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ANDRES EXPLORERS TO INVESTIGATE "COSMODROME" FOR SAUCERS .

SANTIAGO, Chile.

A group of explorers will take a close look this month at a mysterious platform in the Andes, hoping to clear rumors that it is a "cosmodrome" for Flying Saucers.

The platform consisting of 10 ton blocks of volcanic rocks, was discovered last September, but owing to high winds and driving snow the explorers were forced to retreat from the site. They were unable to study the platform or to enter what appeared to be a door into a small fortress beneath.

Humberto Sarnataro Bounaud, a 32 year old businessman and painter, will head the expedition. He says that helicopters will be used and more equipment will be taken on the second investigation of the platform.

Many peasants and villagers in the area claim they have seen Flying Saucers apparently taking off and landing on the mountain near the platform. There have also been reports that cars have broken down and restarted without mechanical attention, an unexplained smell of burning without fire and fruit trees are blossoming out of season. Police and scientists have scanned the area with a geiger counter, but have found that only a strange heat made the trees blossom at this time.

The platform is in the mountains between San Clemente, Chile and San Rafael, Argentina - about 142 miles south east of Santiago.

IS THERE WATER ON THE MOON ? WAS ADAMSKI RIGHT ?

There have been many questions asked about the claims of George Adamski and in spite of the apparent absurdity of many of his statements, several have been confirmed in recent years. An example of this was seen when the first American astronauts described "fireflies in space". This phenomena had been commented on by Adamski in his book "Inside the Space Ships" some years before and in the same book, he described rivers on the moon. Although this seems hardly likely in view of the recent moon photographs, the possibility of water on the moon has been speculated upon in the past. Now in the January 2nd edition of "New Scientist" three researchers at the University of California, (S. Peale, G. Schubert and R. Lingenfelter) claim that as a result of analysing the photographs taken by Lunar Orbiter 4, it can be seen that more than 80% of the sinuous rilles on the moon (riverlike channels), lie on the margins of circular mare basins or craters

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with mare like floors. The significance of this finding is that the sinuous rilles - which may range in length up to 1000 km and be a few km wide - provide strong evidence for the presence of a fluid, probably water, on the moon.....

ECHO 2 Explains A Curving U.F.O. (S.138)

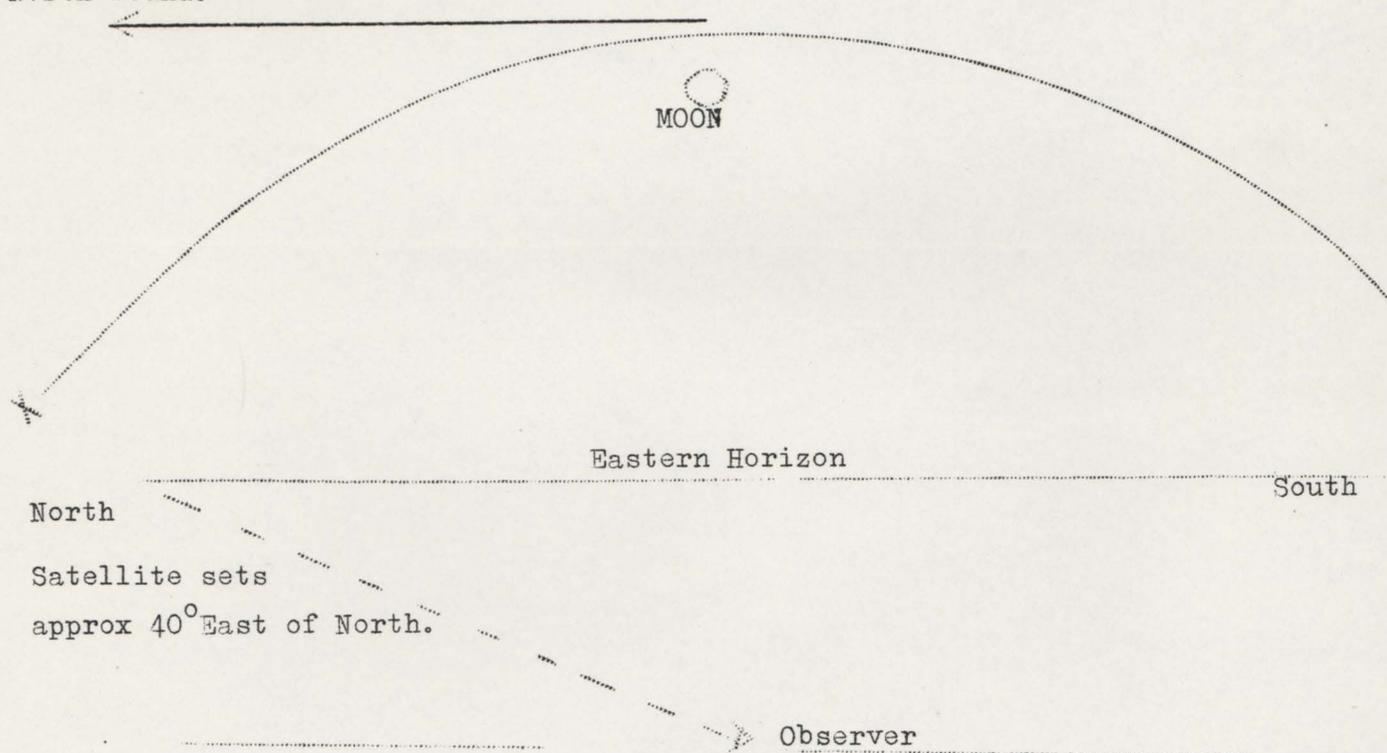
We are indebted to Tim Childerhouse of the Space Dept. R.A.E. Farnborough and one of our consultants, for explaining how the behaviour of Echo 2 can account for the report in last months Newsletter No. S.138.

