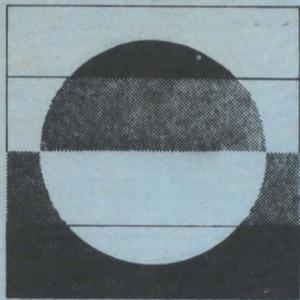


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## Editorial

### CERTAINTY OR CONJECTURE?

As readers will gather from other parts of this issue, SIRIUS has had the good fortune to have taken over "UFO Chronicle," a publication run from Meopham, Kent, from December 1968 to December 1970. The motto of UFO Chronicle, which it certainly observed, was "...leaves the speculation to the reader." As we may assume that this policy gave UFO Chronicle its reputation, we may judge the reaction to our producing a reference or non-speculative magazine. UFO Chronicle's reputation was, undoubtedly, excellent. I can see definite advantages to the fact, not theories' approach: firstly, the content of a magazine dealing with a scientific subject of the nature of the UFO phenomenon will be far more valuable (per page) than one containing fifteen different conflicting theories (which add nothing whatsoever to our knowledge of the phenomenon itself but rather give us an impression of the theories favoured by the editorial staff of the magazine and the character of the author - who wants to know that anyway? Secondly, it means that the committee of SIRIUS will not have to write continually to various individuals to ask them for "500 word articles by February or else!" When a theory is based on observational evidence I shall be only too pleased to include it, but if I feel it is only a re-hash, or even repeat, of previous ideas, or not based on fact at all I must avoid its inclusion.

Nor shall we fall into the trap of including pages and pages of reports of lights-in-the-sky, as this inevitably becomes so tedious that even the most diligent of researchers drops to sleep amidst piles and piles of "ufozines."\* Instead we shall give accounts, analyses, etc, of interesting reports (the sort that will attract "pure" science men to our subject) and only give a numerical classification to the more reliable lights-in-the-sky reports.

However, we assure readers that we shall give details of all reports received by SIRIUS where we can confirm that the report has been fully checked out and found to be "unidentifiable" (i.e. it does not correlate with any so-called "natural" explanation). It is just the quantity of space

\* Who invented this 'orrible term? Own up!

we give to certain reports that we are debating here. However, by "leaves the speculation to the reader" we do not mean the sole inclusion of sighting reports, as any ex-reader of the original UFO Chronicle will know. Contents of a sample issue as shown below will indicate the type of thing we are aiming at. UFO Chronicle No 6 contains:

- \* Information sources (full details of sources which might otherwise be missed)
- \* Satellite re-entries
- \* Dateline (details of dates/times/places of meetings, conventions, skywatches, etc) Browsers ("Watch out for these magazines in your second-hand bookshop")
- \* UK sightings; continental sightings; North American sightings; southern hemisphere sightings
- \* Details of other UFO publications and societies

(Those items marked\* are envisaged for incorporation into SIRIUS in the immediate future, if not already)

Please remember, though, that SIRIUS (incorporating UFO CHRONICLE) is the "property" of its subscribers and members, and that it is up to you to let us know if you would prefer to go back to the old "let's invent a theory" days, and what quantity of speculation you require to liven things up. Someone, somewhere, say something! This postal strike isn't doing us much good.

*AMS.*

----- INFO SOURCES -----

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Satellite re-entry lists, sighting reports, reference material. If you have details of all these for 1968-70, you don't need to buy back issues of UFO Chronicle. For those who missed these at time of publication, they are available at 10p per copy + 2½p postage, from SIRIUS Head Office.

Don't be too late for a complete set of issues 1-6 of UFO Chronicle together with "The Great Wave of 1967" available at only 75p. Current retail price as individual items by post would be over £1. Send 75p + 2½p postage to SIRIUS Head Office.

# The chances for June 30 1971

BY ALAN WATTS BSc, FRMetS

Mr Watts is a meteorologist and author of some excellent books on weather forecasting. Robert Chapman says in "UFO"(see below): "When I asked Mr Watts to sum up his views on UFOs he replied unhesitatingly: 'There is no shadow of doubt in my mind that these objects are extra-terrestrial.' Nor was this a snap judgement but one arrived at after some years of interest in the subject."

Those who have read Robert Chapman's book "Unidentified Flying Objects"(\*) and particularly the chapter ESSEX REVISITED will perhaps be looking forward to a possible sighting somewhere in the vicinity of Halstead, Essex in midsummer this year.

