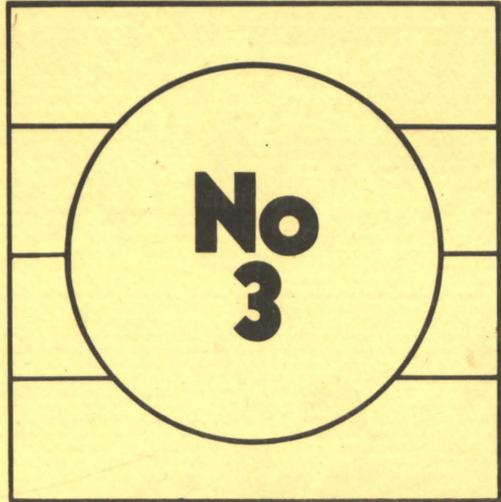


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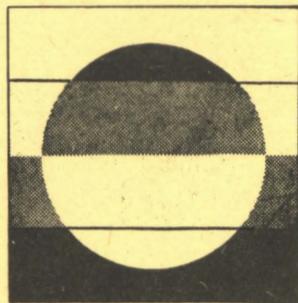
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Erratum to SIRIUS 2: Please note that there was an error in the notes beneath Alan Watts' article "The Chances for June 30 1971." In line 17 the word 'protons' should read 'photons.'

We regret that the conclusion of the 3-part "Mystery of the Tungusian Tundra" article by Antoni Szachnowski has had to be postponed until our next issue.

This is partly due to lack of space, and partly due to the fact that we have recently acquired some additional material with which we intend to supplement the article.

# Editorial "OFFICIAL VIEWS"

I telephoned Mr Leslie Akhurst of the Ministry of Defence to obtain information on the workings of his department which deals with aircraft noise and suchlike, besides UFO reports. I had studied already several letters from his department sent to other researchers such as Mr Lionel Beer of Spacelink (see Spacelink 6/3), but wondered if any further information might result from asking him to comment "off the cuff." Here are the fruits of my labour, tape-recorded at the time, and presented here as a running commentary by Mr Akhurst:

11.30am, 6 April 1971

The Ministry of Defence investigates reports of unidentified flying objects because of possible air-defence implications. We treat each report we receive on its face value, but our experience is, in fact, that the majority of reports turn out to be the misidentification of mundane occurrences such as aircraft lights seen in unfamiliar circumstances, celestial objects, balloons, satellites; occasionally we get satellite debris burning up, and this kind of thing.

We don't release details to the public. This is not peculiar to UFO reports; this is under the normal rule that official information is not generally available to the public.

We treat reports in the same way as we'd treat any correspondence from the public. In other words, we treat it as private correspondence between the person reporting and the department.

If people ask us, we give them figures of reports received, and this kind of thing, but it would be too much effort; as I said, the reason we look into them is in case there's any possible air-defence implications. We've found none as a matter of fact, but this is the sole reason we look into them. We don't look into them for any other reason and therefore couldn't justify sorting them out and either obtaining the person's

permission for publishing the report or publishing in such a way that we don't mention individuals' names, and of course quite a number of people say that they don't want their names to be divulged. In any case, this is normal practice for any kind of dealings between the department and the public. We treat all correspondence as private between the individual and the department.

We only pursue enquiries to the extent that we consider it justifiable in the context of our interest in air-defence. Clearly we only put in that amount of effort which enables us that there are no air-defence implications in a particular report."

This, then, explains why all unidentified reports are lumped in with those reports containing "insufficient information." That is, even if a report is unidentifiable and greatly dramatic, the Ministry is not interested unless it exhibits potential threats to air-defence. Reasonable? /MS

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## February flap in south-east London

In "SIRIUS 2" we told the story of Mrs Jackie Fillery, who on 22 February saw a strange object in the sky which emitted a loud noise, also heard by her husband. The story was reported in the Kentish Independent for 25 February.

Just as Dave Oakley-Hill was completing the typed copy for SIRIUS 2, we saw in the Kentish Independent, 4 March, that several other people claimed to have been witnesses of a UFO on the same day.

Fortunately, after interviewing the witnesses, we noted that the original newspaper report (25 Feb) contained several inaccuracies - therefore we could use these to decide if any reports had been generated as a result of the original publicity.

The errors were as follows: 1) duration for incident was given as 20 (actually 70) minutes; 2) glow was described as an "aura," whereas it was actually detached from the object; 3) the report stated that the thing "zoomed off towards Erith, but after five minutes it returned and the noise was louder than ever." This was completely untrue.

