As above. 5 miles E of 34. Grid 4524

Now belching large sheets of flame, alternately to the vapour, it was seen a few moments later 5 miles to the E where it seems to have changed shape, now described as a white missile. Still heading E it was reported from Silverstone...

36. As above. 1205 hrs Grid 4824
Deanshanger, Wolverton

Here it was clearly seen as a white missile or rocket, with no fins or wings, making a roaring noise which shook the ground...

37. Its trajectory must have altered after this as Mr Kearsley, driving south on the M1 saw it make a right-angle turn and accelerate away to the north...

38. As above 1210 hrs Grid 4624
Towcester, Northants

By 1210 it was back again, making a low sweep over Towcester in a SW direction. A Mrs Peachie describes how the object (which she saw clearly as a small white "rocket" with no fins, an offset nosecone, and a diagonal blue stripe) pass over her head making a noise like distant thunder. After making another 90° turn, SW, it tilted downwards as if it were going to fall, but executed another sharp manoeuvre and disappeared from sight upwards.

Most of the witnesses said the object was travelling faster than a jet and RAF pilot Keith Duffy estimated its speed at 5000 mph. However, its apparent 30-mile trajectory seems to have taken it about 17 minutes which puts its average speed at 107mph. It seems to have got lost on the way! Perhaps when investigations have been taken further we shall know where it went. A report is also being investigated of an object hovering at 1950 hrs.

There were a number of sightings on Oct 27, but only those for which investigations have been completed are detailed below.

39. Oct 27 0730 hrs Grid 4524
Greatworth, Northants

Mrs Balbernie saw an object similar to that described in report 40.

40. Oct 27 0800 hrs Grid 4424
Ruscote Estate, Banbury

Mr Poynter and his wife saw an object leaving an unusual vapour trail which Mr Poynter photographed. He promised to send a duplicate colour slide to GEMINI. This is as yet unreceived. Richard Colborne & David Oakley-Hill investigated this report, however, and saw the original slide.

Explanation: Probably jet with vapour trail.

41. Oct 27 1750 hrs Grid 4421
Church Hanborough, Oxon

Mrs Franklin and other witnesses reported 2 slowly-moving, flaming orange cigar-shaped objects beyond Banbury to the north. The following reports are of the same objects seen at 1800 hrs:

42. Oct 27 1800 hrs Grid 4321
Blackbird Leys, Oxford

43. Oct 27 1800 hrs Grid 4523
Charlton, Northants

2 reports of the same sighting, 1 with sketch and painting and 1 with colour photo. The colour negative has been passed by GEMINI to our consultant, Dr

Geoffrey G Doel MRCS LRCP DMRE, for photographic analysis. The object is just visible on the negative. Full details of this report will appear in GEMINI 2.

Investigation:
C David Oakley-Hill and
Richard Colborne.

44. Oct 27 1800 hrs Grid 4424
Ruscote Estate, Banbury, Oxon

45. Oct 27 1800 hrs Grid 4424
Middleton Cheney, Oxon

Two orange objects merging.

REPORTS 33-45: Banbury Investigations.

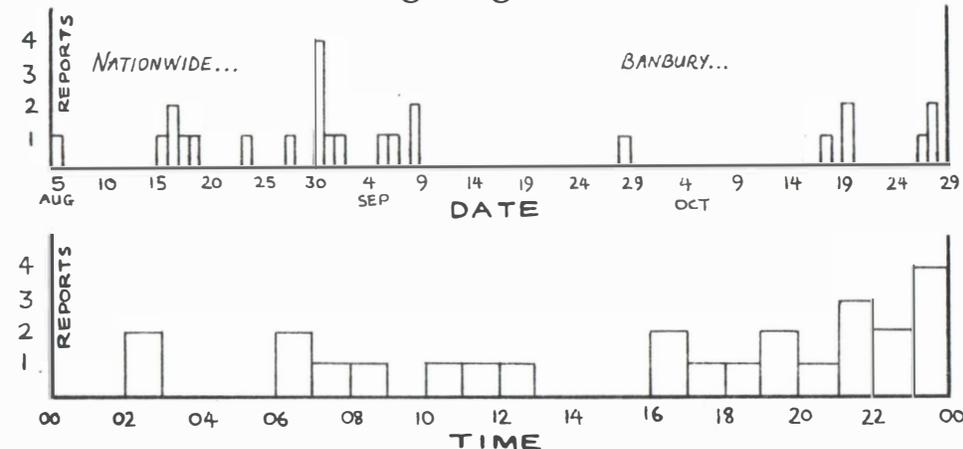
NOTE: In the compilation of the following tables and diagrams we have omitted those reports for which we have suggested an explanation. However, we recognise that several more may well be explained on further investigation.



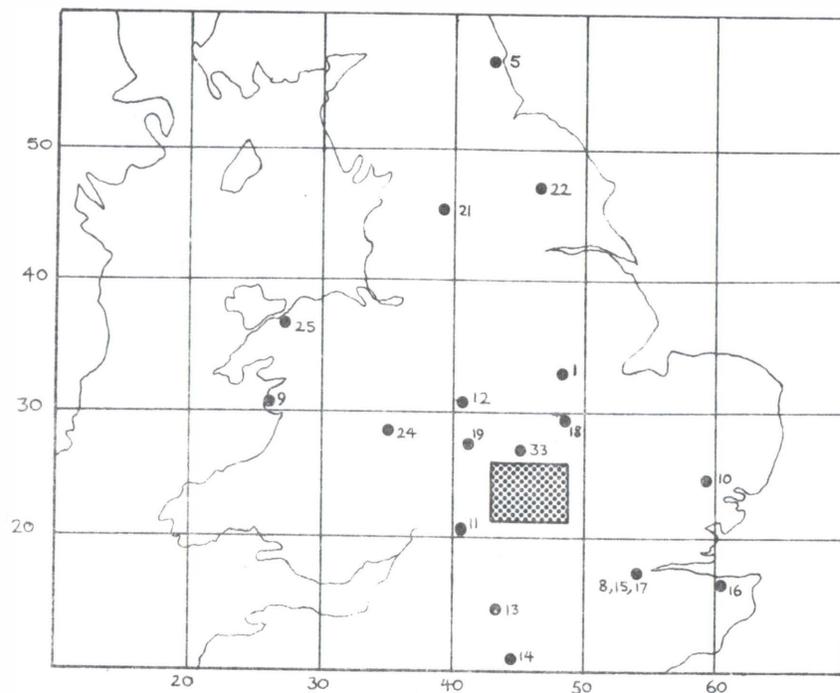
Predominant shapes and colours of objects



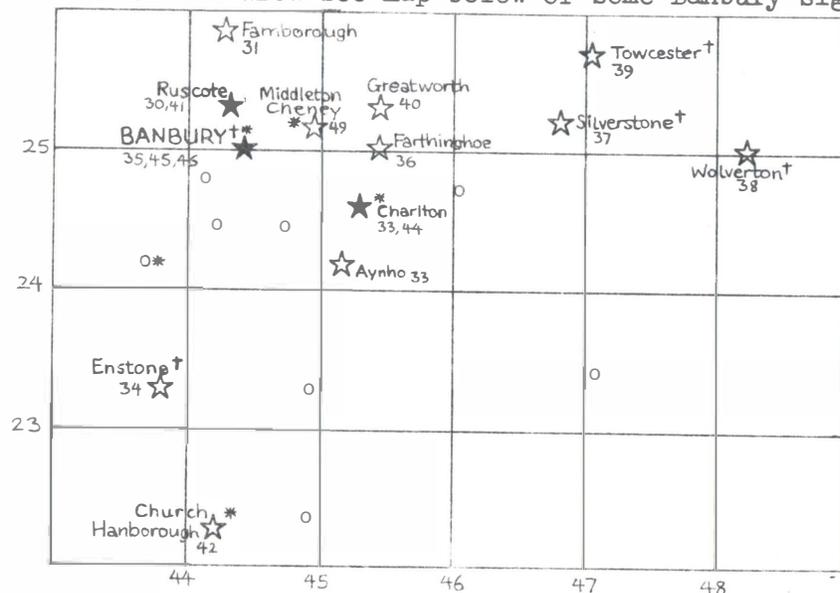
Dates and times of sightings



Sightings in England and Wales



For shaded area see map below of some Banbury sightings.



★ Several sightings reported from here † Sighting here at 1200 approx, 26 Oct
 ☆ Only one sighting from here in analysis * Sighting here at 1800 approx, 27 Oct
 ○ Other sightings reported from here not included in analysis

A summary of the sightings (Aug-Oct)

Rept No	Location Grid	Date	Time	Shape	Colour	Notes
1	4833	Aug 5	0200	(Flash)	Blue	Sparks
5	4356	Aug 15	?	Elliptical	Yellow-red	Halo Seen through telescope
8	5417	Aug 16	1945	Sphere	Red-orange	Stationary, then shot off. Noises
9	2530	Aug 16	2040	Cigar	Yellow-orange	Slow motion. Disappeared. Reappeared.
10	5924	Aug 17	1930		Golden	Flame on back. Slow
11	4020	Aug 18	Evening	2 Lights	Orange	Noises. Hovered
12	4030	Aug 24	0600-30	Cigar	Silver	Extending arms top and bottom. Hovered. Descent, arms folding
13	4314	Aug 27	2145	2 cigars, 1 starlike	White	Constant motion
14	4411	Aug 30	0610	Circle to ellipse	White	Slow tilt, shot away
15	5417	Aug 30	1000	Cigar	Dark	
16	6016	Aug 30	1000	Cigar-disc	White (bright)	1) Constant motion; turning 2) Hovered, shot off
17	5417	Aug 30	2115	Cigar, with 2 big lights, 1 small light	- Dark - Bright - Green	Hovered, glided Low whirr Dog scared
18	4829	Aug 31	2130	Spinning top		Landed, took off
19	4127	Sep 1	{ 2240 ? }	Curved rainbow Small flashing light	- Yellow-white - Green	Disintegrated
21	3945	Sep 5	1630	Inverted saucer/ cone	Metallic	Constant speed. Hovered Reversed, accelerated away
22	4646	Sep 6	2315	Light	Bright white	Up and down, dropped
24	3528	Sep 8	2340	Cone with flat top	Metallic silver	Portholes, bright red beam. Hovered
25	2637	Sep 8	2130	Oval	White	Hovered (or very slow) Slight change of shape
29	4424	Sep 28	1650	Cigar and smaller objects	Silver	Vallee type II-B
30	4424	Oct 17	2345	Light	Yellow-white	Hovered, left erratically
31	4526	Oct 19	0230	Disc	Red	Flipping motion. Photo
32	4523	Oct 19	2300	Lights	Bright white	Flashing on ground
33- 38	4322 4424 4524 4824 4624	Oct 26	1153 ? ? 1205 1210	Sphere (?) then missile	- Orange-white - White	Constant motion/variable direction/trail/roaring noise at times. Filmed by ATV cameramen
39- 40	4524 4424	Oct 27	0730 0800		Light grey	Vapour trail. Photo
41- 45	4421 4321 4523 4424 4424	Oct 27	1750 1800 1800 1800 ?	2 cigars	Orange	Slow motion merged

Review

of Condensed Papers of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science (South Australia Division) Symposium, 30 Oct 1971, on "THE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT PROBLEM".