They may gather and make skywatches and they may see something. This is because of observations made from Colchester and surrounding areas on June 30 1961 and July 1 1966 of what appeared to be UFOs. The first of these was well-documented and researched and there seems little doubt that it was part of the cigar-saucer mode of operation which is now so strongly reported as to be fact. The second is less certain because the object seen, while in the same area, had the shape, to the naked eye, of an uninflated sky-hook balloon. It did not however move with the upper winds and it could have been a cloud cigar standing vertically on end and surrounded by its curious weaving vapours as reported so well in Vallee's book "Anatomy of a phenomenon."(1) This contention is supported by the fact that it disappeared by the characteristic method of drifting away upwards into the stratosphere as if lighter than air. This motion was against 60k winds at 50,000 feet.

Thus both observations could have been cigar modes over the same area exactly five years apart. Yet two observations do not make a repetition this year at all probable.(2) The observations may be pure chance - the quiet agricultural areas of rural Essex are continually visited by UFOs as a continuing supply of sighting reports testifies.

Let me say that if a cloud-cigar turns up over this locality in the three-day period starting on June 30 I for one will be highly surprised - as well as delighted. Yet if it does not come that does not invalidate UFOs, although the sceptics will use the fact to say so.

4 What is included among the possibilities? If an object appears it could mean that we swim into UFO streams as we do into meteorite showers. Or this midsummer period is in some way useful for whatever observations these objects make. If it does not appear that would be in keeping with an intelligently controlled device not scheduled to do anything in this area at this time - or it could mean nothing, because after all no-one has yet hit on a convincing theory of why these objects operate in our vicinity anyway. Still, like me, keep your eyes peeled.

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\*Editorial note:

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS by Robert Chapman is published in hardcover with photographs by Arthur Barker Ltd at £1.50 and in paperback by Mayflower at 25p. The latter edition does not actually contain the photos, but many appear on the front cover. I fully recommend the book as interesting and informative reading - MS. (Essex Revisited - Chapter 7 pages 81-91).

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NOTES

(1) ANATOMY OF A PHENOMENON by Jacques Vallee, published by Neville Spearman Ltd at £1.25. Also recommended.

(2) Further information in precis form from "UFO" as mentioned in the editorial note above is given here:

Note should be taken of the fact that Mr Watts has changed his opinion somewhat regarding the likelihood of a "repeat performance" taking place. In FLYING SAUCER REVIEW he said, "If I'm still in this locality between 30 June and 2 July 1971, I shall be disappointed not to see another unidentified flying object glinting in the mid-summer sun..."

Noteworthy also is the conclusion drawn by Mr Watts regarding the change of colour of certain reported UFOs:

"The lights were described as red or orange during accelerated motion and yellow-white during hovering. Thus one is led to think that the light is somehow essential to the hovering process. It is significant that red-orange-yellow-white stem from photons of increasing energy, or put another way, from bodies of increasing temperature. The light is an outward manifestation of energy being evolved in the physical act of hovering."

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# Mystery of the Tungusian Tundra

By ANTONI W SZACHNOWSKI, Chairman of the Anglo-Polish UFO Research Club. PART TWO.

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In 1946 came on the scene a scientist and writer - Alexander Kazancew. In a series of articles, and then in a book called "A Guest from the Cosmos," he put forward a definite theory that it was a cosmic vessel, inside of which, and for an unknown reason, exploded atomic fuel. He compared this Tungusian (Siberian) explosion to the bombing of Hiroshima. He found particularly convincing in this respect that almost the entire Tungusian tribe of "Enveks," living in this region, died out due to some mysterious disease. Kazancew investigated this thoroughly, and found that the symptoms corresponded exactly to post-radiation sickness. Furthermore he pointed to the fact that there is proof that this "flying cylindrical object" exploded in the air - without hitting the earth. The proof is that standing part of the forest right in the epicentre of the desolation. In that spot the blast of air caused by the explosion hit right down perpendicularly to the tree-stumps. All the branches were blown down or broken off, but the tree-stumps stood. But everywhere around, wherever the blast of air hit under an angle, everything which stood erect was instantly flattened out.

Then came on the scene one of the best Soviet aircraft/engineering-designers - Artaim Monochow.

He in turn worked on the Kazancew material and came to the conclusion that this "silvery cylindrical object" in its flight over Jenisejsk, Irkuck, Siberia, was gradually reducing speed. Therefore Monochow concluded that it was a flying machine, constructed and directed by intelligent creatures who were trying to brake (reduce the speed) during the last phase of the flight.

One of the leading Soviet astronomers - Professor Szternfeld - also took Kazancew's side.

In order to end the arguments, a third expedition was organized in the years 1957/58, under the leadership of Professor Florenski. An air-survey was accomplished which gave complete proof that there was no crater, nor any larger fragments of the meteorite. The analysis of the soil revealed no traces of iron or other elements of a meteoric origin. However, Florenski advised for yet another expedition to make extensive measurements of the radioactivity in the entire area. Such an expedition took place in 1969 under the leadership of Dr Plechanov, with twelve scientists from Tomsk.