Sure enough, one report did conform very well with the newspaper, but not so much with the actual report. Since the witness did seem to be reasonably sincere I include his report - it would not make much difference to the other reports anyway if this were a concocted story since the witness only heard a noise. Therefore we leave it to the reader to judge for himself which parts of the report, if any, are contrived.

Mr B. (he gave us permission to use his name, but we decline to do so as we are not too sure about the accuracy of the report) lives in Pegwell Street, Plumstead, South-east London. On awakening he heard the strange noise at 4am. (He is reasonably sure of the

(Below: the newspaper article which sparked it all off..)

## Early one morning . . . a flying

### saucer

THE residents of Thamesmead have complained "loud and long" on numerous occasions in the past about unwelcome, camera carrying, visitors who walk around the development looking into homes and invading privacy.

But this week the Independent learnt of a visitor with a difference. A flying saucer!

Or, at least, that is what Mrs. Jackie Fillery, of Lensbury Way, believes that she saw in the early hours of Monday morning.

"My husband and I woke up about four because the baby was crying, and we both heard a humming, roaring noise," she told the Independent. "At first I thought it was an aeroplane but then the humming sound grew and it seemed as though the noise was coming from directly over the house. This lasted for about twenty minutes.

"When I looked out of the window I saw a round shape

in the clouds," she went on, "which had a red, orange, aura. It wasn't a plane because it was hovering. Then the thing zoomed off towards Erith, but, after about five minutes, it returned and the noise was louder than ever. I was very frightened. Then the thing sank down behind some houses and the noises stopped."

Mrs. Fillery did not inform the authorities of what she had seen. "They would have thought I was mad," she said.

THE KENTISH INDEPENDENT: Thursday 25 Feb, 1971

times here since he looked at the clock). He heard a continuous hum, high in pitch, to the east in the sky through his open bedroom window, lasting for about 20 minutes (cf: KI report!) in all. Five minutes later it was back, and lasted a further five minutes. It came and went suddenly - there was no fade. The noise was exactly like that of "Thunderbird 2" (Gerry Anderson's TV series) but even that did not wake the rest of the family. Mr B, who works as an out-works manager for a fancy-goods manufacturer, regrets that he did not record the noise on his tape-recorder in the living-room downstairs, but this did not occur to him until later.

By contrast, our next witnesses of the noise seem to confirm Mrs Fillery's report in every detail.

Mr and Mrs R Wilton of Grasdene Road, Plumstead, woke at 4.30am to hear a noise "as if a squadron of aeroplanes were all hovering in the sky at one spot" to the north-east at an approximate altitude of 30° towards Erith. These noises went on for  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour. (Mrs Fillery states that the noises went on from 4.0 until 5.10am approxi-

mately; this report states that the noises went on from 4.30am until 5.15am - a difference in the "finishing time" of only five minutes - and details which could not have been obtained from the newspaper report.) Intermittent with the noise was a regular bleeping noise. After 20 minutes, the noise went away for about a minute, and then returned to the same spot in the sky. Meanwhile, Mr and Mrs Wilton had gone into the garden to look for the source of the noise, although nothing was to be seen. Mr Wilton (a post-office employee) suggested that the noise could have come from a Harrier Jump-jet, except that it would have had to have hovered for so long. Mrs Wilton was very frightened by the incident, just as had been Mrs Fillery.

#### ANOTHER VISUAL

That evening at about 7.0pm, Mr Frederick A Munns, a retired newsagent, living in Sidcup Road, New Eltham, was sitting in a chair facing south-west out of his front room window when he saw a small orange light, on the horizon over Crystal Palace, eight miles away to the south-west. After about two minutes of gradual increase in size, it appeared as a dark, lozenge-shaped object with two very bright orange glows or plumes beneath it.

He thought at first that these were navigation lights, but then he decided that it must be an aircraft on fire. At this point it stopped growing and hovered for a minute or so. Without prompting from us, he said his thoughts swung towards a Harrier Jump-jet (see Wilton report), but he later dismissed this explanation. He called to his wife and sister-in-law, who were sitting on the sofa eating their tea: "You'd better come quick, there's a plane on fire." After a few seconds they were at the window. Mr Munns has a broken leg and finds it difficult to get up, so when the ladies were standing at the window his view was completely obstructed. Therefore Mrs Munns and her sister Mrs Moseley take up the story from there. Mrs Munns is easily dazzled so she could only see a bright, horizontal bar of orange light. Mrs Moseley,



These photos are reprinted by kind courtesy of the Kentish Independent.

