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PAPER CLIPPINGS

"REVEILLE" - 6th May, 1977: She Wants a Space Visitor. As I approach 50, I desperately want to meet people from another planet, but I fear time is running out for me. I was fascinated by the American landings on the Moon, but terribly upset that it was just a load of rubble and dust. Then I became excited when they put down a missile on Venus, only to discover that an empty place, too. I envy young people, if only because one day they will experience the moment when Earthmen meet up with Out of Space Creatures and perhaps bring them back here. I doubt if it will happen in my life time. Mrs.C.Black, Prestwich, Manchester.....

"DAILY MIRROR" - 12th May, 1977: When a spaceman lands, don't be surprised if he dries like a baby - or barks like a dog! Its not his fault. He has probably been studying the language at an Intergalactic school. The Americans are planning to dispatch a couple of spacecraft to the void this summer, carrying the sounds of the Twentieth Century Earth - birdsongs, music, animal noises and babies crying....oh, yes, and the Human Voice.....

"DAILY EXPRESS" - 13th May, 1977: UFO on the Wing. A British pilot has reported seeing two UFO's "The size of battleships and nearly 300 yards long". Captain Denis Wood, 42, skipper of a British Airways Trident that flew to Portugal last July, revealed yesterday that he and two fellow officers saw a brilliant white, round object at 35,000 feet. Captain Wood, of Haslemere, Surrey, said the sighting was also made by the crew of a British Airways TriStar Portuguese pilots in another jet and ground radar operators at Lisbon. "I want to find an explanation", said Captain Wood, adding that he had used radar for 15 years but never before had he seen anything on the screen that he could not explain. Mr.Omar Fowler, chairman of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena, said, "This is the most important sighting World-Wide of the past decade.....

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SCIENTIFIC APPROACH TO COSMIS UNDERSTANDING, S.A.T.C.U., 33 Dee Street, Timaru, New Zealand. Publication Xenolog - September/October 1974. Editors: Fred and Phyllis Dickeson.

?RETURNED FROM THE SPACE - TIME CONTINUUM?

During the month of June, 1950, in Times Square, New York, a man aged about 30, and dressed in the manner adopted many years ago, with silk hat, cutaway coat, black and white check trousers and buttoned shoes, suddenly appeared in the middle of the road intersection, gazing in amazement at the electric signs. Many people saw him, but none was able to tell where he came from. He just appeared from nowhere. Suddenly the heavy traffic unnerved him and frantically he tried to dodge it, and before anyone could help him he was knocked down by a taxi and killed. At the morgue his clothes were searched for identification



Bob Brace, MAPIT Member, informs us that a new Scunthorpe UFO Study Group has been set up with the aid of Nigel Watson, Ken Johnson and Bob. Their local MP, John Ellis, has asked for a probe into recent UFO Activity over Scunthorpe.

"International UFO Research Council. Anyone wishing to become actively involved in research, contact: IVFJRC, (Dept S2), 146, Buckingham Road, Maghull, Liverpool. Enclose SAE, please". The latter advertisement appeared in the Musical paper "Sounds" on April 23rd. MAPIT and a few members wrote to the address given for further details. To date NO reply has been forthcoming. It is sad that a Group should advertise, then ignore correspondence. Who are IVFJRC? Have they a publication? If you wrote and got a reply, MAPIT would be interested in learning more of this Group, as we always wish to co-operate with other UK Groups.

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Gene Duplaintier informs us that we have a namesake in South Africa. Also called "SKYWATCH", it is published in Durban. "They're into UFO's in a big way, too", he informs us.

Ian Sanderson, co-ordinator of the NUFON Skywatch Programme, recently sent MAPIT the 1977 details. The Skywatches are being arranged to coincide with the projected Autumn/Winter flap. The dates arranged so far are September 20th, October 15th and November 19th. Will ALL MAPIT members interested in attending any of the above dates, please contact the editorial address. Members with possible SKYWATCH sites and any equipment, i.e. optical, detectors, etc., are also urged to contact us.