Radiometric and metalometric tests and measurements were taken. These showed that the radioactivity of vegetation was almost twice the normal in the epicentre and gradually lesser towards the periphery of the destructed area.

Another scientist, V G Fesenkow, a member of the Academy of Sciences, studied the barographs for the year 1908, obtained from the Geophysical Institute of Potsdam.

From the graphs of the flow of the airwaves after the explosion, he concluded that the explosion must have taken place about three miles into the atmosphere. And meteorites do not explode in the air.

So far everything seemed to be going the "ufological" way. But suddenly "big guns" opened against.

In 1960 Professor Krinow, Chairman of the Meteoric Committee of the Soviet Academy of Scientists, stated that it was caused by the "head of a comet." Geophysician A V Zolotov protested against this, insisting that there is evidence that it was a thermo-nuclear type of explosion. He came to this conclusion by mathematical regression from the amount of radiation energy still persisting over the years to the amount radiated during the original explosion.

Professor Krinow stuck to his "comet" theory, developing it further in 1961 in his articles in the leading magazine of the Academy entitled "Zmiana." He based this on the discovered accumulation of "cosmic dust" to the west of the place of the explosion. This was - according to him - from the disintegrating tail of the comet. And to the east there was found a considerable amount of droplets consisting of magnetites and silicon. This, concluded the Professor, was from the exploding head of the comet.

(To be concluded in SIRIUS 3)

Earth is a rapidly dying world. One of the main causes is

# POLLUTION

(This article is taken from "International Times" and was originally entitled "Get your shit off our planet.")

Pollution is not a new problem: people have been worrying about man's treatment of the earth for a long time. Now it's no longer a problem - it's a crisis! And it's not something that might affect your descendants - it's affecting you, now. There are just too many people. And the problem is getting worse. There are another 100 born every minute. If everyone spread themselves as thinly as possible over the habitable land surface there would be 150 yards between each of them. Ideally the world population should be about a third of its present level. If we don't pull ourselves together, then the best we can hope for is a plague or some other natural calamity, because I for one don't want to live in a world with no rivers, trees, animals or wilderness - and that's what is happening. The world is dying!

Pollution is of 2 main types: The first type results from an excess of some substance, smoke or solid waste, which cannot be broken down quickly enough to offset its introduction to the environment. The other sort comes from modern chemicals and poisons, products of technology, such as DDT, which causes amnesia, delusions, and is cancer-producing. Remember: Modern Americans are so full of DDT they are unfit for human consumption!

We are destroying our planet. We must have clean air; clean, clear running rivers where fish and life can survive. Chemical and germ warfare research should be stopped & the huge pile of poisonous waste already produced, gradually destroyed. We must learn to use our waste, e.g. old papers, and cans. Everything that lives eats food and is food. By poisoning our planet we are poisoning ourselves.

Some ecological facts: The average American born after 1946, when DDT first began to be used in massive quantities, has a life expectancy of 49. Liver diseases are already on the increase. (the liver is the organ that removes toxins from the body).

Pests have evolved that are immune to DDT and other potent pesticides. DDT kills not only the pest but its natural enemies as well. Within the next 10 years, entire crops will be destroyed by insects as they reproduce rapidly in an environment lacking natural checks on their growth. Within 10 years the concentration of DDT in the animals and plants that man normally consumes will become so high as to kill off entire species or make them too poisonous to eat. Already the amount of DDT in human beings is so great that doctors advise mothers in America to bottle-feed their babies.

By 1973, fish like salmon that go upstream to spawn will be nearing extinction since their breeding grounds will have become so polluted. At the same time, DDT, oil and other wastes around the coastal regions will cause the weaker coastal life to die off. In the oceans DDT will kill off the deep-sea fish. Starvation will increase rapidly, with perhaps 50 million people dying of famine each year.

By 1980 the pollutants poured into the ocean will begin to radically reduce the supply of plankton. Plankton is an ocean plant which produces most of the world's oxygen. As starvation increases, people will begin to forage in the sea for whatever they can get out of it. Plankton, and therefore the oxygen supply, will be reduced even further. The effect of this drop in oxygen will be felt most seriously in the cities, where air pollution is already reaching a crisis point.

By 1975 gasmasks will be part of the standard attire in many cities. By then the concentration of sulphur, carbon and mercury in the air will be so intense as to cause mass chokings in the street. IN TOKIO, POLICEMEN ON TRAFFIC DUTY ALREADY HAVE TO RETURN TO THEIR STATIONS EVERY 4 HOURS IN ORDER TO BREATHE FROM OXYGEN CANNISTERS.