Left: Mrs Grace Wilton

Right: Mr Frederick Munns

however, saw the object vague in outline but with two orange glows as Mr Munns had described them. The object remained stationary for another two minutes. Then they both saw it become narrower as if turning and then appear to come straight towards them. But it soon became broader again as if completing the turn. Mrs Moseley said that she thought it was disappearing at this point, but then realized that it had gone behind a cloud. Then it suddenly emerged and shot off very rapidly in a westerly direction - "straight down the Sidcup By-pass." They then lost sight of it. Mrs Moseley said that as it was moving it appeared more like a solid object.

Mr Munns said the incident took place over a period of about four minutes. Mr Munns and Mrs Moseley were wearing spectacles, and all three watched the object through window glass. The object appeared at maximum apparent size as halfway between a pea and a sixpence held at arm's length, and was first seen in the south-west and finally in the west. Dave estimates that this was first 225° from true north, 0° altitude, last 270° from true north, 10° altitude.

Mr Munns, who worked  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years with the police in conjunction with the observer corps during the war, had previously seen such an object in Spring or Autumn of

1964 from Wrotham Hill, Kent. The object was about 3 or 4 miles away over Otford and he saw it through the trees from the car in which he was travelling. When he pulled into the lay-by at the top of the hill for a better look the object had vanished.

David Oakley-Hill and myself investigated these cases personally. We were satisfied that all reports, with the possible exception of the Mr B. report were accurate. It should be noted that we interviewed Mrs Fillery only ONE DAY after her sighting, and the other witnesses on 7 March - when the incidents were still fresh in their minds. In addition, we were astounded by Mr Munns' eyesight - although he was about forty-five years older than us, his eyesight was at least forty-five per cent better! He was certainly a most reliable witness.

In conclusion, if all reports herein can be taken as accurate, it seems that something decidedly odd was flying about over South-east London on 22 February 1971. Also the following report should be borne in mind.

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## Meteors or UFOs?

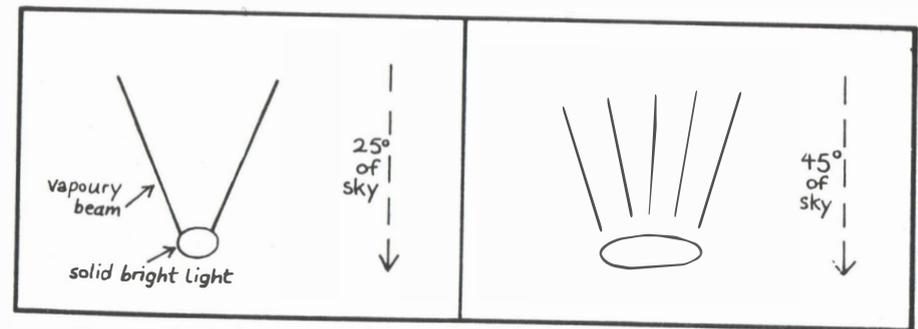
The following two reports would fit the description of meteors, other than the duration aspect. Satellite re-entry is also unlikely for the same reason. However, SIRIUS makes no claims that these were NOT meteors for this reason.

West Norwood, London  
(Aubyn Hill)

Ref 71/S3  
1971 02 --  
1900 BST

A 19-year-old reporter for the South London Press, living in Finch Avenue, West Norwood, reported her sighting to her own newspaper. Her story, given to Norman Oliver and David Oakley-Hill also on 13 March and tape-recorded, was as follows:

"I was coming home at about 7.0pm one evening a couple of weeks ago, and it was just beginning to get dark.



From sketches by: left, the girl reporter;  
right, Mr William Corpe

It was a clear sky. I was walking up Aubyn Hill and I looked up, and there was this huge round bright light. Extending upwards from it there was this shaft of light or vapour, like the beam of a cinema projector. It appeared to be going downwards towards the ground at a very fast rate. Just as I turned the corner at the bottom of the road, it just disappeared. (Although no cloud or anything to obstruct view - Ed.) I don't know if it appeared in the way it disappeared, or if I just looked up and noticed it. It moved vertically down, apparently over the park (opposite)... It seemed close - somewhere over the park."