Published by ANZAAS-SA Inc, Martin Buildings, 141 Rundle Street, Adelaide, SA 5000, Australia.

This formidable document arrived towards the end of December at GEMINI's office, thanks to our Australian correspondent Eric Livingstone. It comprises 40 pages mimeographed and 39 pages lithographed of text based upon the symposium, which was chaired by Dr Brian H Horton PhD. Papers submitted which are detailed in the document were:

- 1 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS by the Chairman of ANZAAS, Dr R J Best
- 2 OBSERVATIONS BY CITIZENS by Colin Norris of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society
- 3 UFO: AN EVALUATION BASED ON AUSTRALIAN, AMERICAN AND BRITISH AIR FORCE REPORTS, by B G Roberts of the Department of Air, Australia (read by W B Taylor)
- 4 THE ANALYSIS OF UFO REPORTS by M J DUGIN PhD
- 5 METEOROLOGICAL PHENOMENA by L R MITCHELL BSc, AAIP
- 6 PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF BELIEF AND DISBELIEF by P Delin PhD
- 7 EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL LIFE by L N Mander PhD
- 8 SPACE-TIME OF EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL CULTURAL CONTACTS by D G McCoy PhD
- 9 HOW TO SOLVE THE UFO PROBLEM (!) by D Herbison-Evans PhD

The remainder of the document consists of lithographed copies of papers previously submitted to various organisations by Dr James MacDonald, whose untimely and tragic death prior to the symposium prevented his expected attendance. Most of these papers have also been published in Flying Saucer Review.

From paper 3, which was 5 years old, we discover that the official attitude to UFO phenomena in Australia is much the same as in the US or the UK. The opinion is that about 2% of reports per annum remain unidentified after evaluation, but this total could probably be reduced further if need be. Compare this to the written introduction by Rupert J Best, Chairman of the ANZAAS-SA Inc, which states that "there are those who just as dogmatically claim that all such phenomena are manifestations of blind natural forces and can be explained by the known laws of science, or could be if we had enough information. This attitude seems to me to be just as unscientific as the first." (the first being the dogmatic assertion that UFOs

are extra-terrestrial in origin).

A major difference, however, is that the Australian authorities claim a correlation between meteor showers and large numbers of UFO reports, a correlation not previously claimed elsewhere.

Dr Dugin, in Paper 4, includes the motion that "a request is made for the government to allot money so interested scientists can be organised into a worldwide UFO research panel mutually co-operating with the UFO societies."

In Paper 6 Dr Peter Delin shows "how the Condon Report was biased, an attitude officially supported." He mentions ESP signals, and finally remarks "scientists don't know the reason for anything."

Paper 9 boldly instructs us to: 1) stop looking for possible places for life in the universe in order to solve the UFO enigma, 2) stop analysing accidental sighting reports, 3) stop organising "on the spot" research teams, as all have proved to be ineffective.

As an alternative to these conventional research methods, instrumentation is recommended. (This would certainly find support in the British Isles from BUFOS - Bedfordshire UFO Society - who run an instrumented caravan at Warminster. Instrumentation particularly suggested is: cameras with diffraction gratings and magnetic detectors, which could be set up at various points. The author points out the prohibitive cost (?) of other forms of instrument.

Overall, this interesting document gives the impression of a smaller, slightly less sceptical Condon Report. The document draws no conclusions, but leaves balancing of the ideas to the reader. It may well prove to be a valuable contribution to research, and study of it is recommended.

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PERCEPTION POLICY STATEMENT FROM THE EDITOR

Perception Newsletter, which enters its 4th year of publication in April, is an open forum for news, views and discussion on the UFO phenomenon in all its aspects. The extra-terrestrial hypothesis is fine - if one has undeniable evidence of its validity. As I do not possess such evidence, Perception reflects a wide range of thought-provoking arguments on the origin and purpose of UFOs.

I invite readers of GEMINI to send for a free copy of PERCEPTION. If you enjoy it, 45p will bring you 3 further bi-monthly issues.

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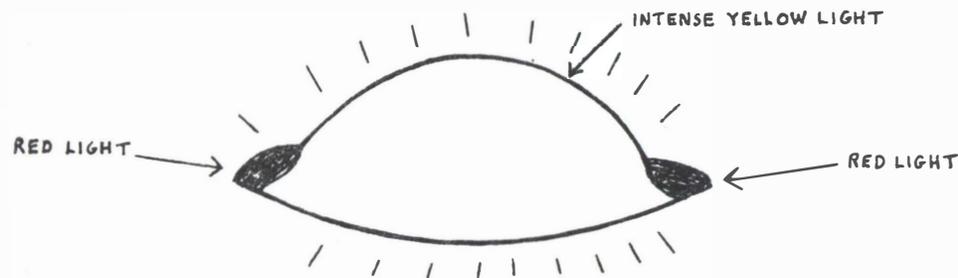
The Öyeren UFOs

This report concerns two sightings of UFOs at either side of the end of a lake not far from Oslo. I have included both sightings in the one report because they may have been related. The report has been compiled from information given in the sighting report forms of Norges UFO-Informasjon, Oslo. At the time of writing investigation of the second sighting is not complete and efforts are being made to establish the precise date, as it may be the same as that of the first sighting.

The first sighting was from the small town of Fetsund on the north-east bank of Öyeren lake, and the other from the village of Raelingen, only three miles away on the north-west bank. These places are near the larger town of Lillestrom which is about ten miles east of Oslo as the crow flies. Lillestrom has a small airport and an aurora borealis observatory on the edge of the lake. By coincidence, the chairman of Norges UFO-Informasjon Oslo, lives near Raelingen.

the sighting from Fetsund

The object was first seen at 22.30 hours on Thursday, 19 August 1971 by Torbjorn Nilsen, his wife, and another woman from their home at Asterseth, Fetsund.

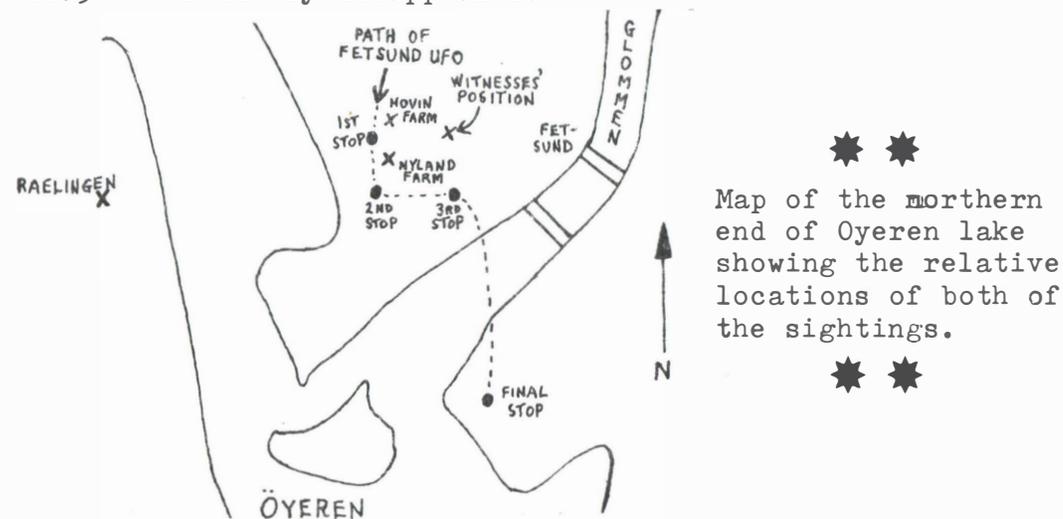


The object as drawn and described by Torbjorn Nilsen

It was first seen to the north-west of the witnesses, travelling north to south and passing only 2-300 metres from them at its closest position (see map). It appeared as a domed disc which emitted an intense yellow light from the centre portion, having a red light at either side. It was estimated to be about the size of a helicopter. The witnesses heard no sound from it at any time during the twenty minutes observation.

The object went just past Hovin farm, then stopped and hovered

for five minutes. It then continued in a southerly direction at high speed to Nyland farm where it stopped, turned towards the east and headed off over Holedalen valley. Both of these farms are situated on a high hill. Over Holedalen valley the object stopped again and hovered for two to three minutes. It then flew slowly in a southerly direction over the river Glommen and stopped near the edge of Öyeren lake. Whilst hovering here it began to rotate and looked just like a flashing light. Then at 22.50 it suddenly disappeared.



Map of the northern end of Öyeren lake showing the relative locations of both of the sightings.

the sightings from Raelingen

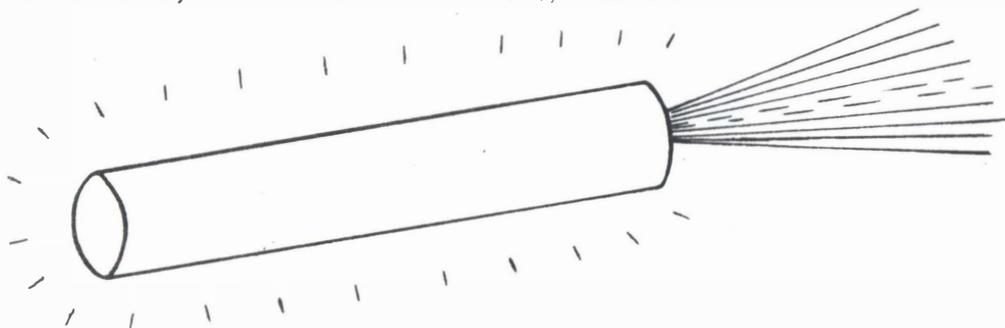
An interesting series of observations was made by a housewife, who has asked to remain anonymous, from her house in Raelingen. Unfortunately, she cannot remember the date of the sightings other than that they occurred on a clear night in August or in early September.