By 1980 the pollution of the air around the cities will begin to have seriously affected the atmospheric conditions. Carbon will create a heat shield round the planet, absorbing heat from the sun and storing it. Heat rising from the earth's surface which usually travels into the atmosphere will be absorbed by the carbon particles. The effect will be like living in a greenhouse. There will be a rapid rise in temperature, something already noticeable. Some estimates say that the shield will keep the earth heated at a constant 170 degrees by 1985!

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I believe that some of the material was drawn from "The Doomsday Book" by Gordon Rattray Taylor. Other parts came from an American magazine.

The article opposite is so startling as to almost sway me over to the theories of the UFO-salvationists!

I have some doubt, however, as to the authenticity of one or two figures quoted, e.g. "150 yards per person on habitable land," which refers to the present time. This does not appear to be valid if one considers the impractical but imaginable theory that was proffered only a few years ago, which stated that it would have been possible to cram the entire population of the world on the Isle of Wight (these figures are now a trifle dated, as shown by last year's rock festival!) Also, some of the dates quoted should, I feel, be edged somewhat further into the future.

However, assuming the bulk of the article to be fairly accurate, although on the pessimistic side, it opens up frightening prospects of the future. Let us also assume that UFOs exist, intelligently controlled. They have been watching our world without interfering much in our development (to our knowledge) for centuries, on the principle, perhaps, that evolution should be left to follow its own course. We are now heading for our own destruction. Will they continue to sit back and let us try to find our own way out of the predicament we have created for ourselves, or will they at last intervene and take positive steps in setting us back on the right lines? And are they sufficiently advanced that our "downward path" could be readjusted, still without our race having proof enough to state definitely (in the eyes of the law) that "they exist," or will they be forced to reveal themselves to us at long last? It could well be the turning point in the (recent) history of mankind - the first "official" contact with a race (or races) other than humanity. Let us subscribe to the theories of the salvationists and hope to goodness that our silent watchers will intervene. Otherwise, if we believe the contents of this article, and think seriously about what it means for our future, "our time is near."

In other words, we are going to be, in quite a short space of time, a dead or irreversibly mutilated race.

CDOH February 1971

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THE GREAT WAVE OF 1967 is available only from SIRIUS Head Office (for address see inside front cover). This report covers about 765 UFO reports for the year 1967, together with references. Price only 25p + 2½p post, made payable to SIRIUS.

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# Thor's crew spots UFO in sky over Atlantic

UPI published a press-release stating that a radio message from Dr Thor Heyerdahl's papyrus raft "Ra-II" said that crew members had spotted a UFO on their voyage across the Atlantic towards Mexico. This was said to have taken place on June 12 1970. "The UFO moved across the horizon for several minutes and disappeared in a bright orange flash." NORAD suggested that it might have been a meteor, but the NAADC doubted that it could have had anything to do with any space-shot. The report first appeared in the New York City News and Toronto Daily Star, both of 13 June 1970. (Credit to Mr Antoni Szachnowski)

This report was further published in several magazines, including foreign-language journals. Note should be made that a report from Ra-II was also given in "Awareness" for September 1970, but the date was given as 29 July. Whether the two reports are of the same object is still an open question, but if this is so we may assume that the date given originally by UPI (12 June 1970) is correct, as this was published long before the suggested date in "Awareness." The latter report concludes: "In due course it is hoped to obtain a statement from Thor Heyerdahl himself."

To bring this about, I wrote to Dr Heyerdahl at his home address, kindly supplied by the World Wildlife Fund.

The reply is printed opposite.

## Review

PATTERN OF THE PAST  
by Guy Underwood  
(Pitman, £1.50)

The author tells of an Earth Force, like gravity or magnetism, which has always been felt by man and is connected with "geodetic lines." The location and shape of all old structures follow geodetic lines. Strange banks, ditches, mounds, unlikely-shaped hilltops, rocks and even major land features like the Dartmoor Tors are artificial and religious in origin. Such features are spread world wide. But how, and by whom? The Druids' training is said to have included the art of geometry and geodesy. The author thinks that similar training was given to the priests of the Early Bronze and Neolithic periods. Surely the more primitive the man, the less likely that he would have discovered these things for himself. Perhaps the builders were guided by some fundamental rule or force which they did not dare to transgress. A parallel exists among present-day physicists, who harness forces the fundamen-

THOR HEYERDAHL

----- (on file)

Laigueglia  
ITALY

January 7 1971  
/ill/

Dear Mr Stenhoff

During Dr Heyerdahl's absence I beg to thank you for your letter of December 12th.

