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10,000 PEOPLE VISIT U.F.O. STAND IN ONE DAY.

At one time on Friday 3rd January over 1500 people an hour were passing through the B.U.F.O.R.A. stand at the NEW YEAR SHOW (Olympia). It was estimated that at the end of the day at least 10,000 people of varying ages had seen the display of "saucer" photographs and U.F.O. detecting equipment.

The exhibition which had been sponsored by the 'DAILY MAIL', covered three floors at Olympia and the subjects varied between such things as a 'live' Radio 1 disc jockey show, to an exhibition of tropical fish. The U.F.O. stand carried a number of contributions from the SIGAP group, including a number of Dan Butchers paintings and statistical graphs supplied by Dick Beet. Members of SIGAP were also on the stand during the display and a number of enquiries were received for membership forms.

B.U.F.O.R.A. received a number of new sighting reports as a result of their participation in the show and no doubt there will be an appreciable increase in their membership as a result of the wide public interest .

DID CAPTAIN MANTELL DIE IN HIS CRASHED PLANE ?

What might be termed as a 'spin off' story as a result of the U.F.O. Exhibition came when a visitor to the stand mentioned that he had some personal knowledge of the Captain Mantell case, a well known U.F.O. case that took place in the U.S.A. on January 7th 1948.

The visitor explained that he had been connected with the U.S.A.A.F. at the time of the incident and that he had also spoken to personnel who had been at the scene of the crash.

To reflect on the incident, Captain Mantell was one of the pilots 'scrambled' to chase a disc shaped object seen over the U.S.A. The aircraft used were P.51. Mustang fighters and they were not fitted with oxygen equipment at the time. The fighters chased the object, but as it appeared to be moving higher, all but Capt. Mantell's aircraft turned back. Shortly afterwards, Captain Mantell's aircraft fell to the ground and crashed. The mystery then began and theories were advanced for the cause of the accident, some people believed that the object had been a 'Skyhook' balloon and that lack of oxygen had been the reason for the crash, while others spoke of an encounter with a U.F.O. and of strange marks and the remains of the aircraft.

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The visitor to the U.F.O. stand at Olympia stated that marks had definitely been found on the remains of the crashed aircraft in the form of lines of equally spaced holes and he also stated that the body of Captain Mantell had not been recovered from the aircraft. There has always been a certain amount of conjecture about the recovery of the pilots body from the aircraft and the latter statement only increases the mystery surrounding this incident. We intend to interview this person further and any additional information will be reported in due course.

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U.F.O. FLAP IN NORWAY .
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We have recently heard of exciting news from Norway in the area of Tønsberg.

It was reported in the local paper "Tønsberg Blad" just before Xmas, that a number of glowing balls had been seen in the area, they were about 2' in diameter and had been seen to chase a car and to hover over a house. In one incident the driver of a water 'taxi' on a nearby fiord had seen a light near a local island, he subsequently sped off to investigate and was alarmed to find that the light was a U.F.O. The light then began to move towards him so he quickly turned about and quickly made his way back to the shore. A Norwegian U.F.O study group is believed to be investigating the incidents and we expect to hear more news of the "glowing balls" ourselves.

The magazine "Norsk Ukeblad" also gave details recently of U.F.O. activity in both Norway and Denmark. Reference was also made to the transparent balls and the way in which they have been known to follow people. The magazine reflected that a similar phenomena had been seen during the war, they were then referred to as "Foo Fighters" and had been known to fly into the aircraft of that period.

-O- THE LOCAL U.F.O. SCENE . -O-

S.138. On Monday 2nd December, David Chaloner a pupil at the Royal Grammar School Guildford, noticed a star like object near the moon, the time was approx 6.15pm.

David commented that the sky was clear and the stars were visible, the object near the moon could be seen moving towards the North in a wavering motion. Within a short time the object changed course towards the North East.

It is possible that this moving light may have been a satellite and we will investigate this possibility. Our thanks go to Mr R.M. Skinner who sent in the report.