That night she had been watching television until about 23.30, then went up to the bedroom where her husband was already in bed. At some time between 23.30 and midnight she glanced out of the window and noticed what appeared to be a star positioned above Raeling Hill. This is to the east in the same direction as Fetsund. It began pulsating and sending out light rays. At this point the witness decided to take a closer look, so she opened the window for a better and clearer view. She then followed the direction of the light flashing from this object and noticed another similar object in the direction of Öyeren lake. They both started moving about irregularly, spun and became larger. This continued until 01.30 when the second object disappeared and the first gave another flash. A little while

later the first made a final jump and also disappeared.

The witness then heard a whining noise, got up, opened the window and leaned out. (The report I based this translation on did not state at which point she closed the window and went away. I assume she was observing through the closed window from her bed - RF) She was shocked to see a cylindrical object passing right outside her window. It was 1½ to 2 metres long, emitting a bright yellow light, was flat at the front end and sent out yellow rays from the rear. When first seen it was only two to three metres from the window. She slammed the window shut and screamed, then shouted at her husband to come and look. He was not interested and would not get out of bed. The object passed the window and went between some houses close behind hers. It looked as if it went right into the ground.

She thought the incident over for a short while then opened the window again. This time she saw a large object right above her, largely obscured by the house roof. It was about 5 metres above her and extended beyond the view of the window opening (1½m). The part of the underside visible looked as if it were of a disc with a "hammered metal" surface and a square-toothed edge. It moved quickly from her sight, so she dashed through the flat and out onto the balcony, which is on the same side that the object moved towards, but there was no sign of it.



The witness's sketch of the object as it passed her window

comments

In the report from Raelingen it seems, to the writer, that the two starlike objects which were first seen may well have been stars. A bright point of light, stationary at first, begins moving around irregularly, flashing, changing shape, size, colour etc. This is typical of reports one gets of stars or planets which have been misidentified as UFOs, being mainly due to the passage of light through the atmosphere and/or the "autokinetic effect" of the eyes which produces apparent motion

of a light source against a dark background. The account of these two objects fits such a description with the exception of their disappearance. The report form does not state exactly how they were seen to disappear, so this leaves several possibilities. One answer could be that a small patch of cloud passed in front of them.

One may wonder why the husband did not take any notice when his wife became so excited about these strange objects. The interviewer said that the husband was one of those people "who hasn't got any time for such nonsense as flying saucers".

There are a number of other small discrepancies in the report which are mainly due to the witness trying to put details of four objects onto one report form.

These sightings came in the middle of a minor flap during the summer -----Richard Farrow. Ski. 4 11 71

hunting spacemen in Norrland

(Kvallesposten, Malmo, Sweden. Feb 17 1971)

Small, metre-high spacemen emitting blinking lights are visiting northern Sweden and northern Finland. Many persons claim to have seen and even met small men in different places, followed by a "crack". The next second the man has disappeared. He is said to be wearing a helmet, brown-green clothes, and stands on the side of the road.

Credit:QUEST-UFO REPORT, 489 Krug St Kitchener Ontario Canada.
(6 issues \$3)

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cone-shaped object hovers over coal-mine

Mrs X (name in SKYLOOK files), of Breese, Ill., and a companion were driving south on a country road about 1 mile east of Breese near Beaver Creek Bridge, at 7 45pm on 20 May 1971, when they saw a cone-shaped object hovering at tree-top height near a coal mine. The object was compared in size to a ball bat. The object remained in a stationary position on the south side of US Highway 50 and was observed for four minutes, then was lost to view behind the trees as the observers went on their way. The night was clear and no sound came from the object. Credit:- Terry Turner, reporting in SKYLOOK, Box 129, Stover, Mo. 65078 USA. \$4p.a.

THE BIRTH OF GEMINI

You'd be surprised how many hours of hard work were put in before we decided on our new name. At the start we considered that UFO or SAUCER should appear somewhere in its title: then, several evenings later, we came to the conclusion that any name with these included had either been used before, bore no relation to the contents, sounded banal, looked as though we were a provincial "weekly" or was just plain ugly and ridiculous! Then came the idea - GEMINI, the twin UFO magazine!

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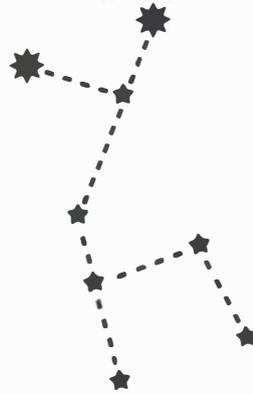
ASTRONOMICALLY, the constellation of GEMINI contains two first (or near-first) magnitude stars - CASTOR and POLLUX. It is seen at its best in our hemisphere during the evenings from December to February.

ASTRO-PHYSICALLY, the name GEMINI is a well-known one in the American space programme.

ASTROLOGICALLY, the Sun is in the zodiacal constellation GEMINI from May 21 to June 20, and those born between these dates come under the influence of this sign and its position with regard to the Sun, the Moon and the various planets.

This three-fold combination typifies the aims of GEMINI, for as with Astronomy we are interested in facts and data. As with the lunar modules we are interested in discoveries and breaking new ground. As with Astrology we recognise there may be a strong element of - not only the unknown - but the unconsidered also.

WE REST OUR CASE!



"What! Not another!" - Did we hear someone say? Not another UFO magazine!" Its certainly true that UFO magazines evince a strong tendency to proliferate, but also true that many, having proliferated, fall by the wayside. Some are sadly missed: others....well....as we said, some are sadly missed.

No! - Not another - but two for the price of one, for GEMINI as its name suggests, really IS a "twin" magazine, incorporating all the best features from the former COS-MOS and SIRIUS journals, now successfully merged into one, - a magazine we feel sure will rapidly become a "must", if not THE "must" - for UFO researchers and enthusiasts in this country and abroad.

GEMINI'S aims and principles are those of COS-MOS and SIRIUS. No aspect of UFOLOGY will be excluded from its pages on the grounds of its being too "far-fetched," too "nuts and bolts," too "cultist" or too "anything else." Our main criteria in presentation will be, "Is it possible this item can contribute anything of value to UFOLOGY?" and "Is this something that should be told?" By this, we do NOT mean that everything presented represents truth absolute - of course not. In many cases we can only leave you - our readers - to pass judgement yourselves: and please, LET US KNOW your judgements and opinions. We cannot, indeed no-one can, please everyone. We can - and we will, see that all facets of the hydra of UFOLOGY (if we may mix our metaphors!) are given an airing and a fair hearing.

To the great majority who will, we know, appreciate our policy, we say - WELCOME!

To that small, but dedicated band of self-appointed UFO arbiters, who delight in inflicting their strictures on poor, defenceless (!) editors, we say - WELCOME!

To all our readers and representatives in Great Britain, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Norway and the United States - WELCOME TO GEMINI! It may only be third in the zodiac, but its tops in UFOLOGY! NTO



THE CONNELLY CASE

Mrs Cathie Connelly is a very pleasant Coventry lady in her late forties - altogether the opposite sort of person from whom the following type of story usually emanates. Her story is startling and it has too many references tying in with points from other contact claims for it to be disregarded as utter nonsense.

This story that Mrs Connelly tells is a long one. It has all the ingredients one expects in a case of its kind, yet it is bewildering, misleading and very complicated with many implications. At first hearing, the case seems too incredible to have really taken place; but when considering the age of her experiences and also that Mrs Connelly's command of English is not all she wishes it were, we can understand that she has become confused, and in turn, the story which she tells is now mixed up and hard to understand.

She states her first contact with beings from the 'unknown' was in 1940, and the last in 1952, although she claims that even now she meets these 'people' in the streets of Coventry. The only way she recognises them is by their action of 'touching' a special 'watch' worn on their wrists. This, she says, seems to bring more of the experiences back to her.

Here, then, is Cathie's story:-



"One Sunday afternoon during the war years, I was out walking down a lane in Meriden, near Coventry. By sheer accident I came across a metal, dome-shaped structure which I then took to be a permanent building. Next to this structure, apparently poking up through the grass, was a row of smoking chimneys.

"There were tall men all around the structure, seemingly adjusting something at the centre. As I walked past them the man who was facing the lane raised his hands to face level, he appeared to be cleaning them with a duster. As he walked closer to me I gave him a smile, but he didn't smile back until he had finished cleaning his hands and then this was a 'slow' smile, - he seemed to be weighing me up.

"All the men were wearing one-piece garments. They had unusually high foreheads and their skin seemed to be tanned. This was unusual because during the war people tended to be 'pasty-faced'. There was also something definitely different about the eyes.

"The structure appeared to be quite strong - solid that is, giving off a grey-blue light. I recall walking past, and on retracing my steps was surprised to find it had gone.

The next contact

"A few months later I had a second experience. This time it took place at work when I was inspecting some chain links in the machine room, with a micrometer I had been given. As I did this, a man who looked like the men I had seen at Meriden spoke to me and said, "Your war is upsetting my world." I reminded him that it was his war too, but he replied, "I don't come from this world - take me to your King and Queen". I told him that I could not. He asked if I was colour blind, and I said not. He then asked who he should contact, and I told him he should contact the head scientists and leaders at their country homes.

"He asked me several times if I would go with him. Once he asked me to go on a long journey and see "nice colours". I refused. He had no accent and I don't recollect seeing him again at the factory during the three years that I worked there.

"If I ever got depressed or miserable I used to think of this unusual person and yearn for a meeting with him. Then one day in 1951, I arrived home to find I had a visitor. He explained that he was a messenger and said that he had asked to sign for the job. He said that unless I really DID want to meet the person I had met at the factory, I was to refrain from thinking and intruding upon his thoughts. I was completely bewildered and recalled thinking he must have been mad, as it was impossible for me to have done that.

"I was taken several times to the craft, which was usually situated upon some lonely grassland spot. I got the impression that these people had something for erasing your memory from the time of contact until you were on the craft. I am sure that it had something to do with the "watch" they wore on their wrists.

Old Nick ?

"One time I found myself in a spacecraft, surrounded by men who were holding me down on a table. One of them said, "We are not going to hurt you - we only want to see if you are pregnant." I said, "What's that?" He answered with a question: "You don't know?" (Mrs C must have led a sheltered childhood.)