The Northern UFO Network 1977 Conference is being held in Nottingham this year, by the Nottingham UFO Investigation Society. The date of this event is the 10th September. Papers by Barry King, Bernard Delair, Charles Bowen, etc. will be featured, plus many others. All lectures to be profusely illustrated and exhibitions will also take place. Tickets are only 50p; coffee and biscuits can be arranged at 25p extra. There is to be a meeting of UFOIN on the Sunday, September 11th, at the NUFOIS HQ in Nottingham. Many people may wish to stop overnight for this, thus giving people a chance to have a long evening and morning free for informal discussions on certain topics. Hotel details are available. Will all members interested in attending this conference please contact the Secretary at the editorial address.

MAPIT has always found that arranging Group Meetings is difficult, from the point of members attending a certain location on a certain date. Many reasons can stop members attending, e.g. evening classes, work, too far to travel, no transport, or just not wanting to go. A good many members live outside the Stockport/Manchester area - places such as Stoke, Scunthorpe, Wisbech, Norwich, Southampton, London, etc. MAPIT does not expect these people to attend. Perhaps instead of arranging meetings we should have mini-meetings. By this I mean if ANY MEMBER wishes to visit MAPIT he can do this. We could then arrange, say, three or four members to meet. This way it would be more informal and personal than having ten people sitting side by side, too scared to talk. If you are at all interested in this idea, MAPIT would like to hear from you, anytime.

In this issue of SKYWATCH you will read the feedback (selection) concerning David Frost's proposed "Super UFO Conference". In SW No.23, David Frost stated, "But I am sorry to tell you that I have met with great opposition from the Group named NUFON. When I contacted the Group with the idea, I had the feeling that no one wanted to help me in my idea".

Jenny Randles of the above-mentioned Group (NUFON - Northern UFO Network), wrote to me recently to set the record straight. "One thing I did want to write about was the comments in the last two issues of SKYWATCH (Nos.23/24) by David Frost. I would like you to print a response to this because I find it a little unjust that he should state unchallenged that NUFON was opposed

to his Conference idea. This is not true - and I suggest you tell him so. So far as I know, he never approached anyone else in NUFON and I only answered on behalf of myself - not on behalf of NUFON (how could I?). I did (on more than one occasion - including the most recent on May 14th at Warrington), invite him to the most recent NUFON meetings so he could put his points directly to several groups and individuals; he said he would be there - but was not. The only other thing I did was point out the problems he would face in trying to get people interested, (precisely what he is now bemoaning). I also said I was personally interested in taking part on any committee. So far as I am concerned, David Frost was not put off by me or anyone else at NUFON". Readers may have seen NUFON featured on the BBC2 series, Open Door. It is a liason system for independant UFO organisations and researchers in Northern Britain. It acts as a co-ordination centre for investigation, research and general info. MAPIT, NUFON, and for that matter, any UFO Group, is always interested in ways of improving the subject. The "Super Con" is a good idea, but is it too good to succeed(.

The Ron Markwick article "CONTACTEES" will be finalised in a future issue!

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MEDIA MADNESS - or how to make a fool of people without really trying.

The current UFO Wave which has swamped this country has led to there being a sudden upsurge in media interest. SKYWATCH referred in its last issue to some of this and I think I am able to supply some more information.

I was directly involved in the BBC Documentary programme, 'Out of this World', being first contacted by producer Hugh Burnett in July 1976. I worked closely in conjunction with Charles Bowen on this and met Mr. Burnett personally last Summer. I can only agree with the SKYWATCH comments on the programme, which was, to my mind, a great let-down. I had expected far better from a man who had a deep interest in the subject (although a somewhat biased one). However, his utter insistance on the format of the programme despite our repeated protests that there was not the quqlity of cases to utilise in the UK on the contactee front alone, was, unfortunately, ever present. Consideration was given to backing out of the project, but we decided against this because (and I think the programme vindicated this view) Charles Bowen provided a credible alternative to some of the dubious material presented elsewhere. We could not persuade any respectable contactee witnesses to appear - except for Mrs. Roestenber, who faced ridicule very bravely to provide perhaps the only credible case on the whole programme. I am afraid most people discount the Bowles/Pratt fiasco as far from substantiated. It did, incidentally, involve a teleportaion incicent with the car (David Harrison of the M.E.N. was not wrong on that point). Indeed it has now developed into a series of continuing occurrences - and Mrs. Bowles not only has a long history of seeing strange things around the house, but she had been a close ffiend of one of Britains leading UFOlogists in the 1960's (although she claimed to know nothing about the subject).

