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The re-launch of our magazine has coincided with a major UFO "Flap" in the Aldershot/Camberley area and it appears that we could not have chosen a better time to initiate new readers with the facts and fiction of the UFO Phenomena. There have been a number of startling cases in the surrounding area and we have been contacted by several members, new and old, who wish to assist in the current investigations. It is a very encouraging start to the year 1984. We will hope to keep everyone up to date with our activities in the future months.

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ADMINISTRATION CHANGES

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We are sorry to announce that Mike Prewett has resigned as Group Secretary owing to increased business commitments. Mike has recently launched a private company and we wish him every success with his new venture.

Mrs Brenda Whitfield has now taken over as Secretary and Ron Harman will now take over as Treasurer for the coming year.

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ADVERTISEMENTS ?

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The latest exchange copy of UFO News-Flash, published by the Centro Ufologico Nazionale (Italy) carries details of the Siragusa contact case and any members wishing to borrow this or any other exchange magazines should contact the secretary. The magazine also carries a page of advertisements, which is something that we may consider in future issues.

The subject aged 77 has spent many years in Canada and has in his time hunted bear, fought wolves and lived in the out-back wilderness of Canada. The result is that he is not scared of anything and as he pointed out in the interview, thought at his age he had nothing to lose by investigating the UFO craft.

Name: Mr. Alfred Burtoo of Pegasus Avenue, North Town
Aldershot, Hants

Date and Time of Incident: 0115 12/8/83

Place: Basingstoke Canal Bank near North Town, Aldershot

Transcription from taped interview with O. Fowler 10/10/83

"On the one o'clock news on the 11th August, the weather report said the weather was going to be fine and the moon was only four or five days old, which is what I considered to be ideal conditions for fishing, so I got the wife to go and get me a loaf of bread, which she did (bait). I got all my tackle ready and I moved off from here at quarter past twelve at night.

On the way up to the canal, I stopped on the road to put the dog on a lead, when I heard footsteps behind me and it turned out to be one of the M.O.D. policemen on his duties, so we stopped and had a talk. ... After a short time he went his way and I went mine, up onto the canal bank. As soon as I got there I put my tackle on the ground and undid my rod case, stuck the rod in the ground and tied the dog to it. Then I started to unpack my tackle box, then just as I started I heard the 'gong' at Buller Barracks strike one (1 a.m.) I got everything ready for dawn because that is your best time for fishing.

I sat there on my tackle box watching the water for any movement of fish and decided to have a cup of tea. I poured out a cup of tea, when I saw a light suddenly appear from the South, so I put my cup down on the box and stood and watched it. It came in towards the railway bridge and I thought - it's not going to land on the railway bridge? I straightway guessed that it wasn't an aeroplane or a 'chopper', because it was only about three hundred feet off the ground. Then it settled down further along the tow-path and the brilliant light that had been showing was extinguished. I stood there watching it and presently I saw two 'forms' coming towards me.

The dog growled and wouldn't pack up until I told it to and the result was that there were two 'forms' came up to me, just over 4 ft. high - I would say, dressed in a pale green 'overall' to me they appeared and visors. I stood there looking at them and they stood there looking at me and then the chap on the right waved for me to come and that was all. I was curious so I followed them. Well when we got down to within fifty to sixty yards of the railway bridge, there was this object sitting on the towpath, with ten to fifteen feet over the water and about ten to fifteen feet over the bank, there were steps, they were off line to the towpath and we had to step on the grass to go up them. One of these 'forms' went across the corridor, which was hexagon in shape (plan view) and the other one stood near the door and I stood to the right of him.

Presently a voice said 'come over and stand under the amber light. (Question O.F: "did you actually hear a voice?") yes I actually heard it say come over and stand under the amber light. Well, right in the centre of the floor there was a column went up, about 4 ft. in circumference, I couldn't see an amber light, but when I stepped to one side and then I could see the light on the wall. I walked over and stood under the light and this voice asked me to come over and stand under the light, asked me - 'what is your age', I said I shall be 78 next birthday, then there was a pause then he said 'turn around' and I turned around facing the wall and after about five minutes he said to me 'you can go, you are too old and too infirm for our purposes'.

Now this column that was in the middle of the floor, there was a Z shaped handle on it, such as you might see on a wall and there was a 'form' (being) stood either side of that, two different 'forms' to those that accompanied me along the canal path. I took it to be that these two forms were standing by, ready to wind the gear that drove it, but that is only my suspicion. I look around when he said you can go and I came down. As I was coming down, holding the banister rail on the steps, I felt two joints in it, which gave me the impression that the steps were telescopic, and folded up in. Anyway I came down and got about twenty or thirty yards from them and turned and watched it.