"I then said, "My mother says that if you go out at this time of night, Old Nick will get you: why have you come for me? I have not hurt anyone." He then asked who "Old Nick" was and I replied that he was the Devil. I said if he was not the Devil he could

not be God because his skin...then I stopped short and said that no-one had told me the colour of God's skin.

"The man had slits at the side of his mouth reaching almost to his ears. The ears were long and animal-like, lying flat upon his head. His nostrils were long straight holes, disappearing up into his face. His coloured skin was unblemished. Most of the crew looked similar to us, averaging six to seven feet in height, with high foreheads and greased black hair cut just above the shoulders. Others in the craft were different: they had blue complexions - in fact it was one of these men who talked to me."

Mrs Connelly says she was told that the beings resembling us were "prisoners" and that the others were free to come and go from the craft. To some it might seem more likely that those beings who were very different to us were in fact "prisoners to the craft", either because of responsibilities or because they could not exist long in our atmosphere. Mrs Connelly continues:

"The man (interrogator) had a cat-like face with no whites to his eyes which were set to the side of his face. The men similar to him all wore either blue or brown one-piece overalls.

"I told him that we had very good plastic surgeons and explained to him what they could do to change his face. Gently he replied, "If I had everything changed, then I would be alright."

"The craft inside was about the size of four double bedrooms. It was well lit all through, but I could not tell where the light came from. One side of the wall was filled with row upon row of meters. In the centre was the table which was made of some sort of fibre glass, - this slid into the floor.

Aircraft upon the scanner

"As I looked through the scanner I could see that we were travelling, for I saw aeroplanes engaged in combat: I could hear the crews of the aircraft speaking. Looking down to some water below I could see ships and said that there were too many people in them. All the time a voice kept saying above my head: "This is your world!" I kept denying it.

"I pointed to an aircraft and said that this was not my world: "He is a cockney!" (Mrs C is Scottish born). The voice repeated: "This is your world: look, they are coming in all directions."

"Then one of the crew of one of the planes spotted us. They shouted spasmodically: "They've got a captive: its a woman: no, its a child: don't shoot: don't fire: I aint 'anging around to find out!"

"Now we appeared to be travelling alongside the aircraft and some of the crew were looking straight at us. One of them made the sign of the cross at me. At this point my space friend asked me if I knew him and I said not. He then asked why he had moved his hands at me, and I explained that he might have been a Catholic and was praying for me. I then said I hoped they would be alright. The man said that I would be.

"Then we changed course and I was looking at the Statue of Liberty. My space friend said he wouldn't tell me what I was looking at as he didn't wish to embarass me. We seemed to be flying above a street in New York, and I could see newsvendors selling lots of papers. Something important seemed to have happened: I could see many men but no women.

"When we changed course again, I was standing alone at the scanner with my space friend in the middle of the room; the other men had gone into other compartments. Only on one occasion did I hear them speak in any language other than English and this was completely unintelligible.

"I thought the most intriguing thing about them was the way they were able to transfer their thoughts: they tried to teach me how to do it. I was told I didn't try hard enough and that anyone could do it. When I didn't wander off and just stared, I found I was able to read their thoughts and answer them. I was asked many questions, such as how blood transfusions were carried out and about household gadgets.

"They wanted to know about everything I had ever done or witnessed and what I believed to be right and wrong. Often they did not understand what I meant and asked me to visualise such things.

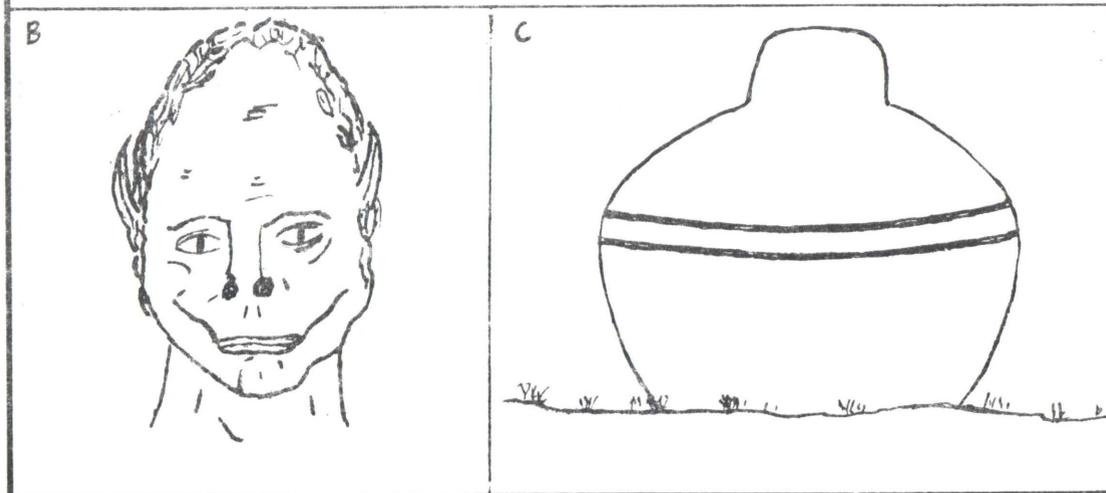
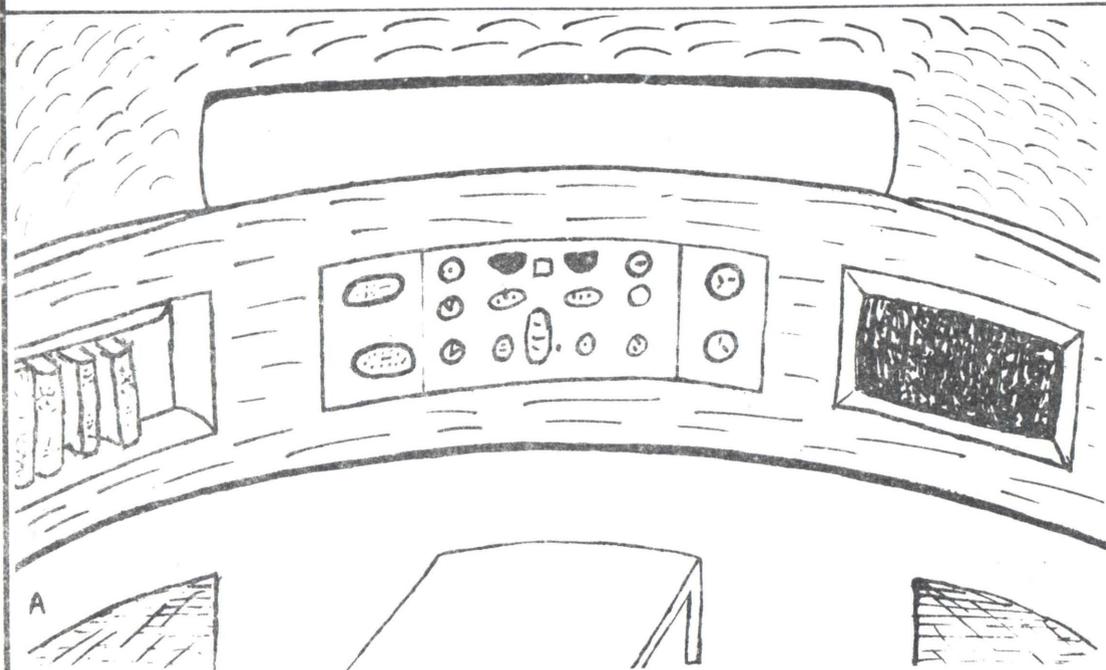
Christ

"While at the scanner I looked down and saw a man on a cross-shaped stake. A crowd of people running to and fro threw what appeared to be dirt and stones. A small child at the back, unable to see the man, was imitating them. The man was beautiful and I wondered why these people were doing that to him.

"The voice above my head said, "This is your world". I was indignant and replied that it was not my world and they were savages from the past. Then the voice said, "Are they any different to that where you come from?"

"At this I burst into tears, rushed to the man in the centre of the room and said that I was sorry I had thought of him as the Devil: that it was peaceful in the craft and Hell outside.

- A. "Inside the craft." Impression based on original sketches made by Mrs Connelly.
- B. Sketch made by Bob Tibbitts from the description given by Mrs Connelly.
- C. The Craft at Meriden. From an original sketch by Mrs Connelly.



"I was told that these people were "Christians" in attitude, but were not ceremonious where they came from. They said we were still immature and had to grow up. They showed me a map of a solar system, and a book in which there was writing very similar to Chinese or shorthand. When I asked where they came from, they told me to look to the East to find their people.

"The book was fairly thick with a dark embossed cover. Another feature in the craft was a black screen, on which white lettering would appear and seemingly self-erase. I was told that some of the crew had signed on for the mission without knowing really what it entailed. However the leader of the craft was always told the purpose. He was responsible for the craft and never left it unless there was a replacement.

"The next time I was in their craft they showed me a film of myself trying to walk across a road by some traffic lights. I was always told to do this as it was the best place to cross."

Several times Mrs C was taken "back in time" and saw herself as a young girl.

"They were also interested in my hearing. I told them that when anyone spoke to me fast the words got churned and muddled together. Again they asked me if I was colour blind and said only wanted to help me for it was the least they could do. "You once helped me," the man said.

"I told him that I didn't help him, but had only told him to go to a plastic surgeon. He said I had done the best I could."

It seems possible that the beings then operated upon Cathie's eyes in some way and cured her apparent inability to distinguish colours.

"They put me under sedation, and when I came round I remember saying that I could not bear anyone touching my eyes. Then I said to the man, "Your skin must be a green colour, I can see it very clearly on your ears."

One of the messages Mrs Connelly received from the aliens was, that before people could live together in harmony there would be trouble amongst the races. She was told it could be so bad that people of all races would be ashamed afterwards to mention it.

"Another time I was in the craft, the spaceman said there was a bus coming along the road and they wanted me to get on if I could. I said that if there was an empty seat I would get on. They repeated, "Get on if you can!"

It seems that the craft then landed: so Cathie disembarked and

attempted to board the bus. It is possible that all this took place in her mind due to a type of imagising/telepathic process induced by the UFO occupants. It certainly would explain the impracticability of the episode and would also serve as an ideal process by which the alien power could "teach their lessons". The question could also be asked as to whether the craft ever did take off. The "trips" mentioned could have been deliberately induced by the aliens by means of sedation/telepathy and the black screen mentioned earlier. The reasons for such behaviour by the aliens are not clear, but it is obvious a great deal of confusion is present in Cathie's mind, perhaps as a direct result of the interference made by the experimentations.