I pass no judgement on the programme - but it was only what one has come to expect from the BBC - sad to say. Risking total bias, I would say that the only sane thing they have ever carried was when NUFON presented the 'Open Door' feature in October 1975. I am amazed that the Mihistry of Defence let us get away with that. I expected to be locked up in the Tower of London by now, sentenced to drinking BBC canteen tea for ever. (I think I would rather take my chances with an MIB!)

As for the ITV 'Good Afternoon' programme, I was fortunate to see that. Despite the fact that the press all billed it for the next day after it was shown (someone slipped up there.....quite by accident, I'm sure!) I knew it was going out when it did thanks to Charles Bowen, who appeared on it with Professor John Taylor and Captain Woods (the pilot involved in the radar/visual sighting which was suddenly latched on to by all the media about five weeks later. It appears that the media take no notice of 'Good Afternoon'!) The programme was pretty straightforward, though it lasted just twenty minutes and only when Captain Woods began to reach the point of attacking Professor



itself at the forefront of UFOlogical research. There are groups who are researching a particular, or specialised subject. These groups could continue their research for the sake of the National Conference Group as well as their own, giving to the N.C. any information they feel would assist the final outcome. Other than that, no rules should be laid down to any group, and the organising body of the N.C. should answer to the group, other than the other way round. I doubt if any individual group would allow itself to be ruled (taken loosely) by any governing body. They would prefer to carry on as they were".

- (1) The Conference would have to last at least a complete day, not just one evening. This would enable a number of different points to be put forward. Perhaps even a two-day conference?
- (2) If and when the conference is settled, those attending and wishing to speak could give prior notice of the particular subject they will be giving a talk on, enabling the organisers time to work out a balanced programme - either mixing the subjects, or clipping individual subjects together. This would enable those attending who have limited time to be there during their own particular research subject.
- (3) Special guest speakers?
- (4) The conference should steer clear of too much pseudo-religious stuff. Perhaps the interesting subject of ancient astronauts from whom it is supposed we derived our religions ought to suffice. (I must admit to an interest in this subject). The other stuff - I'm sure you know what I mean - has a tendency to bring derision on UFO researchers.
- (5) We should try to encourage a few sceptics from our own circles to attend. They deserve the right to know that UFOlogy is a serious research subject, quite the contrary to how we are put across by the media. They (the media) should also be invited. They'll probably come, anyway!
- (7) A little time, perhaps an hour or two, should be set aside at the end of the conference for question time. A number of speakers should be available as a group to answer questions put by anyone wishing to put one. They are, of course, just a few thoughts, but there might be some semblance of sense among them.

Yours sincerely, Doug Chaundy, UFO INFO EXCHANGE LIBRARY, Weston-Super-Mare.

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"I read about your proposal for a nation-wide UFO conference. Frankly, I do not think it a good idea. I have little enough confidence in the ability of individual groups to co-ordinate their ideas and efforts. It seems to be courting disaster to try and get different groups to overcome their feelings of mutual hostility, jealousy and envy to work together. I am convinced that UFO groups are little more than social clubs for no-so-like-minded individuals, or a bureaucratic framework for organisers and place-seekers. If the amount of effort that is spent in 'organising' these groups, circulating memos, arranging conferences, etc. etc., was actually applied to investigating the problem of UFO's, we might be getting somewhere.