The witness also said that Crystal Palace Tower, quite near to her house, was some way to the left of the light from where she saw it. She indicated to us the approximate position of the UFO in relation to the tower.

Date: February 22 or 23<sup>rd</sup> 1971. Duration: 15 seconds to cover 25° degrees of sky only. Sky: Twilight, sun to R ¼ hr earlier but set by time of sighting. Object brighter than sky, and brighter than moon; appeared solid; white in colour; no sound. Size of sixpence (6d) at arm's length - almost as big as full moon. When first seen, the object was south of witness (180°), altitude 85°. When last seen, object was south of witness, (180°), altitude 60°. Weather: clear sky, cool, no wind, dry. Witness not quite clear on date as our interview took place about two weeks after the sighting.

Distance estimate: could have been only a quarter of a mile away as measured on the ground. Speed: faster than an aeroplane, but not "fantastic," and constant. The witness has no special observing experience, and normal eyesight. She is intelligent and has 7 GCE '0' levels. No co-witnesses of the sighting are known unless this was a report of the same object as in the following report or in the Fredrick Munns report earlier. It seems quite likely that one of these two reports could be corroborative.

Chipping Ongar, Essex

Ref 71/S4  
1971 02 23  
1915 BST

On 23 February 1971, Mr William Corpe, Head of English at St Dunstan's College, Catford, was driving with his wife Rita towards London, southwards on the All3 south of Ongar, when he saw a bright object ahead in the sky "shaped like the lower part of a parachute, bright at the bottom with fainter rays radiating upwards. We watched for about half

a minute as it sank slowly down in the sky until hidden from view by intervening hedgerows. The following morning it was reported on the radio that many people had seen a strange object over Sussex, and the authorities had identified it as a meteor or meteorite."

Duration: approx 30 seconds to cover 45° of sky.

Sky: darkness with dull moonlight and many stars.

The object was less bright than the moon - "like a searchlight." It appeared solid, was seen through a car wind-screen, and was like a white shuttlecock. It was the apparent size of an old penny at arm's length(!) The car in which the witnesses were travelling was going southwards at 40mph. The witnesses were first looking south, and finally south-east. The angle of elevation was first 45° then 0°. Weather: clear, cold, dry, light breeze. Neither witness has any experience of observing other than normal, and their eyesight is average. Mr Corpe holds MA(Cantab) and Dip Ed (Oxon) degrees and Mrs Corpe holds LACM and Dip Ed qualifications. They live in Catford, London.

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## PROJECT

Over the last six years the Warminster area of Wiltshire has become known to students of the UFO phenomenon as a "Ufocal" or centre of intense and sustained UFO activity. In order to bring proper investigative techniques to bear on this activity PROJECT WARMINSTER has been launched under the auspices of the British UFO Research Association but as an independent undertaking, which is directed by J Cleary-Baker PhD with the aid of a Committee of researchers. Amongst the staff are Mark Stenhoff, an assistant to the Director, and Norman Oliver as a research advisor.

The Project will investigate current UFO reports at Warminster as they arise. It will also review the best of the reports which have come to light in the area in the past. It is expected that the results of the Project's survey will be made known in booklet form.

UFO researchers who visit the Warminster area are invited to act as observers for the Project and to submit reports of their observations, whether positive or

## WARMINSTER

negative, for further investigation and evaluation by the Project's staff. In order to reduce the work of administration to a minimum, thus leaving the staff free to concentrate on the analysis of reports, formal registration as observers is not required.

The Project was activated on Saturday May 1 1971, following the BUFORA Brains Trust which took place at 7pm on that date at Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road, London W8. As presently planned the Project will cease activity in October 1971 but if necessary it may be continued beyond that time or reactivated in Spring 1972.

All communications concerning the Project should be sent to the address given below.

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# Review

By Barry Marsh

BBC TV "SEARCH" FOR UFOs

Transmitted 26 May 1971

## Search

*Is Somebody Up There Watching?*  
with John Craven

99 per cent of flying objects that people thought were things from outer space turned out to be nothing of the kind. But what about the missing 1 per cent?

JOHN CRAVEN investigates with the help of Charles Bowen, the Editor of *Flying Saucer Review*, Jeff Lewis, a Space Project Engineer and children from TY CELYN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL, CARDIFF.

Producer DAVID TURNBULL

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Public utterances on the subject of UFOs have always been rare, not least since the publication of the Condon Report, and so it was encouraging to find John Craven, on behalf of the BBC, delving into controversy on children's level, and moreover encouraging them to state their own viewpoints.