Cathie continues: "When the bus stopped and I tried to get on, there was confusion. The people on the bus said that I could not get in: it was not allowed. They all had dark skins.

"After seeing an empty seat I forced my way on. They said, 'Haven't you brought Fritz with you?' I thought they meant a dog, so I said I had no dog and made my way to the empty seat. A young, well-built man was sitting next to it and he opened his knees to make it difficult for me to sit down. I forced myself onto the corner of the seat. The driver then asked me for my fare and I got some money out but he said it was no good. He asked me where I came from, and I told him I came from Coventry. He then told me I would have to get the money changed, but I said I would not be there long enough. I asked him the name of the place and he said "Rhodesia". As the bus started I swore because I was so uncomfortable on the corner of the seat. At this, a young lady sitting nearby with a small child on her knee, covered its ears and said, "You swore!" I retorted that swearing would not do lasting harm but segregation would.

"The man next to me closed his knees: then one of the passengers asked me where I had come from before I had got on the bus. I said I had come in a flying saucer. When I said the people on the flying saucer had told me to get on the bus, it stopped, and the people told me I was upsetting the driver and had to be quiet.

"They asked me where I wanted to get off and I said I didn't know but my space friends would meet me. They all went quiet as the bus started up once more, and soon afterwards it was flagged down by the tall spaceman. The driver and the others stretched out their hands in a friendly gesture to help me off the bus. The spaceman grinned and asked if I had behaved myself. The driver said that I had been alright and wished that all white people were like me.

Square One

"Another time I was on the craft they took me to Florida and we had been talking about Rhesus babies etc., and one of the men said, 'These people know more about Genetics than we do.' There was also some talk about having an exchange of ideas with us. On this occasion also, I saw myself in the past. I was kneeling at the altar in a little wooden Salvation Army Church. The captain was with me: I saw myself being daubed with water by him. At this the spaceman asked me what we were doing. I said the captain was reading out what I was then promising to undertake. Then the spaceman asked me if I always kept a promise. I said that I never made promises impossible to keep and I never broke a promise. Then the voice above me said, 'You're back in square one, Cathy, because....' I replied, 'If I'm back in square one because...., what square are all the murderers, liars and thieves in?' (Mrs C couldn't remember the reason for being back in square one.)

"The voice replied, 'They are not in any square at all, its up to you to get them in the running.'

"I saw myself kneeling at the altar once more and the voice above me said, 'You promised allegiance to God: do you know what allegiance to God means?' I said yes, 'Allegiance to God means allegiance to all people of all religions and creeds.' Then I said that God knows I would never break a promise and that he would help me to keep it."

There, Mrs Connelly's story ends. It leaves the would-be investigator more baffled than before. However I feel that this case is only a small part of the Universal Jigsaw, but an integral part: each piece fixing together to portray the Truth, but when complete, will we be able to recognise it? To quote Cathie: "This story was cut short, the odds were against me telling it - a story that was meant to end with a miracle."

Questions put to Mrs Connelly

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- Q Why did you walk down the lane at that time? A For pleasure
- Q Did you immediately recognise the dome-shaped structure as what you now know to be a UFO? A No
- Q How tall were the men standing around the object in relation to it? A About half its size
- Q You said that one man did something with his hands before re-turning your smile. Could you expand upon this?
- A He, or another man said he had photographed me
- Q What were your impressions when you found the object had gone?

A Mystified.

Q How did the watches worn by the aliens affect your memory?

A I now know that they bring my memory back

Q What appeared on the scanner?

A The outside world and scenes through the walls of buildings

Q Which group of beings called themselves prisoners?

A The people who looked like us

Q Were any names mentioned? A Yes, Jasiv or Jaskik

Q Describe the features of the "blue-skinned" beings A Catfaced

Q Did they always talk to you in English? A Yes

Q Did they communicate with you in any other way?

A Yes, Telepathy. The people who looked like us used this too

Q How did you discern the younger from the older members of the crew? A By the smoothness of the skin

Q Were any future events foretold? A Yes, on the scanner

Q What made you feel these men were from space?

A They showed me a map of a solar system

Q What was (is) their purpose in coming to the Earth?

A To show us our capabilities

Q Why did they contact you?

A I was in an ideal place. It had to be someone

Q How can one contact these people? A Praying: this is telepathy

Q You say you have had recent contact with these people. How did you recognise them? A By past acquaintance and their watches. (They touch them with one finger)

Q Have you been in one of their craft recently? A No

Q Did you ever see any of their craft land or take off? A No

Q Did you ever fly in one? A Yes

Q Did you, or any of the beings, have any difficulty in breathing during your contacts? A No

Q Did you ever leave the Earth in one of their craft? A Yes

Q Did you hear any sounds during your time in and near the craft which could have been a motor? A Yes, like fast running water

Q Were any peculiar smells present during your contacts? A No

THE ABOVE CASE WAS RESEARCHED BY R W TIBBITTS AND G ASHBY

Comment

Norman Oliver

I have not met Mrs Connelly personally, and have done no research on the case. Bob Tibbitts, however, was kind enough to forward me a copy of the tape of Mrs Connelly's story, which was most interesting, and whether or no the story is true, Mrs Connelly certainly sounds as though she believes it herself. Her accent baffled me until I read she was born in Scotland for there is scarce a trace of "Brum" about it. If pressed, I would have said it sounded like a Lancashire voice with a Scots accent and a touch of the South Downs for good measure! Judging from the

tape it must have been a real work of art to sort the events into order and make out of them a coherent whole, and I would congratulate our contributors on the very readable summary they have presented. One must bear in mind too, that the most recent of these alleged events was some 19 years ago, and which of us today would have a sufficiently good and trained memory to be able to trot out facts - even such remarkable ones as Mrs Connelly tells us about - in apple-pie order? Not I, for one. A few points I would make, however, namely:-

According to my reckoning, Mrs C must have been at least 26 when asked if she were pregnant, which seems a little old to be ignorant of the meaning of the word. This, coupled with references to "God's skin" and "Old Nick will get you" sound very naive, and, granting the truth of the story, prompts one to wonder if this "contact" did not in fact occur when she was very much younger.

The incidents of the Rhodesian bus, the aircraft on the scanner and the New York scenes all seem to have the same unreal "Alice-in-Wonderland" dreamlike quality about them, and yet Mrs C's detailed descriptions both of these and of the craft and its occupants go a long way to offset this impression.

The suggestion of plastic surgery made by Mrs C to the "interrogator" and his response sound almost ludicrous, unless taken in the context that the suggestion was made by a child, and the reply was a "soothing" answer to a mind with the "set" idea that his face should "conform". The logical thought coming to mind here is surely that people who have space travel would not be backward in the field of plastic surgery either, although it is interesting to note that at a later point the remark, "These people (Earthpeople) know more about genetics than we do" is made.

To Cathie 's final remark, "This story was cut short, the odds were against me telling it," I can only add for the record that she told her story to UFO researcher Ken Rogers some years ago - comments from Ken will appear in the next issue. For the record also, a year or so ago Cathie wrote to Lionel Beer about her contact though giving few, if any, details. As she had asked that her address be not revealed (the same request was made to Ken Rogers), Lionel very properly did not pass this on, instead suggesting she contacted me. I heard nothing further, and so I am extremely grateful to Bob Tibbitts for his detailed account of this case.

Norman Oliver

Themes of Contact—

TAPE MESSAGES

presented
by Norman Oliver

This really is a fascinating "Theme", but also one - like many others - that is readily open to mis-reporting and misrepresentation. Accordingly I have decided to include only incidents and examples of which I have personal knowledge: this means that my own experiences and those of Philip Rodgers will be the main items presented, thus ensuring that all my facts are accurate. Whether or no the "contacts" are from extra-terrestrials is for you to judge. So far as my own experiences are concerned I make no claims whatsoever. Many people, however, have asked me to write more about them and our "Theme" this issue provides an appropriate opportunity: the facts about them I guarantee: their interpretation and origin.....?

VOICES FROM SPACE



Philip Rodgers is a very good friend of mine, unfortunately for many years now, nearly blind, and we frequently correspond by tape. I have heard many of the various voices and other recordings he has received on his tape-recorder and can confirm that in many cases no ordinary explanation seems possible. They are not long discourses on the errors of our ways, but rather short sentences, or even single words or syllables interjected onto the tape, often in a "puckish" manner: some are so faint it needs a musician's ear - which Philip possesses - to detect them. Indeed, as Philip himself wrote, "...I must explain that most of my recordings are fragmentary, last only a second or so. There are no "messages" from the Master of Venus to the erring people of Earth or that type of thing. Many of my signals are meaningless on their own, but if fitted together like a jigsaw, provide a living sound picture of the people who produced them."

In the summer of 1957, there were many sightings in the Sheffield area, some of which Philip reported in Flying Saucer Review, and in the September he heard a large number of musical notes, apparently produced by invisible flying objects. Sometimes they whizzed through the air at great speed. At others, they "paced" him as he walked along a country road, and on yet another occasion they played scraps of melody somewhat unrhythmic but with exceptionally beautiful bell-like tones. Several months elapsed, then, to quote Philip.....

"On Nov 24 1957, I thought I would try to record one of these melodies. Placing the microphone of my Grundig machine on the outer sill of my bed-sitting room window, I switched on, ran downstairs and stood in front of the gate. After a few minutes I heard a peculiar, penetrating whistling sound, seeming to come from behind the ash tree on the other side of the lane. I ran indoors and rewound the tape, fully expecting there would be nothing on it. But to my intense relief, there was the sound, as clear as a bell. I noticed a peculiar rising, double fundamental note, alien to any sound I had heard on Earth. That was my first recording of a sound believed to emanate from outer space and can be studied by anyone who wishes to listen to it.

"Round about midday on March 21 1958 I recorded a mechanically produced computer-voice saying faintly, but clearly and definitely, "Ship is real, people" against a clicking background. This was the first of a very few terse messages I have received.

"A few days after receiving this signal I picked up a fantastic series of musical sounds, mostly of instruments unknown to Earth. One appeared to be a violin-like instrument tuned in fifths, but with no G string, and in its place an upper B (a fifth above the top E of a terrestrial violin.) In between playing, they kept shouting greetings. There was also a strange harp-like instrument improvising on strings and finally a peculiar booming sound resolving into a woman's voice with a rich mezzo-contralto quality. A careful check was made that no broadcast performances at the same time could have any connection.