It had a turret on top of it, very much like an inverted saucer, but it looked like a cowl like you have on top of a chimney, but instead of it going around clockwise, it went anti-clockwise. I carried on back to where my dog and my tackle was and the first thing I did was to pick up my cup of cold tea and drank it - still watching. I saw it lift off to about three hundred feet (it came in-about three hundred feet) and it shot off to the South West over the military cemetery, I saw it pass over Tongham (S.E. Aldershot $\frac{1}{2}$ mile) and over the 'Hogs Back' and out of sight."

Question: "You seem very calm and collected about the whole thing."

Mr. Burtoo: "I was more curious than anything, at my age nearly 78 what have I got to worry about, I can only die once. I had read a lot about UFO's and I didn't believe in them, well I definitely do now and seeing is believing. I don't care a damn who believes it or who doesn't, but I definitely went into that machine. When I came back I told my wife and her friend. Up to then I took them as a lot of 'bunk' I definitely wasn't scared, just curious and I wanted to see what was going on. If they had taken off with me then it was just my lot. It would have been just the same as me going out on the street and being knocked down."

Question: "Let us just go over the beginning when the beings came up to you."

Mr. Burtoo: "I got a bit of shock when they came up to me with these green overalls on, I couldn't see any buttons or zips or anything, it was just as though it was moulded onto them. The dog sat there quietly after I told it to shut up. They had like pea green helmets on their heads, but the visor on the front seemed to be blacked out, like smoked glass. You couldn't see their faces, I didn't notice their hands, maybe they had gloves on. I've been a gardener for fifty-two years and I've learned to notice things as I go along."

Question: "Did they have any belts on?"

Mr. Burtoo: "No, no belts, no buttons, no torches in their hands - nothing. The overall affair seemed to be a one piece affair to my way of thinking."

Question: "These steps, were they just a little ladder or what?"

Mr. Burtoo: "Just a wide set of steps, with a handrail up both sides."

Question: "Had the two figures gone inside this craft?"

Mr. Burtoo: "One went in front of me, because that is the way they walked down the path and one behind me. The one in front of me walked across what I would call the corridor into what I took to be a room the other side and the other one stood just inside the door and I stood on the right of him."

Question: "What sort of illumination was there."

Mr. Burtoo: "There was a light, it was very dim and everything appeared black."

Question: "Was there a light attached to the ceiling or what?"

Mr. Burtoo: "No, thats the funny part I didn't see anything like that, but there was a light there. Whether it was around the ridge of the ceiling?. The inside was all black, but the outside was like polished aluminium. When I walked across the floor I didn't hear my own footsteps, so I got the impression there was some sort of cloth down on the floor. The ceiling was only about 5 ft. high and it was as much as I could do to get into it. The objects (beings) were about 4'6". I am 5'4½" and they were a shade shorter than I am. I had to 'bob down' going into the door and the light was good enough to see where we were going, but once we got inside there was a dim light, but this must have been due to the blackness of it."

Whoever built that thing certainly made a good job of it, there were no nuts, bolts, joins or welds that I could see. I reckon I was in there a good half an hour, I had to wait for a while with this chap standing beside me."

Question: "So you had a good chance to look around."

Mr. Burtoo: "I wasn't scared or anything like that, I was just curious. I've spent many years outside and tackled many things in Canada, shot a bear, rattlers, wolves, I don't think I'm scared of anything."

Omar Fowler SIGAP

10/10/83

FSR PUBLICATIONS LTD.

Since we were last in print there have been a number of changes in the UFO investigation scene. We were saddened to learn of the retirement of Charles Bowen from the magazine "Flying Saucer Review" through ill health. Our sincere best wishes go with him and our thanks for the many years of devotion that he has given to the field of UFO investigation and research.

The new Editor of FSR is now Gordon Creighton who is well known for his contribution to UFO investigation. While Gordon Creighton's views are not shared universally on the UFO scene, he will certainly have our backing and assistance to make his job as Editor a success.

O.F.

UFO LECTURES

Requests have been received from several organisations such as the Banstead, Ewell & Weybridge Young Conservatives for a speaker on the subject of UFO's. It is expected to get our lecture programme under way again within a few weeks.

While on the subject of UFO Research and Lectures, we are pleased to confirm that we are now exchanging information and co-operating with Timothy Good of Beckenham in Kent.

Mr Good has lectured throughout the U.K. and appeared on a number of Television programmes. In 1980 he addressed the House of Lords All-Party UFO Study Group and has since become one of its principal consultants. He has kindly donated a copy of his latest book : "George Adamski-The Untold Story" published by CETI Publications, 247 High Street, Beckenham, Kent.