Sorry to sound so negative. I appreciate that conferences do have their use, but mainly as a forum for meeting people and arguing into the small hours in the bar of a hotel. The best UFO investigation and analysis is done by individuals who are not hampered by the demands of some clique of a local (or national) group. I regret that most groups are so inward-looking that they regard any approaches from 'outsiders' as an unwarranted intrusion in their internal affairs. I am not in the least surprised that, as you describe in your MAPIT/SKYWATCH article, you have been met by either hostility or apathy. Leave the groups to their idle vapourings and get out and do some research!

I hope I have not been too much of a disappointment".

Yours sincerely, John Rimmer, Editor MUF0B, New Malden, Surrey



than 70 people crammed a lecture theatre and it was one of the hottest days this year. They heard an opening speech by Mark Tyrrell with a slide show of the Apollo 11 and 12 lunar missions and lectures by Tony Pace and Peter Warrington, who has close links with NUFON.

Apart from the resultant publicity for the group in the local media, the group's membership was increased to 10 members in one day. They have met on a number of occasions since, and sightings have been investigated by various members. In one respect, FUFOR is very lucky in that most of its members have at one time or another had a UFO experience. So for us the problem is very real, in whatever degree of reality it may exist. Nobody can tell us that the UFO phenomenon is a flight of fancy, no matter how strange it may seem at the time.

STEVE CLEAVER/NIGEL BROWN/MARK A TYRRELL.

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THE SAUCER LECTURER

by Allen H. Greenfield.

Pretending to place my notes back on the speaker's table, I was able to steal a look out at the audience. About 50 or 60 persons were already there; the scheduled time for the lecture was 8 p.m. and it was only about 7.50 now.

Actually, I didn't really expect much more than this -- the saucer business, thank Rouwb, isn't what it once was. In any case, the hall we had rented had a huge seating capacity, so that even a rather large turnout would appear small. This was to make those who did attend feel uncomfortable and part of a lost cause. I was a small part of the Plan.

I could see at the centre of the room, on the right side from where I stood, Weloooh was just taking his seat. He had come this time dressed as a hippie, and he looked the part very well indeed.

Of course, we wouldn't want our people to devlop too much of a hippie image, because that might shift the straights right back into the saucer movement, and we wanted anything but that. But Weloooh had a very small part tonight -- all he had to do was to stand up at the right moment and yell, "Fake!", after Raone made his pitch.

But where the hell was Raong? Momentarily, I dropped my paper-sorting ruse, and overtly looked wildly around the room. It was a relief when I realised abruptly that this time he had even fooled me, if only for a moment. There he was, dressed in his 'scientific suit', as we called it. But this time, he had added a small, neatly-trimmed beard, which had come as a surprise to me. One of his own little ideas.

Checking my watch, I could see that it was exactly 8. I gave Reen the signal to begin and he walked over to the speaker's table and began his bit with the p.a. As usual, we had fixed it in such a way so that it would work badly all evening. "One", he began, "testing one - two - three. Test. Testing...." As he went through this I made a last minute check of the slide projector. Perfect.

Four slides were in upside down, and the bulb was all set to burn out right in the middle of the slide lecture. Everything was in order, I was sure, and Reen, having finished his messing with the mike, began the programme.

"Good evening", he offered. His voice was accompanied by an irritating squeal from the public address system, just as we had hoped. "Welcome to the Atlantic Coast Flying Object Convention. We are so glad to see so many of you flying saucer fans here today, and we hope that you will enjoy our programme.

"Now, it gives me great pleasure to introduce our special guest lecturer, an expert on the flying saucer subject, who also has lectured on such important topics as e.s.p. and astrology, Mr. Fieldson H. Henry!"

Clap, clap, clap. The unimpressive sound of applause from the small crowd was absolute music to my ears. I walked slowly to the table, making sure to trip over the mike cable slightly, pushed my glasses slightly off to the side to enhance the crackpot image I was to project, and began.