"One evening about 8.45, there were found on the tape voices of youngsters making animal noises, chatting, playing and laughing, as well as blowing an unidentified trumpet-like instrument. A small boy says "sputnik" followed by "Ya-du-par-du" (? translation) and a girl of ten or so says softly "Hallelujah" followed by "Nyanna-poddo". I had checked that no children were playing anywhere about. Two weeks after this "Children's Party" I picked up a boy shouting "Ya-ba-huseta" followed by an amorous sounding lady saying "Mee-see-mah". Later I got a man saying "Mee-see-see" The syllable NYA (as in piano) occurs in at least three words recorded. In addition to "Nyanna-poddo", we have "Nyanna-puizee" and "Ya-va-nyanna-donna". Early one morning I picked up a man saying "Hiroshidu".

About three months later when in Shrewsbury, came the voice of possibly the same man saying, "Hirashidu-check". Apparently, the changing of the vowel alters the meaning of the word. On another occasion a group of boys and girls shouted "Driota", followed by a feminine giggle. Around Easter 1958 it seemed that every time

I switched on my machine something new and exciting was recorded. One day I had been invited out to tea by a lady in Sheffield, - Grindleford, where I live, is some six or seven miles distant - and I had a strong feeling I should return home and that if I did, something important would happen. On arriving back I switched on the machine for a time-check, but made a mistake and did not use the 24-hour clock. On playing the tape back later, I was amazed to hear a man's voice, nasal, friendly and humorous, making a somewhat hesitant correction to my time-check according to the 24-hour system, then asking if he was right.

"In June 1959 another baffling incident occurred. A Mr Colin Hand, a local composer, had written a sonatina for recorder and piano especially for me. It has since been published and I have played it over Radio Eireann. At this time only two copies existed of his MS. However, I had the recorder part and Mr Hand the piano part; the composer promised to come and practice with me, and on the day in question I switched on my recorder and forgot about it, then commenced practising the new piece of music, playing through the first movement only, which took some two minutes. Imagine my amazement, and also that of Mr Hand, when I later played back my tape-recording to find the WHOLE PIECE had been recorded with sometimes three sections coming through at the same time, and the whole thing growing fainter and ending in discord. Mr Hand, sceptical about my recordings, was quite staggered. It sounds impossible, but the tapes are here for anyone to hear!

"The majority of my recordings have been made by placing the microphone on the outer sill of my bed-sitting room (about 12 feet from the ground), closing the sash, and switching on my machine. On no occasion has the recorder been connected to my radio, which is never on at the same time as I am recording. The signals are never heard at the time of reception but detected only on play-back. The best time for recording I have found to be around 9 pm, but why, who knows?....."

The foregoing items were excerpts from COS-MOS issues 3,4 & 5, and readers will understand more fully why I suggested a tape experiment on these lines in the COS-MOS/SIRIUS issue. Philip has received many more recordings than those mentioned here, but they serve to illustrate the type of "message" received.

I would here make a brief comment on the many similarities between the type of voice received by Philip, and the taped voices and messages recorded under laboratory conditions by Dr Konstantin Raudive and others as Dr Raudive has related in his book -

BREAKTHROUGH. The suggestion here is that the "Raudive" voices are from the dead, and indeed, voices of famous people, including Churchill and President Kennedy are in evidence. In the main, however, these voices are faint, inconsequential, a mixture of languages and spoken quickly; they are largely picked up in the evening and frequently a "musician's ear" is required to detect them. It is interesting to note that all these points apply also to Philip's recordings and could even indicate a common source of origin, though far be it from me to be dogmatic as to what that source might be. Philip has, I believe, gathered information about a source on the "Raudive" voices and agrees there are points of similarity. It would seem though, that some of Philip's recordings have been directed at him personally and he certainly considers they are of extra-terrestrial origin.

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THE "SCORITON" TAPES

These are so-called because their full story is related in THE Scoriton Mystery* though it has little, if anything, to do with Arthur Bryant's contact claim. The incidents happened to myself and Eileen Buckle whilst investigating this claim, and the recordings - unless one falls back on hypnosis or a "sub-conscious hoax" are baffling to say the least.

That Arthur Bryant's Scoriton "contact" was a hoax, either by space or more earthly entities, is the opinion of many. Following a recent discovery as to how the "machine pieces" found by Bryant came to match those produced by "Dr N", I am now aware of how much of the hoax was engineered, and as I consider the hoaxers probably had the quite laudable intention of testing the investigational abilities of UFO researchers, am hoping to obtain their co-operation to throw a completely new light on the case in a future edition of GEMINI. However, the mystery of the tape messages remains: here is a precis of the more important ones, followed by an interesting and hitherto unpublished postscript.

In Jan 1966 I recorded a meeting of the Star Fellowship at the Chiddingstone, Kent, home of Tony Wedd: Bryant had been the guest of honour. This was on a Saturday, and on the Sunday morning I played the recording back in an upstairs room. It had been made on an unused 3" triple-play tape purchased the previous day, and I was using my Phillip's portable twin-track recorder playing at a speed of 1 1/2 i.p.s. I had played over track one (app 40 minutes) and had begun track two when I was interrupted by a phone call downstairs. Some twenty minutes later I returned upstairs to find that whilst track two was still "on", the end of my previous day's recording had been reached. Accordingly I rewound to the start of track two, the first few minutes of which I had heard

before the phone call. Imagine my surprise, therefore, when the voice of Tony Wedd suddenly faded out. There were a few moments of silence, then after a slight click a slow, deep voice spoke in a monotone:-

"Heed that which is for yourself - you believe we are playing my friend, we will play with you more, hear me:

The furlong is long, be there Sunday week,
Overlooking the vale when all are asleep.
Before the dark falls on Edburton go --
If timing is wrong why there you will know....."



Now, all else apart, "Sunday week" was a problem, because I was almost sure I had heard Tony Wedd carry on talking past the point where the voice interjected, when I had played snatches from the tape on the Saturday night, but I couldn't be certain. If I had, the voice could therefore have come on only during playback whilst I was downstairs on the phone - and if so, Sunday week was in fact fourteen days later as it was already Sunday! Should I have been mistaken and had not played this portion of the tape on the Saturday night, the voice could already have been there, and seven days ahead was indicated. As, in a later line, the voice had suggested - though not by name - that my co-investigator Eileen Buckle should also make the trip, we decided to try both of the following weekends if necessary, which it proved to be. It is only in the last eighteen months I have realised, and been astounded that no-one, myself included, had ever realised it before, that whilst we journeyed down on the two Saturdays, and were at the spots indicated over the two Saturdays and Sundays, if one reads the message carefully, it is a SUNDAY night that is indicated. Despite this, however, a second message was picked up on the second Saturday evening at Edburton: before giving this though, let me explain the situation and location.

I was born in Worthing in Sussex, and the Long Furlong is a local name given to a stretch of road at the foot of the Downs. The name is not on the map and one would have had to have lived locally to know of it; there is a track from the main road which does, in fact, overlook the valley. Edburton, oddly enough, I had never heard of, but it turned out to be a small village lying at the foot of the Downs behind Shoreham - some six or seven miles from the Long Furlong. The village and the hill above both bore the same name.

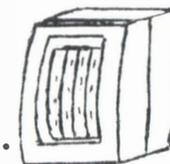
To cut a long story short, on the Saturday week - June 11 1966, we walked up Edburton Hill (about 700 feet high). I had previously been of the opinion that any communication here would not be via a tape-recorder, but rather a personal contact. Fortunately

I had been talked round to the view that a recording might be obtained and so it proved.

A new tape was used, and as we were not sure whether the first message had been inserted during Record or Playback, I ran the tape first on Playback, then afterwards on Record, both with and without microphone attached for about five minutes each session.

Though it was not audible on the hillside due to the strong wind and other noises, when we returned to the car and played the tape over, we heard a faint, but clearly discernible voice not unlike that on the first recording give this message:-
(received on the "Playback" session)

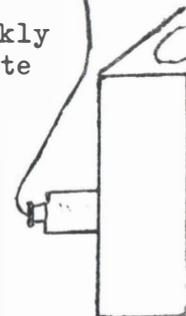
"If we arrive before two it will be,
we may be prevented from coming all three.
Take care from today in all that you do
And keep well together, divided you'll rue.
A time to receive is at the last quarter
As the bright one you see in the Bearer of Water."



We adjourned to the Long Furlong, "watching" from midnight, but - nothing! Once again, to cut the story short, I "unravelling" the last two lines to mean: "Record in the last quarter of the Moon when Saturn rises in Aquarius"....This deduction was confirmed when I checked and found that the day the Moon entered its last quarter, - July 10 - the constellation of Aquarius would rise between 10 & 11.30pm - and Saturn was in Aquarius!

No indication as to place this time, so I thought the original spot - the upstairs room at home - as good as any. Nor had reference been made to anyone else, so I watched, taped and listened alone. Naturally a new tape was used, and this time I had decided on a 4" triple-play as it would give over an hour and a half's playing time. This I considered necessary as I had been unable to pinpoint the exact time Saturn would rise.

A few moments after 10.10pm there were some taps, quickly resolving into a Morse call sign. These came over quite slowly and however produced, they certainly did not emanate from a conventional buzzer, being comparatively amateur-sounding. Actually, had they not been so, we would probably have found the message almost impossible to decipher. As it was, the de-coding lasted two days, since the Morse had gone on for nearly an hour, - and whilst quite slow, in one hour that still meant one hell of a lot of Morse!



On realising it was Morse I had first attempted to "translate" it there and then, but my memories of the alphabet were far too rusty even for the slow signals coming from the tape. As with other messages this was received on Playback. In other words, excepting the first, all were received on completely new tapes on which nothing had been recorded, and all I was doing was playing over a completely blank tape - the microphone was not even attached! At a later date, a friend of mine working at a seismological lab. examined tapes and recorder for two days, and whilst he found nothing unusual, he told me it was quite possible for a recording to be made on Playback, but there was a snag: it could only be done by by-passing the volume control, which meant that such a "recording" would play back at full volume only - and the volume of the messages varied a lot!

This third message contained eighteen or more rhymed couplets, each line with eight or more words. When deciphered, it was again found to be a "puzzle", which, when solved, made a "date" at the end of July in the New Forest. Examples:-

"As you have solved our last message you hear (1st couplet)
We regret not to come, but we could not get near.

and

"A beggar you'll pass, then by the three trees
Turn to E Linwood, go past the inn please... (9th couplet)

The New Forest appointment was kept, but from here on it was obvious these messages would lead nowhere, and their meaning and purpose was becoming far from clear. Further shorter ones were received, but they finally ceased in the November and have not recurred since, and by now my interest in their origin is purely academic!