Mr Childerhouse explains :- David Chaloner clearly saw Echo 2 (northbound) on the night of Dec. 2nd at 6.15.p.m. I also observed this satellite in the vicinity of the moon, perhaps the brief description and drawing may help to understand the track of the satellite across the sky.

All satellite transits form a curved path in the sky, the lower the pass the greater appears the curve, the higher and slower satellites are also affected by an additional factor. For every 4 minutes the earth will rotate 1 degree and this rotation will accentuate the curved path across the sky.

Satellites direction

North bound.



AUTHOR TO GIVE TALK ON FEB 11th

Norman Oliver the co-author of the "Scoriton Mystery" and "Sequel to Scoriton", is also an authority on UFO contact cases. He has recently formed a new group called COS-MOS (CONTACT Space-Men Or Saucers) and we are pleased to announce that he will give a talk to SIGAP on the subject, next Tuesday FEB 11th, 8pm at the canteen of Plastic Coatings Ltd, By-Pass, Guildford. Dont miss it .

TØNSBERG LATEST :

We have now received newspaper cuttings from the 'TØnsberg Blad' (Norway) and these are being translated. Latest January news states- 40 bright UFO's seen in the area during 1968. We expect to carry full details in our March edition.

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DOG MEETS UFO:
A BRIEF SURVEY
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By D. G. Butcher.

Part II.

October 26, 1967, at Ringstead Bay, near Weymouth. A U.F.O. arrived overhead and hovered there for some time. The witness' Alsatian dog was very distraught, and refused to 'sit'. She pestered her master to move on. On four subsequent visits to the area she became very distressed on each occasion.(13)

The dog in the following report, as in the previous two examples, was a bitch. It was at Valence, France, on the 26, September, 1954. The witness' dog, Dolly, first barked, and then howled miserably. A U.F.O. was then seen, and its occupant. The witness, a woman, fled; and the dog continued to howl, all the dogs of the village joining in. The dog was still trembling with fright three days later.(14)

In the following case it is reasonable to suppose that the crowd, who were throwing bricks at the U.F.O. entities, contributed to the dog's panic. When a U.F.O. landed on a sports field at Monza, Italy, a man set his Boxer dog on to the creature who was in a sort of diver's suit. The dog turned on its master and bit him!(15) Perhaps we have here not only a case of severe fright, but also of disorientation, and even an example of positive defensive action on the part of a U.F.O. entity.

U.F.O. occupants shew fear of dogs in some instances, as in the case of an American working in Austria in 1951. The report has it that the contactee's memory was preserved only because a dog's barking frightened the ufonaut away at the last minute.(16)

September, 30, 1954, at Valence, France. Woman with a dog met a form 'swathed in cellophane'. Seeing the dog, it climbed back into the U.F.O., and took off. (17)

October 15, 1954, at Perpignan, France. Customs official attested on oath that a reddish object landed near him, and that a man came out of it who was apparently scared by the barking dogs. He climbed back in, and took off.(18)

Positive defensive action taken against dogs by U.F.O. entities. On October 17, 1954, near Corbierres, France, a man was out hunting with his dog. A U.F.O. appeared, and two beings emerged from it. The man fled, but his dog ran towards the aliens. The man then noticed that the dog was retreating, walking in an awkward manner, as if partially paralysed.(19) What seems to be the same story, but with a different time and place attributed to it, tells of a man who came upon a U.F.O. when out hunting with his dog. The man fled, and the dog went for the object, but the latter became semi-paralysed, and was hardly able to get back to its master. According to this account, the incident took place at Manosque, near Valensole, in France, on 14, October, 1954.(20)