I started out conservatively enough, discussing the Arnold incident, the Washington sightings of 1952, the Gill case, Cocorro, Michigan, etc. Then I touched on the contactees, keeping it all objective and impersonal. I began the slide lecture, and howed due distress when the projector bulb blew out. Reen went through the motions of searching the hall for an extra bulb, though of course we didn't have one.

(One night last year, while doing this bit, some damned idiot in the audience actually had a bult with him. We had to make do with the inverted slides and the fake-looking photographs to salvage the slide part of the programme).

Anyway, after about 15 minutes of this, during which audience began to fidget pleasingly around in their very uncomfortable chairs, I announced that we would take a short break and then resume the lecture.

Now, the break, you see, is designed to show us how well we are doing on a given evening. If we are doing quite well, about half the people in the audience will not be back. On a poor evening, only one or two leave. One time we were lucky enough to find an unheated hall in the dead of winter, which also had the additional asset of no rest rooms. Only about five persons stayed that time, all, presumably, with heavy coats and fantastic control of bodily functions. And this was back in 1967, when saucer lecturers, even bad ones, were really packing them in. It was some meeting.

After the break this time, I noted we had lost 10 or 15. O.K., but hardly something to rave about. I gave Reen a signal, and he changed the setting on the p.a. so that it would squeal at a slightly more irritating level. I then went on.

"I regret that the slide showing will not be able to go on, but as announced in the newspapers, we are going to have a question-and-answer session. If you have, ah, a question for us?"

Several hands. I picked a fat man in an oversized trench coat. He asked: "Where do the UFO's come from?"

I hedged, still playing it conservative. Then, after a few more such, I recognised Raong. He stood there, tall and impressive, and in that deep tone of voice of his asked, "Isn't it true that you yourself claim contact with the aliens?"

My face, as always, turned an embarrassed red. I went through my evasion act, then told the contact story, filled with contradictions even the tennis show crowd could notice. On cue, Welooch jumped up, yelled "Fake!" and stalked out of the hall. A couple of people followed him. The rest counted dots on the ceiling, looked at their watches, etc. until the end of the lecture.

Back at the ship, flying on to our next lecture date, Raong asked, for the thousandth time, "Why? Why do they buy such a simple ruse?"

"Perhaps," I said, "because they need to believe it is a fake. If they didn't, well, remember the Orwell broadcast". Off we flew, looking for all the world like a flying saucer, or was it just ball lightning?

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A final word on the Hugh Burnett UFO programme, reprinted from the Daily Mail on the 7th May under the heading of "What in the World":  
"Producer Hugh Burnett with his mild obsessions with heaven and hell, good and evil, has always been one of the Beeb's most civilised mavericks. But he has an infuriating habit of involving you, keying you up - and then leaving you wondering if he's just conned you with an almighty mickey-take. You'll love his report on UFO's OUT of this World (BBC1 9.55) - But I'll bet you're not one jot the wiser about whether they exist when you've finished viewing. "Experts" with apparently blameless credentials are allowed to go on at some length about their researches. But as they talk that gradually emerge as Monsters....affable, intelligent, deeply informed - and daft as brushes. The most sensible people Burnett interviews are, oddly enough, those who have seen Saucers and UFO-nauts (more than one saw the latter as dressed in smart polo-necked jumpers....). But their honesty about what they claim to have seen is undeniable. I feel Burnett could have given us much more. I feel cheated! Perhaps he is sending the UFO Phenomenon up. If so, his hilarious opening sequence of two pythonesque loonies tracking UFO's on Box Hill, near Dorking, couldn't be a better pointer".