Mr Good has taken a great interest in the "Mr Burtoo Case" detailed in this issue. Also in the fact that Mr Burtoo has lost over a stone in weight, since his UFO encounter. Although it has been suggested that this was the result of radiation sickness, we believe that it is due entirely to his personal worry about the event and his lack of sleep since the incident.

Mr Burtoo will be attending a lecture by Timothy Good at the Leatherhead Leisure Centre on Wednesday, March 21st later this year.

UFO's: FACT OR FICTION ?

By Ron Harman

You are driving home late at night, it is clear and moonlight, the stars shine brightly in the sky and the radio is playing soft music, all seems right in the world. Suddenly up ahead there appears a bright star like object, you may not take much notice at first, a plane maybe, then the light starts moving towards you. The radio starts giving out heavy static, the engine loses power and stops... the light gets brighter until the whole area is lit up like daylight, you put your arm up to protect your face and eyes. You freeze with fear, it seems as though the atmosphere is alight, there is a loud crackling static noise... will it never stop ? Then slowly the light starts to dim and then as suddenly as it came, it is gone.

No, this is not an extract from a "Close Encounters " film, but is one of the many thousands of accounts that have been reported since the last war. No one has yet proved the existence of these strange craft, but they have been observed by several witnesses at the same time, tracked by Radar, fighters have been scrambled to intercept them, but have been out manoeuvred. Several airliners have been "buzzed", although there is no direct evidence that UFO's have been responsible for any aircraft crashes. So what is going on? Where do we start in trying to find the answer ? Let us first of all look at the facts and review a number of unusual cases.

Let us take a look at Wiltshire and a little town called WARMINSTER. During the 1960's the area became a centre point of strange lights, noises and cars being stopped, people being frightened out of their wits. In fact things got so bad at one stage, that a public meeting was called on the 27th of August 1965, but little was resolved from this meeting.

Major William Hill of Trowbridge was a veteran of wartime campaigns (1939-45). On the night of the 7th September 1965, he was driving along the Warminster to Westbury road, between 8pm to 8.30pm, when he fell victim to an astonishing incident. The engine of his car suddenly came to a stop, the car carried on coasting for a few yards then as it came to a halt the chassis started to shudder and vibrate. For a time the Major felt a rolling motion beneath him as the whole body swayed. The convulsions of the car subsided long enough for him to jump out and he was immediately aware of an air vibration which beat down on him, accompanied by a whining crackling noise.

It was impossible to say what it was, there was something menacing in the air, it was on a par with a high powered deep freeze unit. After about three minutes, everything was back to normal. He pressed the starter button and everything purred away perfectly as if nothing had happened. Major Hill had the car checked over the next morning, but nothing untoward was found.

Many residents of Warminster were content to dismiss the phenomena as if it just didn't exist..."it was something to do with the Military". This was their attitude, until they had an encounter themselves, like the following:- A strange luminous orb landed near Upton Scuddimore, not far from the ancient Westbury "White Horse". The terrified occupants of a nearby farmhouse, watched perplexed, while a glowing egg shaped object sat only 300 yards from the house emitting a barely perceptible low throb, which made the whole house shudder. Not daring to investigate until the following morning, they found little sign of its landing, but the ivy which covered the side of the house facing where the UFO had landed, was now lying in a heap on the ground.

Some UFO's, although not being seen, have left their calling card, as in the story in a Sunday newspaper of autumn 1967. With the headline "UFO Riddle", it concerned the story of damage to a farmers crops. For weeks, agricultural experts and aeronautical scientists investigated strange whirligig patterns left along crops flattened in a three mile strip through barley fields in the Isle of Wight. Mr Leonard Cramp an aeronautical engineer with the British Hovercraft Corporation, said that it was without doubt the path of an Unidentified Flying Object. This strange assault on the Isle of Wight barley field was not the first event of this kind to mystify people in Britain. Four years earlier in July 1963 something very odd happened in a potato field at Charlton near Shaftesbury in Wiltshire. This caused a great deal of publicity when the Police, Army and Bomb Disposal Squad were called in.

Mr Roy Blanchard a farmer, arrived for work in his potato field one morning and found amongst his potato crop, a crater 8'diameter. There was nothing to show what had caused the crater and Mr Blanchard called the Police, as he first thought that someone had been stealing his crop, but apart from the crater, there was no sign that a van had been driven in or out of the field. The Police thought that perhaps a bomb had been dropped and they called in the Army, they

in turn called in the Bomb Disposal Unit from Horsham in Sussex. They dug in the crater for a few hours and discovered that there was metal in the ground, this caused some excitement, when at last a lump of rocky substance was dug up, but this turned out to be nothing more than a lump of local ironstone. The Bomb Disposal Squad then seemed satisfied to pack up and pull out, as there was no trace of a bomb.