Dr Heyerdahl says that what was observed was not an UFO object, but a lightning phenomenon, all of which is described in detail in his book on the voyage to be published in London and the United States this Spring.

Yours sincerely,

(signature illegible)

Secretary to Thor Heyerdahl, PhD.

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We shall obviously have to be patient and await the publication of the book before we can draw any conclusions on this case (or these cases?) I hope, however, that many will be the wiser for this article and that it may help to clear up a few misconceptions. MS.

tals of which remain beyond their comprehension. The author makes a thorough examination of water divining and states that underground streams are present below every important prehistoric site that he examined. But he criticizes dowsers for not looking beyond the detection of underground streams, as water lines form only a part of a whole reange of phenomena. Instead of the water exercising an effect on the dowser's muscles, he suggests that the water interrupts the continuity of this force covering the Earth, as a wire over a candle casts a shadow on the ceiling. The author also reveals in great detail amazing facts about ancient churches, giant hill-side chalk carvings, and the intricate site of Stonehenge.

I agree with the flyleaf: "As a story of archaeological detection this book will fascinate; as a scientific thesis it will challenge; as an insight into the mind and skills of prehistoric man, it has profound implications for us all."(CDOH)

# The UFO mystery deepens...

by Gavin Gibbons

Gavin Gibbons is a prolific author and linguist who writes "Geographia" Guides regularly. He has written two factual UFO books, "The Coming of The Space Ships" and "They rode in Space Ships," and one science fiction story "By spaceship to the Moon." He has also done a translation of a french book, "Flying Saucers through the Ages" by Paul Misraki.

In the early days of UFO research the problem of identifying & understanding the mysterious "Flying Saucers" or "Unidentified Flying Objects", UFO for short, was comparatively simple. Or at least we used to think so. It took a little time for the human mind to become accustomed to the novel idea that beings could exist of a higher order than ourselves. In a similar manner, 2 decades later, it took a little time to get accustomed to the idea of men from the planet Earth exploring the surface of the Moon.

However, once this hurdle had been surmounted the theory seemed comparatively simple. Flying Saucers came from other planets in the solar system, perhaps Mars or Venus. There was a likelihood that some of them came from the planets of other stars, probably those not so far away from us, such as Alpha Centauri. The craft, too, seemed to fit into a definite pattern - indeed this author as long ago as 1956 gave names to what seemed to be the four basic types. "Vulyas" were huge discs, whose inhabitants might live permanently on them, such as the craft seen by Mantell in 1948 before his aircraft was disintegrated by the force-field around the vulya. (There are other theories - CDOH). "Vunus" were the cigar-shaped mother ships, so common in the early days of ufology, "Vimanas" the saucer-shaped craft such as those seen by Adamski in California, the Roestenbergs in Shrewsbury and Stephen Darbishire in the Lake District. "Vidyas" were the name I gave to the tiny discs, which it was thought might be scanners for super television sets in the vunu or vimana nearby. I made up the words except "vimana," which is an old Sanskrit word used for strange craft in the heavens. I was amazed to discover later that the word "vidya" did actually exist in Sanskrit and was used in conjunction with "vimana." This was mere coincidence.

This was a theory of the late '40s and '50s. I saw the first of my 20 flying saucers on 27 December 1953, so was in UFO

research almost from the start. The original theory was so simple - perhaps rather too cut and dried. It began to break down. Of course there was always the "lunatic fringe" who were religious or spiritualist, and no notice was taken of them by the intelligent researcher, but about 1960 it did begin to seem that this theory was incorrect. Other shapes of UFO began to appear. Flying crosses were seen, and various other odd shapes and sizes. There was an increasing number of large bright lights which seemed globular, but could change shape if they came up against an obstruction in the atmosphere, so as to get past it. (A touch of supposition here? - CDOH). I myself have seen more than one of this type - in the middle fifties when they were silver in colour, and in 1969 when it was a bright blue-green.

Then man's knowledge of the solar system increased. The first Sputnik was sent up by the Russians as long ago as 1957 and from then onwards we learned much about the planets orbiting our sun. Man has been to the moon; we know that it is uninhabitable and no trace has been found so far of activity by UFOs or their occupants, although admittedly we are just beginning our exploration and many years will pass before the surface of the moon is completely surveyed from the ground, let alone discovered by Earthmen. Everything seems to indicate that Venus has an atmosphere too hot and too poisonous for any life - and, biggest surprise of all, Mars has been found to have a dead, cratered surface, similar to that of the moon. So there goes one theory.