Twenty-five minutes is a brief enough time in which to "get across the message" and in the time allotted to him, I am glad that John did not attempt to cram in as many sightings as he could find. Instead he touched briefly on different areas; for example the validity of photographs (sensibly chosen from the FSR archives by Charles Bowen, who was also taking part), the comparison of old cave paintings with modern astronauts' equipment and the testimony of two recent witnesses.

Reference to the paintings was sensible enough in the light of the recent film of von Däniken's books, made by a German company and also called "Chariots of the Gods." Since this film was coupled with the children's film of "The Railway Children," one can safely assume that a far greater proportion of children were influenced by the cave paintings mystery than their parents. This would be fresh in their minds and "Search" again caters for children and their views.

Out of all the testimonies of UFO witnesses from 1947 to the present day, which one can be chosen in order to

give maximum impact on such a programme as this? Again I was pleased that Charles Bowen had obviously recommended the case of airline pilot Captain Howard, surely a qualified observer by virtue of his job. By contrast we had the account of a sighting at Hook, Hants, at 4am on 26 October 1967 at the time of the great October "flap."

UFOs and radar coverage - surely a great point of argument between sceptics and "believers;" an RAF expert, Wing-commander Mason, was interviewed objectively and from this emerged the interesting fact that all screens were continually photographed, so that if a UFO were registered, one could immediately refer back to the original photograph taken at the moment of contact. That the whole country is covered by radar I have no doubt, but it does bring to mind a statement made a few years ago by Dr J Allen Hynek that radar cannot operate below a certain level<sup>1</sup>... and that if all the NASA records of sightings made by their tracking networks were made available to scientists engaged on the UFO problem a much better pattern would emerge. This brings me to the old problem of censorship; from the statement of this radar expert we can deduce that our own RAF has in its files records of some extremely interesting sightings which they are not going to release to the public or even serious-minded researchers. Why, for example, should Brian Winder be shown lecturing on UFO propulsion to pilots and trainee designers of the Concord Project ?

Surely this shows that the government is seriously concerned both with the type of propulsion that enables these craft to manoeuvre at amazing speeds and that "spotters" in the air should be trained to know what to expect from near-contact! The inclusion of such a lecture in this programme was most commendable, since it gave us a glimpse of this serious approach to the problem.

<sup>1</sup> Also see this cutting, reproduced with the kind permission of the "Sunday Telegraph" from the edition of May 2, 1971.

Police believe immigrant smugglers are flying in from Belgium too low to be detected by radar.

My criticisms are small, but, I feel, significant. Although it is obvious that Charles Bowen had much to do with the material presented, he could perhaps have been more decisive. He was in confrontation with Jeff Lewis, a Space Project Engineer, and obviously felt the need to avoid a direct clash of ideas, particularly when children were being asked to give their opinions. Nevertheless, it would have been more productive if John Craven had asked the children to direct their questions to Charles Bowen in order that some form of discussion could be built up. Instead we were treated in the remaining ten minutes to a situation where the children did not seem to know on what evidence to base their answers. Jeff Lewis was good enough to concede that life was bound to exist on other planets in the universe, and when challenged by one girl that he was thinking too much in "earth terms," this surely would have been the time for Charles Bowen to quote at least one "humanoid" case. I have mentioned the photographs, but please, BBC, make sure that you display them the right way up! The object in the Newark film at maximum magnification was slanting UPWARDS and not downwards.

All in all, then, an interesting glimpse into the phenomenon, and I hope that the BBC will have the sense to promote further investigation on children's level which will continue to evaluate sightings from an objective viewpoint; after all, as an educationalist once said, it is today's children who will influence the attitudes and thoughts of tomorrow.

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VERBATIM - Quotable quotes.

Charles Bowen, Editor of the world-renowned FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, said at a British UFO Research Association meeting on 6 March: "We must not say we believe in flying saucers. We must say instead that we believe that the UFO enigma is worthy of serious study."

Andrew Tomas, one-time editor of Australian Flying Saucer Review, said at the COS-MOS Contact Forum on 27 March: "Animals are the best available UFO witnesses."