-----STAR DATE 17.6.77-----

Many MAPIT members are interested in Sci Fi in book form and on the screen. We received a newsflash from the Star Trek Action Group recently to inform us of an important announcement. Star Trek was perhaps the best programme of its kind ever made and even today repeats are still being shown all around the world. The newsflash contained the following:

"News release from Paramount Television - dated 17.6.77.  
Negotiations have been concluded between Gene Roddenberry and Paramount

Television for his services as Executive Producer of the new Star Trek series. The announcement was made today by Gary Nardina, President, Paramount Television and Richard Frank, Vice President, Paramount Pictures Corporation, who has overall responsibility for Paramount Television Service. In making the announcement, Nardina commented, "Naturally, we are delighted to be associated in this venture with Gene Roddenberry. His return to weekly television will insure a quality and integrity of production values that has marked everything he has been associated with; his work has been a credit to the entire television industry. We, at Paramount, feel we are making television history with this renaissance of the "Star Trek" series." Production on the new Star Trek series, perhaps the most legendary of all television series, will begin in the autumn under Roddenberry, the guiding force behind the original. Frank added, "Star Trek will be the foundation for the new Paramount Television Service. It represents our commitment to provide fresh programming to a discerning viewing public". Roddenberry, commenting on the new Star Trek series, said, "We have never really been out of the public eye. Right now re-runs of Star Trek are being seen on 137 stations around the country, with millions of fans all over the world. Our audience was, is and will be there. At the time this announcement is being made, a giant Star Trek convention is being held at the Los Angeles Convention Center. I can assure these fans that the precepts I followed at the beginning of Star Trek will be used for the new production".

Well, in these times of repeats on television it's good to see the rebirth of this series. At the moment we only have Space 1999; The Invaders (which was made ten years ago) and Star Maidens. Not forgetting the never-ending Dr. Who and the interesting Tomorrow People. I am looking forward to seeing Star Trek return to the TV screen and I'm sure a whole new following of youngsters will follow its adventures every week.

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 German Boeing reported collision with UFO  
 over Liege (Belgium)  
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The pilot of a German plane with 105 passengers aboard reported being struck by an unidentified flying object when he was in the air over Liege on Monday, April 25th, 1977.

Dozens of people took place in the investigation, conducted by air traffic control, the Ministry of Defence, Air Force, Army, The Royal Meteorological Institute and even an ornithological society.

The Lufthansa Boeing 737 (flight LH 056) had left Nuremberg at 0805 a.m. (Belgium time) with destination London. At about 0900 a.m. the plane was flying over Liege at a height of 7.300 meters when a sudden impact was felt. As the plane was flying over the Elsenborn military training-ground, the pilot feared it was hit by a missile.

The Boeing continued its journey and was fully investigated when landing at London Heathrow Airport. To everybody's astonishment, nothing could be found! Meanwhile, Defence was busy investigating this "UFO". It was established that on Monday (April 25) no target-practice was being held on any of the three Belgian practice-grounds (Elsenborn, Leopoldsburg, Lombardsijde).

Then it was considered the plane had hit a bit bird. But birds normally are not found at a greater height than 1500 meters in Belgium.

Then perhaps it was a weather balloon? But the Air Force had released no balloons that Monday. The one launched by Air Traffic Control at 2.a.m. had landed safely and the meteorological institute also reported that its balloon - released from Ukkel at 6 a.m. - had safely returned.

Air Traffic Control knew of no other planes in the area over Liege. But planes flying higher than 7000 meters are under the supervision of Eurocontrol (at Beek Airport, near Maastricht, Holland). And Eurocontrol confirmed that "an unidentified plane, flying at supersonic speed, had crossed the path of the Lufthansa Boeing within 1000 feet".

Military planes, however, are not controlled by Eurocontrol, but have their own station at Glaaien (Tongeren). Air Force spokesman stated that "one of their jets was indeed flying at supersonic speed at the time of the incident but that it was 30 miles away!"

Apparantly it was a lot closer. According to Eurocontrol, the two planes crossed each other with a height difference of only 1000 feet. At this distance, the air displacement caused by the supersonic jet indeed struck the Boeing like a hammer.

The Air Force is now investigating if and by whom a mistake has been made.

At the moment of writing this - April 30, 1977 - no further details are available. And it is hardly likely they will ever be given. Personally, I feel the Eurocontrol explanation is the right one.

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