An interesting light has been shed on the whole problem by a new generation of ufologists, John Keel being one of the foremost. He has done much research into earlier phenomena hitherto inexplicable. Not only has he shown that the airship phenomenon of 1897 was much more widespread than previously thought, but has pointed out other mysterious occurrences such as the unexplained aircraft which flew over northern Scandinavia in the early 1930s.

Suddenly a completely new theory emerges. In 1897 the invention of the airship was in its infancy; the same applies to aircraft in 1930 and thereabouts, though the First World War had given a huge fillip to the development of aircraft. In 1947 man had only begun to think about space travel; the age of dreams was past, but a lot of snags had to be overcome before the first Sputnik was sent up a decade later. The theory fits, however. Is it far-fetched that those in these mystery craft simulate the latest invention of man or that

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which is just about to be achieved by him? What, then, is the basic UFO? Keel and others think - and I agree with them - that the basic craft is the bright round globe which can change shape at will, such as the blue-green one which I saw on 25 April 1969 in my home town of Shrewsbury and which was widely seen over Great Britain. How they are piloted and where they are from we do not know. Neither do we know why they might simulate our latest inventions. But if they can do this it would prove that they are much further advanced than man than we had hitherto supposed. This new theory would make nonsense of earlier ideas and we might have to begin all over again.

It is all rather fun. Perhaps readers of SIRIUS can come forward with their own ideas - please don't send them to me, I am far too busy to answer letters - send them to the editor of SIRIUS for publication. But after two decades of research we are no nearer solving the mystery. What are UFOs? Who pilots them? Where do they come from? Why do they come? The answers to these questions remain as big an enigma as they did in 1947 when the investigations began. UFOs remain an exciting mystery and a challenge to us all.

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As he mentions above, the author regrets that he is too busy to entertain correspondence from readers. Indeed, we are very grateful for his co-operation in writing an article for us, which was done as a special favour to SIRIUS, as Mr Gibbons is a personal friend of my father - CDOH.

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# Our first meeting

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On Saturday evening, 23 January, while rain poured down in sheets outside, SIRIUS held its Inaugural Meeting in the beautiful 17th Century Charlton House.

Firstly, Barry Marsh (Chairman) declared the meeting open, and welcomed visitors to the meeting. He told the forty or so people who were there about the history of SIRIUS, and introduced all the Committee in turn. He then announced the first of three papers. This was a talk by the Director, Mark Stenhoff, on the aims and activities of SIRIUS. Here he outlined the reasons for the Society's coming into being - that is, to attempt group co-operation on a scale never before attempted. Norman Oliver, the Co-Director, then went on to give some idea of the magnitude of the problem under study, and gave some specific examples of UFO reports illustrating the importance of our research. This brought those assembled at the meeting up-to-date on "the present state of the art." Norman said he welcomed the advent of SIRIUS.

David Oakley-Hill then gave a talk about the publications produced by the Society - mainly the SIRIUS Journal. He also made one or two administrative announcements not covered by the other papers.

FORUM resulted in a few general questions being asked. Announcements were made by the Chairman regarding meetings and propositions for future activities.

Thanks are due in particular to Mr Colin Smith of "The Globe," Mr Michael Smith of "The Eltham Times," and Mr K Wood of the "Kentish Independent" who attended the meeting, and to "The Globe," "The Kentish Times" and Dave Purvis of "The South-East London and Kentish Mercury" all of which gave prior notice of the meeting in their columns.

Our thanks also go to Mr & Mrs Williams of Charlton House who very kindly gave up a Saturday evening to help with the organization of the meeting and prepared the refreshments. Thanks, of course, to those of our readers who supported this successful event.

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# UFO over Thamesmead



(Case investigated by Mark Stenhoff and David Oakley-Hill)

On Monday 22 February 1971, several residents of Thamesmead, the new town by the River Thames in south-east London, heard strange noises in the early morning sky.

The noises were reported to SIRIUS by Mr & Mrs G Fillery of Lensbury Way, Thamesmead. Mrs Fillery not only heard the noises, but also saw an object hanging in the sky: perhaps the source of the noise.

She was feeding her baby at 4am when she saw the object itself, but had also heard the noises before this time: the noises were audible for a total of 1 hour 10 minutes. She described the noises as 'like those of an aeroplane, with buzzing noises.' Her husband said that they seemed to come towards him from the south-east until overhead, and appear to circle slowly. While this was going on, he said, there was a change of pitch: an increase in frequency (Doppler effect?)