## *SIRIUS meeting success*

By C David Oakley-Hill

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### Experiment for SIRIUS

On April 23 SIRIUS held its first informal evening at Charlton House. The committee did not occupy the customary position behind a table, but instead mixed with those present, all of whom had the chance to contribute to the discussion. Norman Oliver chose two excerpts from his tape library, one of a sighting report from Albury in 1967 and the other of a hoaxer talking, quite convincingly. (Dr N, the renowned "atomic physicist" who caused so much trouble when the investigations into the Scoriton contact claim were being carried out by Norman Oliver and Eileen Buckle.) After the evidence for the former had been weighed up pro and con, there was the customary break for refreshments, and in the second half of the evening topics ranged from leys and orthoteny to a summary of the characters heard on tape.

At this meeting we invited Mr J Graham Cowell of "Perception" to join the SIRIUS Committee as Director of Research, and we are pleased to announce that he accepted.

### "Adamski Post-Mortem"

May 14 saw an evening's entertainment held by SIRIUS, the subject of which was the world-famous alleged contactee, George Adamski, who died in 1965. The audience of about 35 had the unique opportunity of hearing two excerpts on tape of George Adamski speaking, one a recording of him talking in private about his alleged desert experience with "ufonauts," the other a public address in London's Caxton Hall in the mid-1950s. Norman Oliver gave an excellent introduction and commentary.

### "Spatial phenomena"

This was the title of a very interesting talk on astronomy on June 11 by Mr John A C Reynolds BSc, who teaches science, and is astro-physics consultant to SIRIUS.

He began by giving a general background on the subject

and continued with some historical information on telescopes and early astronomers. These, and various facets of stars and star-systems, he illustrated on a screen with the aid of an epidioscope. He explained how the astronomer works with his hands tied behind his back, because with most natural forces and phenomena tests can be conducted in the laboratory whereas with astronomy the stars are beyond reach so one needs to use indirect methods to obtain data, therefore it really is amazing how much has been discovered. Mr Reynolds also showed how different elements have their own spectroscopic "fingerprints," and demonstrated this by handing out pocket spectrosopes through which to view hydrogen, sodium, mercury and white light source vapour lamps. This "audience involvement" was much appreciated. Although not directly connected with ufology, astronomy automatically holds some interest for UFO enthusiasts, and this talk proved a good contrast to the previous meeting.

## **SIRIUS represented at COS-MOS meetings**

By Barry P Marsh

On Saturday 27 March in Kensington Central Library, COS-MOS held "Contact Forum" - a brains trust on cases of UFO occupants. SIRIUS was privileged to take part, and was represented on a distinguished panel by David Oakley-Hill, who joined Norman Oliver (COS-MOS Director), Andrew Tomas (once editor of Australian Flying Saucer Review) and Lionel Beer (BUFORA and COS-MOS committee member and editor of "Spacelink") in an entertaining and successful discussion. The meeting was chaired by COS-MOS skywatch organiser Lincoln Richford.

At a COS-MOS meeting, 24 April 1971, a talk was given by Rodney Higgins BSc entitled "A Flying Saucer Review." He illustrated this with an excellent collection of slides, but in question time there was a poor response from the audience of about 45. Dave Oakley-Hill was asked to 'fill in' time by talking about the recent UFO sightings in South London investigated by the committee (see detailed report elsewhere in this issue). Spontaneous public speaking needs bravery, and Dave acquitted himself with aplomb!

*Review* By Barry Marsh

UFOs -  
IS SOMEBODY  
UP THERE WATCHING ?

From the magazine "Honey" January 1971 issue.  
Author of article unnamed.

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"Flying Saucers are not a 20th century phenomenon." At a time when some ufologists are apt to forget that UFOs didn't start appearing in 1947, it is encouraging to discover an article on the phenomena which sets out to interest the average reader of glossy magazines but which does not fall into the trap of quoting the "classic" cases. Indeed, it is also refreshing to read in this article of cases which appear to have been largely overlooked. Flying Saucer Review has obviously been heavily consulted, but the author has set out to convince his public in an unsensational manner. Of the three reports covered, the sighting of a UFO by Gloria Bomford<sup>1</sup> is hard to beat by virtue of her down-to-earth remarks like "It is such an incredible thing to ask people to believe. When I do, they say, "Oh, poor soul, she'll be inside soon." A comment like this reflects the reaction pattern of the type of person who can suddenly be thrust face to face with the unusual.

Many authors of UFO articles, anxious to impress, shy away from the subject of hoaxes in the belief that their chosen subject might already have been given the same label. This article considers it a duty to quote from the case of the students' rag week stunt of Sep 1967<sup>2</sup>, but I am particularly pleased that an alleged "contact" case has been mentioned. Whatever we may think of Adamski, no doubt at all must be left that "Cedric Allingham" and his Martian<sup>3</sup> are more at home in the pages of a science fiction strip cartoon!