ANIMAL, VEGETABLE or ALIEN ?

Despite my last paragraph, an unusual "postscript" occurred on April 2nd-3rd this year. Mark Stenhoff and I were in the Worthing area and we decided to revisit both Long Furlong and Edburton: all else apart, these are good points to skywatch from!

We parked our car in the exact spot I had waited some five years ago at the Long Furlong, and after skywatching a short while we agreed to try recording with the mike outside the car window whilst chatting away inside. The exact time was not noted, but must have been between 10 & 10.30 pm. We continued the experiment for about 10 minutes, then, on playing back, we were astonished to hear an (apparently) male voice clearly audible over our own say two syllables sounding like SHUB-SHEE. (A similar

type of interjection to some of Philip Rodger's recordings.) At the point where this occurred we had, appropriately enough, been discussing the Scoriton and other tape-recordings. The mike of my machine is quite sensitive and our voices from inside the car, though faint, were clearly audible, and this "superimposition" was as loud if not louder. There was certainly no-one around within a quarter-mile radius - we were right in the country. Neither was any radio on: indeed, this isolated interjection was certainly not a broadcast one. It has since been suggested to me that the word resembled the Urdu for "vegetable" If this was so, I can only think that some entity or other was a little contemptuous of our discussion and let us know what he thought of us!

We then decided to try the same thing again, but this time keep absolutely quiet. So, after recording the 'supplication' - "If there is anyone out there, will you please put a message or word of some description on the tape whilst we keep quiet", the mike was reinstated in its former position outside the car window and recording recommenced. A minute or so later we stopped and played back. There was no voice, but after 18 seconds, two very definite loud metallic knocks were heard, yet we were watching: no-one had been about: neither had the mike moved, for the thought had naturally occurred to us, "Did it blow against the car?" I'm quite sure, however, it did not: indeed, had this been the case, one would expect to have found similar metallic knocks in other places on the tape, but none were in evidence.

Back in Worthing, just before retiring, we were sitting quietly in armchairs, when a whole series of taps, very morse-like, suddenly impinged upon our ears. Not believing his own, Mark dived for the tape-recorder, but the mike was disconnected and the taps ceased before recording could commence.

Next morning on our way back to London we visited Edburton, taking both tape-recorder and a UFO detector (compass type) up the hill. We reached the spot where the second Scoriton tape-message had been received, when the UFO detector, held by Mark, decided to emit a rapid series of buzzes that certainly sounded like a Morse message. This time it was my turn to dive for the tape-recorder! But again too late! The UFO detector then ceased to function completely and stayed "dead" despite all Mark's attempts at resuscitation! We were aware that this type of detector, once set off, can rapidly jerk from one wire to another, with a sound similar to Morse, but we both thought the effect far too definite for this to be the case.

Had we only been able to record in time on both these occasions,

the question as to whether they were Morse messages would have been solved, but things happened too quickly. So - what does all this prove? The answer as far as we can tell is - nothing! But these incidents occurred, and if any readers would like to give their own interpretation of events, or ideas on the subject, we would be pleased to hear from them.

Norman Oliver

I have been asked by a number of people if copies of the Scoriton tapes are available. Hitherto I have made no copies, other than one for the BUFORA tape library, but the preparation of a short tape of edited excerpts is now being considered. Details will appear in GEMINI 2 **NTO**

*See THE SCORITON MYSTERY - Eileen Buckle. Spearman £1.50
and SEQUEL TO SCORITON - Norman Oliver 52½p

ANY OFFERS ?

W Raymond Drake's science fiction novel I COME FROM TOMORROW may well be published in Italian before it is seen in English, due to the absence of a British publisher: his book GODS AND SPACEMEN will also be published soon in Italy. Raymond has other excellent science fiction mss. as well as non-fiction works on spacemen in many parts of the Ancient World. His articles for COS-MOS and other magazines are of the highest quality and display an extraordinary diligence in research. Not reading Italian, we would like to see his books in English! Out of 300 publishers in London surely one can oblige! MSS from W Raymond Drake 2 Peareth Grove, Roker, Sunderland. NB - LOST CIVILISATIONS from Raymond's SPACEMEN IN THE ANCIENT WEST commences in GEMINI 2.

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Book Review

colin bord

Cancer planet mission

A book that seems to have aroused little notice among the ranks of ufologists was published in London in 1970. It is a story written in the first person by Ludwig F Pallman who tells how, while on a business trip to India, he meets a strange individual who presently reveals that his home is on a planet other than this earth. During his stay in Madras, the friendly stranger meets him again and develops his acquaintance.

Two of the peculiarities the author notes about the spaceman are the "finger tip gloves that he seemed to wear at all times" and "his voice did not appear to come from his mouth, but rather from a little speaking device he had clipped to his chest". He later learns that the first peculiarity is due to the extreme sensitivity of the fingertips which are in effect delicate sense organs, and the speaking device turns out to be an instant two-way translating machine which is the only way the two can communicate. Unlike some contactee reports, telepathy is not used in person-to-person communication in this contact.

When they part, the spaceman, Satu Ra, presents Ludwig with a ring which has a curious design of South American workmanship upon it, with the promise that they will meet again in Benares. One evening whilst Ludwig is enjoying the cool night air in the hotel garden in Benares, the ring on his finger begins to glow. This heralds the arrival of Satu Ra who, after some talk about Ludwig's journey through India, asks if he would like to meet his sister. So Ludwig is introduced to Xiti and is immediately attracted to this lovely spacelady. He meets Satu Ra and Xiti a few more times in India and then he sees them no more, and as his business is finished he returns to Europe.

Not until some three years later, in 1967, is contact remade. Ludwig is then lying in a hospital in Lima, Peru, in great pain, awaiting a kidney operation. In through the window steps Xiti, who administers a healing tablet. In the morning Ludwig is completely cured, presents himself to the astonished doctors and cancels his impending operation. He again meets Xiti and Satu Ra and they journey to an uninhabited region in the Andean foothills where they are literally picked up by a flying saucer. From there they are transported to a camp in the depths of the South American jungle where the space people have extensive research facilities and from which they make archeological and botanical expeditions to ancient cities lost in the jungle.

Ludwig spends some days in the space scientists' base which is

well equipped not only with the sophisticated devices needed for their botanical researches but with all the necessary comforts which these highly advanced beings require for living and relaxing. He begins to learn some of their ideas on philosophy and religion, or what they term their cosmophilosophy. They believe in God-Nature, and advocate that all beings should live in harmony and that men should stop hating and killing each other. Until this state of affairs comes about, they term our Earth a "Cancer Planet". One evening Ludwig is told that the spacemen are evacuating their base and returning to their planet. He has a last long discussion with Satu Ra who gives him the seven commandments upon which their cosmophilosophy is based, and some general ideas of their philosophy.

Many may dismiss this story as a farrago of nonsense, and I could not say they are wrong. But as I believe that the study of contactees and their experiences is of prime importance, every report, however vague and unsubstantiated, should be considered. Ludwig Pallman offers no proofs, no witnesses and no artifacts to support his story. He just presents it complete for our consideration, rather as Dino Kraspedon did with his meetings with the spaceship captain. For those with a scientific approach this makes it valueless, and they reject it out of hand. For those with a more intuitional approach the book must be read, digested and considered. One's personal knowledge and researches can be applied to the philosophy that is presented to see how it compares with the more profound teachings that the most advanced beings on this planet have given to mankind throughout the ages. Any answer arrived at is of value for oneself, but not necessarily for anyone else. The philosophy presented by Satu Ra contains no ideas that have not, in essence, already been presented to mankind. The fact that so few of them have ever been put into practice does not alter the fact that were they to be adopted by men today as the mode by which they conducted their lives, our world would be a totally different place. The space philosophy advocates that we should all live in harmony within ourselves, with other people and with nature, of which we are an integral part. They are essentially the same ideas that all the great teachers from east and west have taught, and it is the same simple philosophy that Dan Fry, George Adamski Orfeo Angelucci and others who have met "spacemen" have returned to tell us.

Whether Ludwig Pallman and the other contactees have met and talked with men from other worlds, we, and they, shall probably never know. But there is one thing we may be sure of - somebody, somewhere, is really anxious that we on this planet take notice

and change our ways while there is still time.

CANCER PLANET MISSION by Ludwig F Pallman £1.50
SBN 9501320 0 4 published 1970 by the Foster Press
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Colin Bord



COS-MOS MEETING

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Despite a much-publicised public meeting on the same night at Chelsea Town Hall, where the Aetherius Society were proclaiming their version of "The Truth About Flying Saucers", over 100 were attracted to Kensington Library by the COS-MOS meeting.

This opened with an extremely interesting talk from Capt Ivar Mackay entitled "UFO ENTITIES, OCCULT AND PHYSICAL". Ivar managed the near-impossible task of presenting his theme adequately in the mere 25 minutes at his disposal, comparing the great variety of entities alleged to have been seen or contacted in a way which left no doubt as to his own very considerable knowledge of the subject.

Richard Colborne, Mark Stenhoff and Dave Oakley-Hill followed, reporting on recent UFO sightings from the Home Counties, many of which they had personally investigated. Prior to the tea-break, a UFO QUIZ was inflicted upon the hapless audience by Norman Oliver, who chaired the meeting. Details follow this report.

After refreshments, Andrew Tomas, author of WE ARE NOT THE FIRST (Souvenir Press £2) gave us an excellent detailed account of the Blue Mountains sightings in Australia, also showing a number of slides of this and other incidents. Ivar Mackay then presented slides from his own collection: these were of two types, though both with the same theme - a warning not to take things at their face value. The first showed a variety of natural rock formations remarkably resembling sculpted figures, and the second a selection of UFOs which upon closer examination were seen to be sun-dogs, reflections, developing faults and the like. Lincoln Richford made the best possible use of the dying minutes of the meeting in contributing an instructive though all too brief (our apologies Lincoln - time ran out on us!) talk on skywatching to round off a most enjoyable evening. Our thanks to all who rendered assistance especially Sylvia Shaw and refreshment helpers.

? UFO QUIZ ?

