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English Association Secretary Investigates:

After "Warminster Week" Ken Rogers travelled to Devon to meet Mr. Arthur Bryant, who recently claimed contact with Venusians. They talked for some time of the contact, and also of the supernatural. He mentioned straight magnetic lines which the saucers use when entering this planet, which they apparently use as we use landing lights for our aircraft. Also Mr. Bryant said the craft sometimes feed from transmission lines. The next morning Mr. Bryant took Ken to the field where the contact allegedly took place. In his opinion the claimant is either a very sincere man or the best actor he has ever met.

On August 15 there was a spectacular sighting in Wood Green, North London, similar to the Bristol one reported in Southern Area Report No. 3. A bush was withered in one spot, and the sighting occurred only about a quarter of a mile from the base-line of the Great Isosceles Triangle. This line is a primary ley on which much UFO activity has occurred in the past. Mr. Palmer, the witness to this sighting, has now become our Membership Secretary.

Sighting near Orthotenic Point.

The Bournemouth Evening Echo reports sightings of UFOs at Hatchams, near Ringwood (Hampshire) on Thursday September 1, 1966. Ringwood is a sighting point on the Ringwood-Bruton orthoteny, which was discovered by Gordon Creighton to pass through the Charlton Crater site. Like all other British orthoteny, it is also a ley.

One object was seen at about 8.30 and the other half an hour before midnight. It had red flashing lights and appeared to be making a dull buzzing sound.

Blackpool UFO.

On September 17 just after 8.00 p.m. a Mr. and Mrs. Cropper from Blackburn were walking along Blackpool promenade when they saw a strange object which they thought at first was a reflection or perhaps an aircraft. It was seen in the south-west, appearing to be 2-3 miles out to sea, at about 5,000 feet and 15° elevation. It seemed to be a bright oval of light of reddish tinge which remained poised over a cloud, then slowly sank out of sight like a sun setting. A theory put forward by Doris Cropper, the daughter of the witnesses and a keen UFO enthusiast, was that the UFO had been attracted by curiosity as to what the multi-coloured Blackpool illuminations could be.

Patriotic UFO!

A UFO was observed in Southampton on Monday September 19 which hung motionless dropping red, white and blue flares. Police were also witnesses to this sighting, alerted to it by a 999 call, the Evening News reported.

MORE SIGHTINGS ON I.F.S.S.D.

Several more sightings from June 24, 1966 (International Flying Saucer Sighting Day) have recently been forwarded to me by Ken Rogers. One was in Nottingham, where a cigar-shaped object was seen, and two white lights were seen to enter it from underneath. Another was in France at about 3.00 p.m., when a family who were driving along a road from Epinal to Rheims saw what they thought to be a bird hovering. Then, however, it made a fantastic burst of speed which took it to about a quarter of a mile away in a few seconds. Also, from Saucer News, we hear of a photograph taken by a Mr. Manning of Blasdell, New York, U.S.A., on the Day. It looks similar to the Gordon Faulkner photo from Warminster (do schoolgirls wear hats in the U.S.A.??)

Contact?

William J. Trotter, a member of I.S.S., observed a UFO while on a skywatch at Cradle Hill, Warminster. It moved slowly across the sky in an irregular pattern, hovering and speeding up at times. It seemed to acknowledge Arthur Shuttlewood's flashing torch. This is similar to an object seen from the same place a few weeks later by Dr. Cleary-Baker of BUFORA. This also seemed to reply to light signals - this time from a powerful signal lamp brought by Mr. Arnold West. Surely these encounters must rank as contacts of a kind?

More sightings by Membership Secretary.

During a skywatch at Cradle Hill on October 29-30 Mr. Keith Palmer, the witness to the Wood Green sighting and, more recently, our membership secretary, saw several spectacular UFOs, including some that were definitely cigar-shaped. Also in October (date not specified) he was with Ken Rogers and Bernard Kell at the site of the Wood Green sighting when they saw twin hovering golden lights to the south, over the Great Cambridge Road. These were visible for some seconds, then faded out. Note the similarity to my bedroom window sighting of June 23, mentioned in Southern Area Report No. 2. The difference was, however, that the above sighting occurred at 5.00 p.m., in broad daylight.

Also, on Monday November 28 Mr. Palmer and a friend saw two UFOs travelling at high speed from west to east. They appeared circular and were in view for about a minute. They seemed to get brighter and dimmer during the sighting.

Skywatch December 17-18.

Unfortunately this skywatch was unsuccessful as far as sighting UFOs is concerned, due mainly perhaps to the cloudy conditions which persisted most of the night (though around 5.00 a few watery-looking constellations showed themselves for some minutes).

At about 5.20, during this short clear period, Gerald Lovell, one of the participants and local group organiser for Bristol, saw a moving light travelling from a high elevation to the southern horizon, but as it did nothing unusual it was probably a satellite.