Perhaps the highlight of this article, however, is the section dealing with the views of Dr Derwent Mercer, a lecturer in physics at Southampton University. We have already heard much discussion from Dr Allen Hynek and Dr Stephen Black<sup>4</sup> on the question of the psychological

aspects of a sighting, and even Carl Jung has said "It would be more interesting to examine the people who claim to have experienced these phenomena.<sup>5</sup> We are, therefore, touching upon a controversial subject and one that has to gain firmer ground before being accepted by the majority of UFO researchers. Where Dr Mercer fails to convince is in his statement "I have given talks on the possibility of life on other planets and it is irritating to have this clouded by the lunatic fringe of the UFO cult." He does not believe in "flying saucers," but neither does he seem to have paid much attention to the work of those ufologists who are interested solely from a scientific viewpoint.

I have always been sceptical of the infallibility of hypnosis. When Peter Wroath finishes his account of a sighting by stating that he was put under hypnosis as a test and passed, it does not necessarily seal the incident with the stamp of credibility. Nevertheless, the author has been wise to omit further discussion on this little-known subject in connection with UFOs.<sup>6</sup>

Finally - and it is disappointing to have located the weakest part of the article so near its conclusion - I would welcome more information on the new organisation here called "The British Flying Saucer Brigade." I can only surmise from the ensuing 'statistics,' which must be familiar enough to all researchers acquainted with the methods of the Ministry of Defence, that Mr Akhurst of the same department has decided to give himself a name at last!

The article ends by informing one what to do if a UFO is sighted; suggestions ranging from police contact to ringing up one's local RAF base and asking them if an object has been seen on radar. In the latter case this would be inadvisable, since the RAF do not reveal such information. Strangely enough, one other suggestion is omitted - why not get in touch with Flying Saucer Review, the magazine which the author so creditably acknowledges?

(A 'phone-call to SIRIUS would also be appreciated!)

However, the good points far outweigh the bad, and one hopes that more 'general' articles of this calibre will appear in other national magazines before long.

#### Editorial notes on "Honey" review

- 1 See Flying Saucer Review vol 16 no 1, p6, and Evening News 24/3/70.
- 2,3 See Unidentified Flying Objects, by Robert Chapman, Arthur Barker Ltd.
- 3 See Flying Saucers From Mars, by Cedric Allingham, Frederick Muller Ltd.
- 4 Flying Saucers and the People Who See Them, BBC 1, 9 May 1968; The Listener, vol 79 no 2048; Flying Saucer Review vol 14 no 4, pages 1-2.
- 5 Flying Saucers, by Carl Jung; Harcourt, Brace and World Inc, NY, 1959.
- 6 Hypnosis may frequently not only produce a true account of an event, but may also often add psychological phenomena e.g. hallucinatory and non-event descriptions. It would, I feel, be of more use in a study of the witness's mind and personality than in a study of the reported event and phenomenon, as stated by Jung.

(Notes compiled by MS.)

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No 2 - FRED O GARDNER FRGS, FIEC

sightings personally and by direct correspondence, attending lectures and taking part in group study & research. He edited SHUFOIG Journal, wrote a 20-page booklet: "How I came to accept UFOs as a fact," and is currently writing a follow-up: "Beyond UFOs-What?" Also in preparation is a series of leaflets to help people who know nothing about the subject. He has contributed articles to many UFO journals and has approached the press through "Letters to the Editor."

Mr Gardner has been an accredited minister of religion over 30 years (FIEC). He spent 10 years in preparatory study and college training, including a term of French in Brussels. He served 12 years in the Congo as a missionary where he learned 4 languages (French, Lomongo, Longando and Lingala) for his teaching and literary work, then five years as Field Secretary of the Mildmay Movement under the late Dr Thomas Cochrane, famed for his worldwide missionary survey and research work. This took Mr Gardner all over the British Isles, lecturing for World Mission.