A group of U.F.O.'s. landed on the railway line near Trancas, Province of Tucuman, S. America, on October 21, 1963, and directed beams of light on a nearby house. The occupants of the house were terrified. Three fierce dogs were

affected by the rays, and became listless and enervated; but when the beams fluctuated, or played on another part of the house, they seemed to come to life again and began to howl. The dogs kept up their howling for some time after the U.F.O.s had left. (21)

Attempted abduction of dogs by U.F.O. entities. The following case may point to an attempted abduction. On January 10, 1967, at Point Pleasant, in the Ohio Valley, U.S.A., barking dogs drew the witness' attention to a U.F.O. which was descending a hill and edging along a ravine which led down to some kennels. It then changed direction. (22)

In the Autumn of 1966, three dogs disappeared, the incidents coinciding with the appearances of U.F.O.'s in the Point Pleasant area. (23)

November 6, 1957, at Everittstown, New Jersey. A non-human, gnome-like ufonaut, associated with a luminous egg-shaped object, spoke to Mr. John Trasco in 'broken language', saying: "We are peaceful people. We don't want no trouble We just want your dog." The dog was a 6-year old Belgian police-dog tethered to the side of the house. It was barking furiously, and frothing at the mouth with excitement and terror. (24)

Earlier on the same day, at Dante, Tennessee, a 12 year old boy got up to let his dog out of the house. Twenty minutes later he went out to fetch the dog, and saw it with a group of other dogs near an elongated egg-like object. "One of the men (associated with the object), grabbed at the dog who growled and backed away. The man then picked up another dog — an anonymous, small, dark-brown one — but it started to bite him, and the man put him down." (25)

Traces of a giant dog in the vicinity of a U.F.O. sighting. This is a special category, and can hardly be classed as an encounter.

On the evening of December 14, 1963, on the road to Vereeniging, S. Africa, two men, Messrs. Muller and Immelmann, saw "an exceptionally large dog....as big as a buck". A little later, as they were still travelling along the same road, they decided to return and investigate. At the spot where they had seen the dog they were persistently buzzed by a U.F.O. (26)

On January 19, 1967, on the Interstate Highway 64, at about 10 miles outside Charleston, W. Va., U.S.A., a large metal sphere was seen hovering at about four feet above the road surface. Three months later, John Keel examined the precise spot and found there a series of "very strange footprints in the mud beside the road...They looked like huge dog tracks...except that they were not dog tracks and were so deep that the animal which made them must have weighed from 200 to 400 pounds". None of the wildlife authorities in Charleston were able to identify the tracks.(27)

Three coinciding elements are to be noted in these two stories: the U.F.O., the road, and the trace of a giant dog. In those Black Dog legends which tell of a spectral animal having a light, or lights, where its head should be, a similar triad is implied: a mysterious light, a road, and a very large dog.

The tracks mention in the last case might be compared with some of the alleged footprints of the 'Surrey puma'. Those discovered in the vicinity of a 'puma' sighting on Hurtwood Common were of a very large dog, according to Maurice Burton, writing in the Surrey Advertiser in 1965.

(To be concluded in the next issue).

We have received further information on the Volunteer Flight Officer Network from SIGAP member John Bostock of Woking. V.F.O.N. was established in the autumn of 1963 and its purpose was to set up a world wide observing network consisting of commercial airline crewmen who will report sightings of all unidentifiable phenomena to one central location.

The project, directed by Herbert E. Roth of the American United Air Lines, has now expanded to include 118 participating airlines in 54 countries. A total of 39,000 flight crewmen are covering over 2.6 million unduplicated air route miles.

To date, V.F.O.N. has processed 1,346 reports, each one carefully has been carefully investigated and catalogued as follows :-

1127 Meteor sightings
39 Reports of satellites, balloons and launch vehicles
73 Reports on 28 different satellite re-entries
34 U.F.O. type reports
37 Reports of uncatalogued debris
36 Reports still in process

1,346

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Spreading The Word .

Omar Fowler and Graham Raine gave a talk on Surrey U.F.O.'s to the W.I. at Milland, Nr. Liphook, Sussex on January 8th, with the aid of colour slides and tape recordings.

A REPORT FROM WALES.

We have received a small number of reports during January and SIGAP member Mr D. Toombs has sent in several from Monmouth. This extract is from a report by a Mr P. Davies :- On Sunday Oct 13, 1968, at 8.45pm. I was observing the constellation of Draco the Dragon'. I then spotted a bright red light and brighter than Mars at opposition. As it came overhead, I noticed a shaft of light, white in colour, it was protruding from the right side of the object, my seven friends also noticed this light, it seemed to be shining onto some thin huge cloud. The object then disappeared into some thick cloud at 30° above the S.E. horizon. (S.140).

The Newsletter has been produced this month by O. Fowler, with contributions from R.C. Beet and D.G. Butcher. We welcome back Editor Mr R. Toft next month.