S.130. Mr R. Amos of Nightingale Rd, Guildford, reported seeing a bright pink light flickering near the Cathedral, he was looking West at the time and the light was seen to move towards the North or North East. The bright pink light was somewhat brighter than a star and although close to the horizon it could be seen varying its height. Eventually it vanished behind some trees after being viewed for some 30 seconds. Because of local aircraft noise it was not possible to determine if the object made any noise itself.

We have received a number of sighting reports from the Aerial Phenomena Investigation and Research Group, a society run by young people in Surrey. Unfortunately the UFO reports are lacking in important details but are nevertheless interesting and it is intended to document them more fully before printing details in the Newsletter. An example of the quality of the reports is shown below.

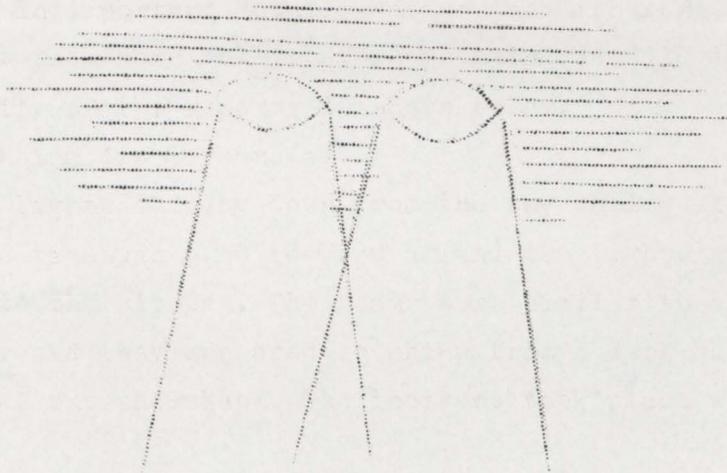
S.133. Date of sighting 4to 5 years ago.

Mr K.Swift saw two lights shining down from the sky while walking near Ragge Hill, Tatsfield, Surrey. The time was 6.30 to 7.30 am and the lights were moving in the opposite direction to the witness. The beams were similar to car headlights, but were much closer together and they appeared to shine from a dark shadowy object but it was difficult to make out the shape. The incident took place within a five minute period.

The story was investigated by Mr C.A.Ward the Chairman of A.P.I.R.G. who made the following comments..."The author of the report ,K.Swift , is a personal friend of mine and is considered by myself and others ,to be a very reliable witness."

" Tatsfield is close to the wartime airfield of Biggin Hill and although the R.A.F. side of the airfield is closed the other side is open as an Aviation Centre."

"It is possible that the witness may have mistaken a night flying aircraft with its landing lights on, but there are several factors against this". "Aircraft lights are usually inclined 30° to the horizontal and the witness stated that the lights seen by him were 70° to the horizontal , it should also be noted that no sound was heard and an aircraft flying at that height 2-3,000 ft. could clearly be heard."



LIST OF NEW MEMBERS Dec. 68.

- Mr P.Parkinson, 7,Grasmere Road,PURLEY, Surrey.
- Mr D.M.Price,Linden Gardens,LEATHERHEAD,Surrey.
- Mr C.R.Breese,126, Fairfield Drive,DORKING,Surrey.
- Mr C.A.Ward,"Little Chase",Paynesfield Road,TATSFIELD,Westerham,Kent.
- Mr R.C.Jarvis,4,Hillspur Road,Westborough,GUILDFORD,Surrey.
- Mr R.Drefke,35,Cooper Road,GUILDFORD,Surrey.

HEARD ON THE U.F.O. STAND.
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Grown Up :- " Where are all the little green men then....."

Sprightly 12 year old :- "Exactly what is your organisation out to prove ?"

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DOG MEEETS U.F.O.

A BRIEF SURVEY.
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By - D.G.Butcher.

Part 1.

Reports of encounters between dogs and U.F.O.'s are by no means uncommon. There must be many cases on record. The following article surveys a brief selection culled from the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW and Aime Michel's FLYING SAUCERS AND THE STRAIGHT LINE MYSTERY.