In 1952 he went with his family to Belfast. There he edited and managed the "Ulster Protestant," the circulation of which was 15-18000 monthly - a full-time job. In 1946 he was made a life Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society for his services and literary output relating to Central Africa. He was also the first Congregational minister to conduct a broadcast service in his N.Ireland church in 1955. He now works at the British Leyland Motor Corporation in Watford, and is married with 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

Fred O Gardner adds: "I have had a fairly full and varied career and experienced the ebbs and flows of life. I look forward to my retirement in three years when I can finish two other books I have "in the stocks." I think the knowledge and experience gained from my studies in the UK and abroad fit me in some small way to qualify as a UFO researcher."

Fred Owen Gardner has been interested in the UFO phenomenon for several years, checking alleged

*F.O.G.*

# Satellite Re-entries

from the Volunteer Flight Officer Network Satellite Re-entry Newsletter (290-1).

The following satellites have re-entered the earth's atmosphere.

NAME	DATE DECAYED	TIME	LOCATION OF RE-ENTRY	BALLISTIC COEFFICIENT
OPS 7613 Deb*	03 02 71			
RMS P/L*	07 02 71	0939	-32.5S 57.1E	.02569
Titan 3C4 Deb*	06 02 71			
OPS 7776 P/L*	09 02 71			
Apollo 14 P/L*	09 02 71			
Intelstat-2 Deb*	09 02 71			
17 Molniya-1 P/F	10 02 71	0643	-39.7S 341.0E	.01665
Meteor deb	13 02 71			
Cosmos 379 Deb	13 02 71			
Cosmos 347 R/B	14 02 71	2146	48.0N 332.0E	.02851
Cosmos 388 R/B	17 02 71	1757	48.1N 165.8E	.02337
Titan 3C4 Deb*	19 02 71			
Cosmos 396 Deb	20 02 71			
Cosmos 396 Deb	21 02 71			
Cosmos 396 Deb	25 02 71			
FTV Deb*	25 02 71			
Cosmos 398 R/B	01 03 71	0816	30.0N 331.0E	.013364
S-120 Deb*	01 03 71			
Cosmos 396 P/L	03 03 71			
Cosmos 397 R/B	04 03 71	0558	27.7N 277.6E	.01606
Cosmos 369 Deb	04 03 71			
Cosmos 399 R/B	08 03 71	1143	64.9S	.01550
Cosmos 396 Deb	08 03 71			
Titan 3C4 Deb*	12 03 71			
Titan 3C4 Deb*	15 03 71			
Titan 3C4 Deb*	20 03 71			
Cosmos 399 Deb	23 03 71			
Cosmos 398 Deb	23 03 71			
Cosmos 399 Deb	25 03 71			
OPS 0964 P/L*	26 03 71	1917	27.4S 289.7E	.021129
Titan 3C4 Deb*	26 03 71			
Cosmos 362 R/B	28 03 71	1950	12.2S 267.2E	

\* US Satellites;  
the rest originate from USSR.

## Skywatches and London meetings from July 1971

- Jul 17-8 COS-MOS Skywatch: New Forest, nr Fordingbridge
- Aug 21-2 COS-MOS Skywatch: Uffington White Horse, near Swindon
- Sep 4 BUFORA: "First capture your UFO - by instrumentation." A talk by David R J Viewing of the Bedford UFO Society
- Sep 17 SIRIUS: "NU - the origin and power of the UFO." A talk by Alan J Watts BSc FRMetS, who is a meteorologist & author of several good books on weather forecasting. He has given well-received talks to BUFORA, and was a founder-member of LUFORO, predecessor of BUFORA. Also a report on the June 30 SIRIUS skywatch to look for aerial activity over Essex as discussed by Mr Watts in our previous issue, SIRIUS 2.
- Sep 18-9 COS-MOS Skywatch: Harting Downs nr Petersfield
- Sep 25 COS-MOS meeting. Details to be announced
- Oct 2 BUFORA AGM. Members only. Includes talk by Trevor Whittaker: "Scene through northern eyes."
- Oct 11-2 COS-MOS Skywatch: New Forest, nr Fordingbridge
- Oct 22 SIRIUS meeting. Details to be announced.
- Oct 30 COS-MOS meeting. Details to be announced.
- Nov 6 BUFORA: "No time for saucers?" A talk by Norman Oliver.
- Nov 19 SIRIUS meeting. Details to be announced.
- Nov 27 COS-MOS meeting. Details to be announced.
- Dec 4 BUFORA: Talk by Dr Geoffrey Doel MRCS, LRCP, DMRE.

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If you wish to take part in any skywatches or contact experiments, please get in touch with Lincoln Richford, 14 Playfield Crescent, East Dulwich, SE22. Tel 693 1740.

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