Then the investigation took on a strange tone, a gentleman by the name of Dr. Randall, described as an Australian Astrophysicist claimed to have discovered two other marks in adjoining fields. He then made a statement that the marks were similar to those found in Australia and were made by "Flying Saucers". He explained that the saucers weighed 600 tons and had a fifty man crew. According to the Daily Telegraph newspaper, Dr Randall had been called in by the Army to give expert advice.

(To be continued in next issue)

LATE NEWS :

A BBC 11pm radio news item stated that the French Government had issued a statement confirming that radiation and chemical changed had been found in the soil samples taken from where an impression had been found in the ground in southern France 2 years ago. This item was broadcast on the night of 4th January this year, but it is understood that this information was released in a technical publication some months ago.

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DELAYED ACTION ?

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S 1003. Mr Mallaband and his wife were driving along the M3 near Lightwater in the direction of Camberley at 2220 on Sunday 22nd January this year, when a bright blue/green oval shaped object flew quickly towards them and passed over the car and then it appeared to "vanish", Mr Mallaband drove to his home at Mytchett near Camberley, dropped his wife at their home and drove a few metres to the garage. As he was reversing, his headlights went out, the car radio went dead, apart from a deep hum coming from it and there seemed to be no engine noise. Mr Mallaband said at that moment, he was only aware of a complete silence and darkness. This incident lasted for only a few seconds and then suddenly everything came back on. (This case is still under investigation)

Mrs Kathreen Harris and her son had just stepped out of their front door in Winchester Road, Ash (Nr. Aldershot) , when Mrs Harris noticed her son looking up at the sky. Above them was something that she described as something straight from a science fiction film.... She described a "Flying Saucer", with a white base and an electric blue top. The dome of the object was "as bright as the moon". It was cigar shaped and appeared to have windows in the lower section.

They both turned around and made a dash for their front door, banging the door and shouting to be let in. Then as they watched, the UFO slowly flew off in the direction of Guildford and the lights dimmed, leaving a red glow around the object as it was lost from view.

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FLUORESCENT BLUE UFO

1630hrs. 14/1/84

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Mr Andrew Roberts, a building surveyor, spotted a fluorescent blue object, with the light intensity of a stroboscopic lamp flying over Aldershot at a height of only some 200ft. He was in his car at the time, and followed the objects flight for a few seconds only.

He was adamant that the object was not a plane, helicopter or flare. the front of the object was a rounded shape and clear, while the rear was hazy . It was described as being "egg shaped".

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IN RETROSPECT : Case S946

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Mr Fred Smith a milkman on his rounds at Cove, Farnborough, Hants. described a crescent shaped bluish glowing light at altitude, fly in a circle around Farnborough and fly off (0407). It returned later the same morning (0526) and circled Farnborough again before flying off. The date... 20/1/80 (see Pagasus March/April issue 1980)

WELCOME ASSISTANCE

SIGAP has welcomed offers of help for local investigations from Bill Fishwick (Blackwater member), Mr David Daines (Airline Pilot, Camberley), Steve Chetwynd (BUFORA National Co-ordinator:Windsor) and John Bastock of Woking.

Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena

Exchange Magazines: Northern UFOLOGY, BUFORA Journal, FSR, TVS, Quest (Bristol), UFO Insight (Crewe), SAPRT (Romsey), Radio 210, CEFAI (Portugal), MAPIT (Manchester), UFO Network, GEP (Germany) UFO News Bulletin (Bristol), Guernsey UFO Research Gp. J.B. (France) Odyssey (Yugoslavia), Archives For UFO Research (Sweden) CUN (Italy)

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To investigate the UFO phenomenon locally, a small group of people got together early in 1967. The outcome - the **Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena**. Primarily founded to investigate reports in Surrey and surrounding counties, Sigap has contributed to studies in many parts of Southern England.

News of a sighting - often through the Sigap 'Hot-line' - Guildford, - 235949 triggers an instant and well-established course of action. This preliminary enquiry procedure is designed to eliminate obvious explanations. With so much going on in the sky today - much of it generated by man himself - over 80 per cent of reports can be explained in terms of natural and man-made phenomena.

If Sigap investigators find no immediate explanation as a result of preliminary enquiries, the group will send someone to interview the witnesses, and where possible, will visit the site from which the observation was made. Sigap then calls on the expertise of its own consultants in an effort to explain the sighting. The group liaises with similar organisations throughout the country, and often finds a pattern of activity consistent with that in other areas.

Our most significant reports are sent to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois, USA. The Center is run by Dr J Allen Hynek, Professor of Astronomy at Northwestern University, and for 20 years, was consultant to the US Air Force on UFOs.

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