37 members of the audience completed and returned quiz papers, of whom about 50% had five or more correct answers to the ten questions posed. Only two appeared to dislike the innovation, - Mr M F Graves feeling that the quiz was "a waste of time - one comes to hear information and assess authenticity," and an unidentified anonymous UFO "authority" who thought Desmond Leslie was Ted Heath and darkly told us "DON'T WASTE OUR TIME WITH SILLY QUIZES" - his spelling, not ours!

Of the non-winning papers, we would single out the following:- Olivia Robertson's as the best-decorated entry with "doodles" of Flying Carpets, Hippy Spacemen, "Gnomes" in Saucers and even a "Holy Puss"; she also had a high, though not quite high enough proportion of correct answers. Thank you Olivia!

Frank Morton's for his "Enterprise" in identifying Desmond Leslie as Capt James T Kirk (and also for a well-scored 6)

Jim Bradford's: Jim gave his address as Times Square, New York, stoutly answered all the questions to no avail, and completely confounded our algebraic experts by giving $2+x^2-4x^{\frac{1}{2}}+7$ as the answer to Q 1. But enough - our sincere thanks to all who participated; we hope you enjoyed it - we certainly did ourselves.

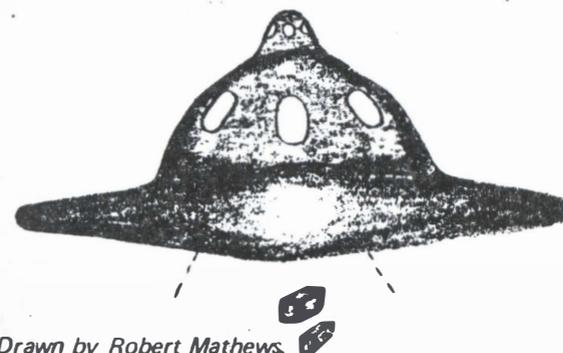


ANSWERS AND WINNERS:

- Q 1 How many "saucers" were sighted by Kenneth Arnold on June 24 1947? A Nine
- Q 2 What was the title of Arthur Shuttlewood's second book?
A WARNINGS FROM FLYING FRIENDS
- Q 3 Who is the present editor of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW?
A Charles Bowen
- Q 4 What were the "luminous balls" called which were frequently seen from aircraft in the last war? A Foo fighters
- Q 5 Whose voice? (A recording of a contactee) A George Adamski
- Q 6 Give the title of one of Von Daniken's books
A CHARIOTS OF THE GODS or RETURN TO THE STARS
- Q 7 Whose voice? (A recording of a former US UFO personality)
A Frank Edwards
- Q 8 What do these initials stand for? a) APRO b) BUFORA c) MIB
A a) Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation
b) British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association
c) Men (or Man) in Black
- Q 9 What was the name of the woman saucer "captain" who Truman Bethurum alleged meeting? A Aura Rhanes
- Q10 Whose voice? (Recording of a UFO author) A Desmond Leslie

Joint quiz winners were COLIN BORD and REV NORMAN COCKBURN - both with nine correct: they each receive a year's free subscription to GEMINI. Coming up fast were BERYL WALLACE and DIANA COLLINGS, both with eight correct. Each will receive two free issues. Congratulations to all!

A BOX-DROPPING SAUCER



Drawn by Robert Mathews.

An odd sighting in Edmonton, Alberta, was experienced by young Sharon and Cathy Radomski when, one evening in September 1969, they saw what looked like an occupied flying vehicle swoop low over school grounds near their home. From windows round its dome-shaped superstructure lights glowed "like fire", and some kind of door opened in its base. The

dome was shiny silver, the base, black. According to Sharon, as the craft descended, two "boxes" fell from the opened hatch. The object then sped away.

"It was like a dream," Radomski said of the girls' reaction. "The little one ran in and said, "Sharon, I'm scared", and dived under the bed. Then Sharon looked out and saw the whole thing. By the time Radomski understood what was happening the object had gone, but he was convinced enough to phone the local newspaper - which told him another sighting had just been reported from a city park - and drove round the school grounds to see if he could find the "boxes". It was growing dark and he was unable to come up with anything. No further trace of the jettisoned cargo was ever reported. Credit CANADIAN UFO REPORT, Box 758, Duncan, B.C. Canada \$4 yearly (excellent value)

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LETTERS

on the Tundra mystery

ANTHONY PACE, FRAS, writes:

"Although it detracts little from the argument put forward by Mr Szachnowski, meteorites do explode in the air, sometimes at 3 miles - or much higher. As the body penetrates deeper into the denser atmosphere, the air pressure at the frontal surfaces increases enormously and can cause disruption into a shower of small fragments. A meteorite's arrival is often preceded by loud detonations like a cannon. In the Siberian event, however, the body responsible is evidently not of the iron or stony varieties..."

ANTONI SZACHNOWSKI replies:

"I understand the meaning of EX-plosion to be that internal combustion took place, releasing forces exerting an epicentric pressure, which in turn burst or disrupted the external case of non- or less-explosive matter surrounding this centre. If this takes place in our atmosphere it creates a noise of explosion. However, if it occurred in outer space, there would be no external noise. I therefore maintain that meteorites do not explode in the air (with only one theoretical exception) - but they do disintegrate, due to all these external factors, which (Mr Pace) so ably lists. In this case loud "detonations" were heard, due to violent filling-in of the vacuums momentarily created, sudden replace-

ment of the hot and cold currents of air, ballistic pressures, acoustic waves, etc..."

RICHARD COLBORNE, of SIGAP, informs us of the fallacy of accepting as proof of exposure to radiation the accelerated growth of plants and animals. It would more often destroy the plant or animal, or lessen its growth. (See COS-MOS/SIRIUS p41 - Ed)

He suggests a better explanation for accelerated growth: "Before being blown down, the mature trees were obscuring the sun from the saplings which grew upward in search of light. The saplings were thus tall and thin with little foliage, so offering little resistance to the blast, so they remained standing. The mature trees gone, the saplings saw full daylight and were able to carry on the normal processes of photosynthesis etc. Now the annual growth rings would be wider, showing increased growth patterns.

"Also trees have a natural way of combatting damage by fire: utilising stored food, the tree starts to grow with increased enthusiasm to split off charred bark and replace missing limbs, restoring its effective surface area and enabling itself to function normally. Otherwise it would be destined to die."

Enclosed with Mr Colborne's letter was an interesting article entitled "A Captured Comet" (Findings of the 1962 Tungus Expedition) by Kirill Florensky,

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Master of Geology & Mineralogy, Chief of the Tungus Expedition of the USSR Academy of Sciences in 1958, 1961 & 1962. This article was mentioned in SIRIUS 2 (p6). It writes off (rightly or wrongly) the Tungus event as "due to a comet".

A GOOD REASON FOR WORLD GOVERNMENT SUPPRESSION OF UFO INFORMATION ?

RAIDERS FROM MARS STRIKE PANIC AGAIN

A RADIO dramatisation of H. G. Wells's "War of the Worlds" story of invaders from Mars, which panicked thousands throughout America in 1938, again caused widespread alarm on Sunday night.

The programme, originally devised by Orson Welles, included "news bulletins" reporting invaders from space landing in New Jersey.

At one point, a man described as "the Secretary of the Interior" announced solemnly: "Citizens of the nation. I shall not try to conceal the gravity of the situation that confronts the country."

Despite a five-minute explanation of the drama immediately before it began, scores of nervous listeners who thought the invasion was real telephoned the police and the radio station in Buffalo, New York, which broadcast the play.

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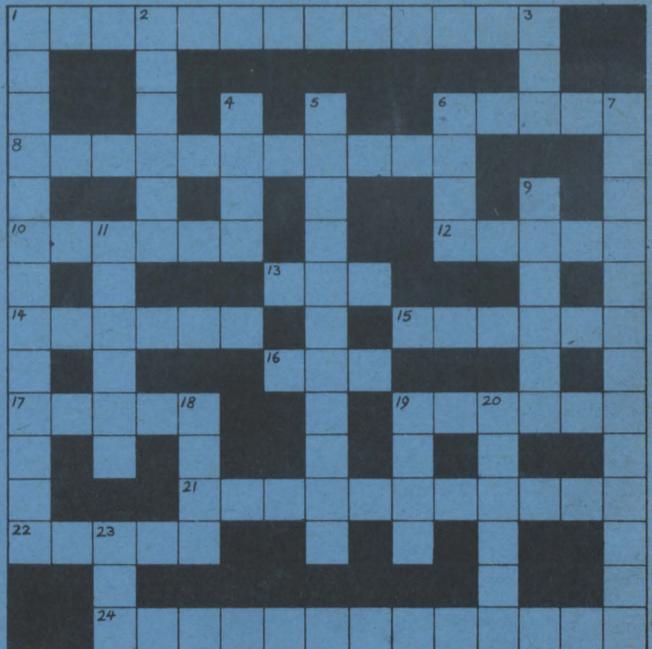
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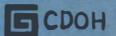
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1 Rainbow of success?(6,7)
6 Make ashamed to have one (5)
8 A good head for UFO-spotting? (2,3,6)
10 Clutches - at a profound theory, perhaps (6)
12 Parting UFO might do this away into the night (5)
13 Take rot back on moor(3)
14 Or in a circle of light becomes the northern variety (6)
15 Signs of success - or failure? (6)
16 Almost inhuman, perhaps, if darkly attired (3) 17 Might be mistaken for UFO with smoke trail if held at arm's length (5)
19 UFOs joining in and around (6) 21 A UFO! All is revealed! (3,3,5) 22 Might precipitate ignition (5) 24 Cell at noon - it's enough to make you see stars! (13)

CLUES DOWN 1 Almost certainly erroneous term dating from 1947(6,7)
2 Measurement by which it creeps forward (6) 3 Destination of a plunging UFO? (3) 4 Behaves as in the Bible (4) 5 A theory, one might say, that's full of holes (6,5) 6 Instigates verbal inquiry(4)
7 It appears real (13) 9 Heavenly new name (6) 11 Charioteer of the gods? (6) 18 Chance to approach a landed UFO (4) 19 Propellant perhaps unnecessary to advanced spacecraft (4) 20 Manifestation normally bottled up in another world (6) 23 Frequent visible path of satellite (3). FIRST COMPLETE CORRECT SOLUTION RECEIVED BEFORE APRIL 30 1972 WINS A YEAR'S FREE SUBSCRIPTION TO GEMINI STARTING IMMEDIATELY OR COMMENCING WITH THE EXPIRY OF THEIR CURRENT SUBSCRIPTION. SOLUTION AND WINNER IN GEMINI 2.



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