Mrs Fillery looked out of the window and saw a red glow over the flats opposite, together with a dark grey bowl-shaped object (top flatter than bottom), which was darker than the early morning "first light of day." (A change from the reports which state that the brightness of the object caused them to notice it!) The outline of the object appeared to be slightly blurred. The red glow was some distance away to the left, and of about the same apparent size as the object (apparent size of a golf-ball held at arm's length). The object hovered at first, tilting from side to side twice (at about 3 Hertz). Then it drifted slowly down in an arc behind the flats opposite. When it was out of sight, the red glow continued for some seconds, and was then seen also by Mr Fillery. Mrs Fillery said that she found the experience quite frightening. They were both in their bedroom at the time with the window closed. In all, the visual observation lasted for fifteen seconds, during which time stars were also visible. Weather: cool with a light breeze. Object was first positioned 140 from true north, 25 elevation, and last positioned 142 from N, 20 elevation (approximations made by CDOH from the witnesses' statements.)

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Both Dave and I feel that if the report can be taken as accurate, something strange was probably seen, although with the statement that the object was "blurred" in outline and seen through glass comes the thought that it may have been a cloud (+ cloud glow) and the noise merely terrestrial. However, we both think that the account is truthful and reasonably accurate.

Erith police say they received no corroborative reports. Mrs Fillery says that she did, however, see several lights in the flats to her north-east, and presumed that people had been woken by the noise.

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## RECOMMENDED READING

A study of the following books, which your local library can get for you, will be of considerable help in giving you a good background knowledge of the UFO problem. SIRIUS does not necessarily support the views expressed by these authors.

GENERAL BACKGROUND "Unidentified Flying Objects," Robert Chapman. Hardcover: published by Arthur Barker Ltd, £1.50; Paperback: Mayflower, 25p. (Hardcover with photos; paperback without photos).

"Uninvited Visitors," Ivan T Sanderson. Publ: Neville Spearman, £1.50.

SCIENTIFIC MATERIAL "Anatomy of a Phenomenon," Jacques Vallee. Publ: Spearman, £1.25. "Challenge to Science," Jacques & Janine Vallee. Publ: Spearman, £1.25.

HUMANOID & CONTACT MATERIAL "The Scoriton Mystery," Eileen Buckle, Publ: Spearman, £1.50. "Sequel to Scoriton," Norman Oliver, privately published, 62p. "The Humanoids," Edited by Charles Bowen, Publ: Spearman, £1.50.

WHERE TO GET THE BOOKS (publishers' addresses)

Arthur Barker Ltd, 5 Winsley St London W1 England.

Neville Spearman Ltd, 112 Whitfield St, London W1 England.

Mayflower Ltd, 229-231 High Holborn, London WC1 England.

"Sequel to Scoriton" available from SIRIUS, Head Office.

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HAS THE SUBSCRIPTION RATE OF YOUR UFO SOCIETY RISEN TOO HIGH FOR YOU TO RENEW? SIRIUS OFFERS FAIR PLAY TO UFO ENTHUSIASTS!

# UFO Manual for investigators & researchers

By ROGER H STANWAY, FRAS and ANTHONY R PACE, FRAS

Information from Anthony R Pace, FRAS, Newchapel Observatory, Newchapel, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

"I am committed to drafting the manuscript for our second production - the UFO Manual, which will be rather different to our report of the 1967 sightings in Staffordshire.

"We hope to include a foreword written by a leading scientist and authority on the UFO phenomenon, such as Dr J Allen Hynek or Dr James E McDonald.

"Basically the UFO Manual will contain an introduction giving the aims and objectives, and an introduction to the UFO phenomenon. Other chapters will discuss UFO detection and observation, investigation techniques and methods, analysis and evaluation of reports, the various aspects of the phenomenon, such as social, philosophical, legal and political, etc. There will also be a major theories section, an all-important chapter dealing with recommendations for future research, and finally an appendix of tables and other data.

"Our research is now complete save for additional enquiries during the course of the writing of the manuscript which is proceeding satisfactorily.

"Perhaps of special note, Dr E U Condon and the Board of Regents of the Colorado University have given us their permission for us to quote from appropriate sections of the book "The Scientific Study of UFOs."

"In addition we are acquiring various photographs of scientific interest to Ufologists including suitable plates from SSUFO and appropriate prints recommended by the US Air Force and NASA as relevant to our field of study."

All persons wishing to make any enquiries, or wishing to provide any material, advice, or suggestions at this stage of production of the Manual, should write to Anthony Pace and Roger Stanway at Newchapel Observatory, address above.