The nature of these encounters, to judge from my rather limited sources, falls under four main headings:

1. Cases of fright on the part of the dog.
 - .. (a) Mild alarm.
 - (b) Severe Fright.
2. Cases of defiance on the part of the dog.
 - (a) Fear of dog shewn by U.F.O. entities.
 - (b) Positive defensive action taken against dogs by U.F.O. occupants.
3. The attempted abduction of dogs by U.F.O. occupants.
4. Traces of a giant dog in the vicinity of a U.F.O. sighting.

Cases of mild alarm among dogs at a U.F.O. encounter usually results in barking and howling which draws the attention of the human witness to the scene. The four following reports are typical :

At Poncey-sur-l'IGNON, October 2nd 1954, dogs started baying and the witness saw a 'great cloud cigar'. (1)

At Premanon, (Jura), on September 27th. 1954, a barking dog drew children's attention to a U.F.O. entity. (2)

November 1964, at St. Alexis de montcalm, Montreal, a dog awakened Dr. Lebel in the early hours of the morning. Witness saw a large luminous ball hanging stationary above the tree tops near his home. (3)

1966 (?), Florida. Dogs awakened a man who was sleeping in a swamp. A lighted object was seen in the distance. The man tried to communicate with it but was knocked unconcious. (4)

It is difficult to judge, from these reports, the degree of fright experienced by the animals, but they were disturbed enough to bark or bay. There however, instances on record of dogs howling in the prescence of a U.F.O.

When the famous 'airship' appeared at Paris, Texas, in 1896-7, a dog howled until it passed from sight; (5) and howling dogs were reported to have awakened a couple of boys on two consecutive mornings in August 1965, near Sydney, Australia, and on each accasion a U.F.O. was seen. (6)

At Clifton Hampden, in North Berkshire, in 1966, a U.F.O. came into view while a woman was shutting up her corgis for the night. The dogs started to whine, making a 'dreadful noise'. (7)

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(8).

Running dogs, as if fleeing from a U.F.O., can be seen in the Cappelquin photograph

On the evening of September 9th. 1965, a girl out walking with her dog between Tongham and Ash Green, Surrey. Suddenly the dog sat down and refused to move. It was then that its mistress saw 'two headlamps' in the sky. The girl was disinclined to attribute the dogs action to the U.F.O., but we cannot be sure that such was indeed the case - it could conceivably have been a temporary paralysis, though that seems unlikely. (9)

Cases of severe fright. The following is a borderline example, and should have perhaps, been included in the first category. At Weston near Runcorn, (no date/1967) a girl saw something in the sky, and sought refuge in a nearby house. A dogs hair stood on end. (10)

August 25th. 1965, at Morryston, South Wales, a woman was standing at the window when a bright light in the sky approached with such a glare that it seemed to burn her skin. Her neighbours dog became very frightened and, for ten minutes, refused utterly to go out. (11)

At Quarouble, France, on the 10th. September, 1954, M. Dewilde's dog was "howling loud enough to wake the dead". A U.F.O. was seen on the railway lines near his house. Just then, his dog came crawling up to him on her belly, and began to bark again. Shortly afterwards two U.F.O. occupants were seen. (12)

To be continued.

References will be printed finally.

-0- Late UFO Report. -0-

A New Haw woman said on Friday that she had seen two flying saucers. Mrs D. Withall of the Avenue New Haw, said she saw the objects at 10 am. while returning home from shopping.

The two saucer shaped objects were grey, with white domes, and were flying low over Grange School, New Haw, she said.

Mrs Withall said at first she thought she was seeing things. "They seemed to be following each other, and were travelling very fast" she added.

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This report will be followed up by SIGAP. O.F.

Satellite News. (Decays)

Warnings to aircraft pilots have recently been given by an American Organisation called the Volunteer Flight Network. The warnings are intended enable pilots to re-route their aircraft if they are flying in an area where a satellite is known to be re-entering the earths atmosphere .

We have a short list of decays, but no information on exactly where they will occur. :- 13th Jan 68. USA 1963/3a FTV Payload, also 1965/82np USA Titan debris. 16th Jan. 1968/83a USSR Cosmos245 Payload. 17th Jan. 1965/82by USA Titan 3 c4 debris 23 Jan. 1965/82op USA Titan 3 c4 debris.

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