However, although we saw no UFOs, the watch was certainly not without its interest and usefulness. Several of the local papers of the area printed reports of the gathering, and at the Post Office at 3.30 (Warminster) there were quite a throng of reporters (though I missed them as I was unfortunately delayed), so the organisation and the subject has received some useful publicity. Also I was very interested to meet Doug Chaundy of Burnham-on-Sea (who recently discovered that the long barrows on Salisbury Plain form patterns almost identical to the constellations in the northern sky), and Mike Wakely, organiser of the Warminster and Trowbridge local group. Other participants I had met before were Ken Rogers, Bill Trotter and Gerald Lovell.

Finally, very many thanks to Andrew King of BUFORA for kindly taking me to Warminster in his car, and for stopping to let me see Stonehenge, which I had not visited before.

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Service with a Smile.

It has come to my ears that some members of the Southend group have been complaining that they do not know what Sky Scouts is all about. If they, or anyone else, would like to write to me with their questions, I will do my best to answer them.

Sky Scouts Western Expedition.

If enough people are interested, I would like to suggest that Sky Scouts should organise a trip about April or May of this year, for the purpose of ley-hunting and skywatching. We would go in a westerly direction, perhaps stopping at Warminster one night for a skywatch, then perhaps continuing to Glastonbury and doing some ley-hunting in the Somerset Zodiac area, then having a skywatch from the centre of the Zodiac. If time permitted, we could then go on to Devon to see the major ley points on the orthoteny there (such as Dunkery Beacon, the highest point on Exmoor, a ley point on the Bristol-Weston-super-Mare orthoteny). If anyone is interested in coming on a trip would they please let me know as soon as possible. It would probably last about a week. I am sure much useful information could be learned from this trip.

SKY SCOUTS NATIONAL SKYWATCHING SCHEME.

National skywatches are to be held every six weeks from January 14, 1967. All members are requested to watch for UFOs, if possible in groups, between the hours of 8.00 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. Further details of this scheme are available from the Membership Secretary, Mr. Keith Palmer, 68, Ellenborough Road, Wood Green, London, N.22.

Skywatch List.

I have unfortunately had to discontinue the idea of the Skywatch List that I mentioned in the last Southern Area Report. I just haven't the time to send the circulars.

Saucer Forum and The Ley Hunter.

These two magazines, each 4/6 for four issues, cover subjects of interest to Sky Scouts. Saucer Forum is an open forum for the discussion by published letters of all aspects of the UFO mystery. The Ley Hunter deals with the allied mystery of leys, the prehistoric alignments which have shown themselves clearly to have connections with the elusive UFOs. Both these magazines are available from me.

Sky Scouts' Handbook.

This handbook, covering all aspects of practical UFOlogy, will be published as early as possible in the New Year. It is to have an introduction by our International Chairman, the Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench, and articles by members on their own particular field in UFOlogy. The price will be 2/6.

I.F.S.S.D. 1967.

Don't forget to be on the lookout for UFOs on June 24 this year, which conveniently falls on a Saturday. As most members will know, last year's I.F.S.S.D. was amazingly successful as far as reported sightings were concerned. It would seem to be your most likely day of sighting a UFO.

LOCAL GROUPS

(Any member of I.S.S. living in the area of one of these groups is automatically a member of the group. If any further groups are formed, would the organisers please let me know so I can include them in future newsletters).

- Bournemouth: R. Taylor, 74, Brackendale Road, Queens Park, Bournemouth, Hampshire.
- Brighton: Paul Alexander, 5, Windlesham Avenue, Brighton, 1, Sussex.
- Bristol: Gerald Lovell, 126, Summerhill Road, St. George, Bristol, 5.
- Cambridge & N. Essex: John Studd, 8, New Road, Saffren Walden, Essex.
- Carshalton: Christopher Dodd, 7, Hill Road, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey.
- London N: Ken Rogers, 1, Vicars Moor Lane, Winchmore Hill, London, N.21.
- London S: Ronald Booth, 15, Keynsham Road, Eltham, London, S.E.9.
- London E: David Andrews, 27, Livingstone Court, Matlock Road, Leyton, E.10.
- London W: David Jenner, 54, Walmholt Road, Shepherds Bush, London, W.12.
- St. Helens: Barbara Challenor, 14, Chester Lane, Marshalls X, St. Helens, Lancashire.
- Southend: Peter Willsher, 13, Warrior Square, Southend-on-Sea, Essex.
- Trowbridge & Warminster: C. M. Wakely, 28, Charles Street, Seymour Estate, Trowbridge Wiltshire.
- West Kent: Sharon Scott, 3, Rayfield Close, Bromley, Kent.

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