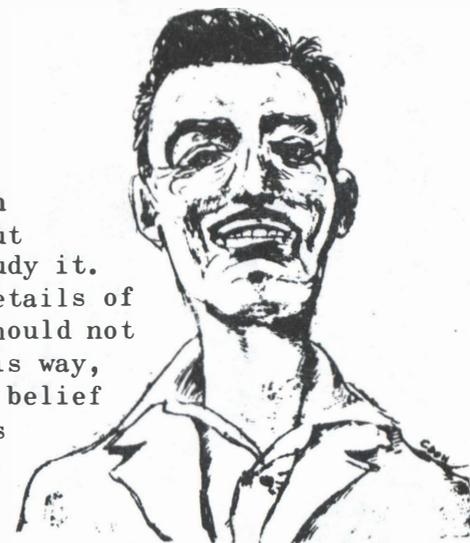
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Please note that SIRIUS will give its full backing to all useful scientific publications of the nature of the "UFO Manual." This is a really practical way to deal with UFO research, rather than the usual drivel obtained from some books on Unidentified Flying Objects - MS.

## SIRIUS Guide to WHO'S WHO IN UFOLOGY

No 1 - NORMAN OLIVER

Editorial note: Often much is known about the UFO phenomenon itself, but little is known about those who study it. Fields such as astronomy publish details of all renowned astronomers, so why should not UFO researchers do likewise? In this way, we may even dispel the traditional belief that all those who investigate UFOs are cranks and lunatics. So, to begin our series of "Who's Who" features we give you a rundown on our distinguished Co-Director.



NORMAN THOMAS OLIVER was born on 20 July 1926 in Worthing, Sussex, England. There he lived until 1945 when he moved to London where he now lives and works as an auditor in the Metropolitan Water Board. May 1967 saw the publication of "THE SCORITON MYSTERY" (Eileen Buckle/Spearman Ltd) of which Norman was the co-compiler, and in October 1968 he published an essential companion to it entitled "SEQUEL TO SCORITON" - a booklet giving a new view on the Scoriton affair after new evidence had come to light and reminding us of the fact that we cannot rely SOLELY on the apparent sincerity of a witness to substantiate his or her claim.

Norman's personal views on the UFO phenomenon are that "genuine" UFOs are probably extra-terrestrial spacecraft, but he would not discount other possibilities. He points out that most UFO reports turn out to have "normal" explanations but he regards a number of the remainder as "proven flying saucers."

Norman is the Director of COS-MOS, and a Committee Member of the British UFO Research Association, besides holding the position of Co-Director of SIRIUS. SIRIUS is most privileged to have such a distinguished and knowledgeable authority assisting with its administration, besides which we all find him extremely pleasant, good-humoured, and easy to get on with. He is interested in astronomy (member of the British Astronomical Association), science-fiction, and the "unusual" in general.

At a literal down-to-Earth level, he is a member of the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE). /MS.



# Meetings in London April-July 1971

BUFORA and COS-MOS meetings are held at Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road, Kensington, W8.

CONTACT UK meetings are at Alliance Hall, near Caxton Hall, Westminster.

SIRIUS meetings are at Charlton House, The Village (see A-Z), Charlton SE7.

All meetings begin at 7.0pm.

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April 23rd. Charlton House

## APRIL

3rd "SAUCER MISCELLANY" Charles H Gibbs-Smith MA FMA FRSA (BUFORA)

17th "NO TIME FOR SAUCERS" Norman Oliver (CONTACT UK)

24th "SINCE 1947 - A FLYING SAUCER REVIEW" Rodney Higgins BSc (COS-MOS). Illustrated by Slides.

## MAY

1st "BRAINS TRUST" Chaired by Mike Holt BA. (BUFORA)

14th "ADAMSKI POST-MORTEM" Including 2 selections of his addresses on tape. Introduced by Norman Oliver. ALSO: The most recent results of SIRIUS investigations into Thamesmead & SE London sightings on Feb 22. (SIRIUS) ✓

## JUNE

5th BUFORA MEETING (Details awaited).

11th "SPATIAL PHENOMENA" John Reynolds BSc (SIRIUS) ✓

26th NATIONAL SKYWATCH DAY - SIRIUS intends to participate in co-ordination with COS-MOS and will contact members with details at a later date (possible venue Warminster)

## JULY

16th SIRIUS MEETING - Details in our next issue ✓

ENQUIRIES: Details about BUFORA meetings can be obtained by telephoning 01-723 0305, COS-MOS 01-852 7653, CONTACT UK 01-878 3914, & SIRIUS 01-856 6994 Or 01-850 4528.

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The Pollution article & "Pattern of the Past" review were included as an experiment to discover whether readers would prefer to keep exclusively to UFOs or if they might be interested in an occasional examination of other fields possibly bearing close associations with UFOs. The Committee decided (by a majority vote, and therefore with reservations) that the inclusion of these features was justified.

Also we decided to test audience reaction to a crossword. Working on the principle that anyone who can compile one of these fiendish things must have a pretty devious mind, we elected Dave for the task. The result is on page 20.