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Dear Sir,

"SKYWATCH items are very good. We plan to translate some of them to include in our next KRUPTOS issue. Hoping to meet you next Summer".

Sincerely yours, Herve Laronde, Editor-Kruptos, Lyon, France.....

Dear David,

Enclosed please find a copy of the standard Australian UFO Report form which is used throughout Australia. We certainly felt it would be a good idea to design and use a standard form so each group would know what to look for in each other's report. We actually looked at about 15 different report forms from throughout the world and designed this one. We then forwarded a copy of it to the Air Force to advise them we would be using this one, and the Air Force then redesigned theirs very similar to ours. "Close Encounters" has been screening to packed houses in Australia since mid-March".

Kindest regards, Harry Griesberg, ACOS, Gosford, Australia.....

Dear Mr.Rees,

I'm afraid that our Skywatch has ceased publication and that is why we are negotiating with Contact UK in order to replace it with "Awareness".

Yours sincerely, Mike Viljoen, Contact, Durban, South Africa.....

Dear Sir,

Very interested by your publication about UFO's. Could you send a free sample of your magazine?

Faithfully yours, Christian De Wespim, Brussels, Belgium.....

Dear David,

Many thanks for sending the SKYWATCH Publications; I found them most interesting and informative. The mixture of varied items prevents the magazine from become heavy going, as some UFO magazines tend to be. Dan Gorings experiences of Warminster (SW28) bring back memories of my own very similar experiences - incidentally, the road to Star Hill is now shut off following a serious case of arson at a barn on the hill.

Best wishes, Michael Lewis, BUFORA Investigator, Barnet, Herts.....

Dear Mr.Rees,

Now, Italian UFOlogy is crossing a period of 'Crisis' and we have to change our actual kind of UFO investigation because the old one is still insufficient to cover all the fields of UFO Phenomenon. All Italian centres are working hard for the realisation of this new kind of work.

I remain, Enrico Farraris, President-ACOM, Alessandria, Itals.....

Dear David,

But in the last 8 months I have been selling UFO Detectors in Denmark through FUFUs, a Danish organisation. Already I have had from them a good report as follows: On 3rd November Carl Alex Hansen of Copenhagen, who is disabled, was at home at 17 mins to 3 p.m. when his detector activated. He wheeled his chair into the garden and saw two UFO's; a few seconds later he saw another five in circle formation.

Best wishes, Malcolm Jay, London.

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Thanks this issue go to long-time member, Ken Stanley, of Oldham. He wrote a short article-cum-letter about the Group and it appeared in the "Oldham Chronicle" on March 1st. Some interesting sightings resulted from this media coverage.

Two new exchanges this issue: UFU Canada, and Ancient Skies (USA). We are now sending SKYWATCH to 19 Countries.

Alan West - Editor of Spacequest tells us that BUDC is still going and the No. 4 Bulletin will be available soon. Address available from Editor.

MAPIT is proud of the fact that it has a "modest" UFO clipping collection, (over 2,000). We rely on you, the reader, to send in to us any clips that would be of interest to us. Just to show how silly the prices are at Press-cutting Bureaus, here is a recent quotation from a London firm: 100 clippings £24.84; 500 clippings - £113.40 and 2,000 clippings - £410.00. It is obvious that we cannot afford those prices - so come, you members with them clips; they are put to good use and credit is given.

Interested in buying a MAPIT/SKYWATCH Tee-Shirt? If so, write to the Editor for details.

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International News Round-up.

Erich Von Daniken completed a very successful tour of New Zealand in April; four lectures were given and a special souvenir programme was issued via the group ECRA. Cr: Earth Colonisation Report Vol 2 No 11 Apr.1978.

Ship Sights UFO - Lisbon: An Unidentified Flying Object flew over a Portugese fishing vessel for several minutes off Southern Africa coast on Nov 15th 1977. The captain of the Paradelas, a 500-ton refrigerated fishing vessel, said the UFO reflected an intense light on the ship for about 8 minutes. During this period the ship's alarm system started operating as if electric circuits and nautical instruments had broken down, the captain said.

Cr: Australian UFO Bulletin - February 1978.

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Asteroid Named after Chess Player.
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Asteroid No.1909 has been given the name of the Russian Chess Player Alexander Alekhine. The small planet was first detected by research workers at the Crimean Astrophysical Observatory. The International centre for Small Planets has approved the name, Alekhine, and registered the asteroid in the International Catalogue.

Cr: Novosti P ress Agency release No.7980 24th May 1978. Address: 3, Rosary Gardens, London SW7 4NW.....

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Unidentified Flying Objects on the Increase

By Nigel Watson.

Paul Bennett is an extraordinary 14-year-old schoolboy. whilst boys of his own age are skateboarding or playing football, Paul and his friends are out spotting Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's). Paul and a friend of his - Darryl Tate - have already formed an informal UFO Group which they have called Bradfordian Research in Unidentified Flying Objects and Associated Phenomenon (BRUFOAP).

Of the members of BRUFOAP, "I am the most keen Ufologist and have hobbies helpful to Ufology. I also study astronomy, meteorology, nuclear Physics and a little psychology, which are helpful to the subject of UFO's," Paul told me.

Besides investigating and writing about the UFO sightings reported in the Bradford and Shipley area - where Paul lives - he has also experienced some rather startling sightings himself. His most spectacular sighting took place on the 12th October, 1975. Walking home from Woodend Schole, Wrose, he saw on some nearby cliffs a ten-to-twelve-feet-high robot.

The robot had a big round body and a featureless round head. The green body was supported by two thin stilt-like legs and had two arms which looked like flies legs, which were scooping up samples of soil. As Paul watched in horror he saw the black arms scoop up, and put the samples into pockets which were situated on either side of the robot's body.

After a few moments it stopped scooping up and instead it began to hover a few feet from the ground and move to the left. Then the robot returned to the ground again and started scooping up soil once more.

Paul shouted to a schoolfriend of his - Andrew Hammond - and when Paul looked back at the spot where the robot was, it had disappeared. Andrew told me that he thought he had seen something on the top of the cliffs but because he was about a hundred yards away from Paul, he wasn't sure what it was.

Both of them went to where Paul had seen the robot and he said that they found "two impressions about the size of a dinner plate in the ground and little grooves in the ground, as if some shovel or something smaller had been digging the soil up, just around the site where it had stood," said Paul. "And I showed the marks to people from school next day", he concluded.

Paul's only regret was that he didn't have a geiger counter to measure any radioactivity in the area where the robot had been.

Later, on the 15th October, 1976, Paul had yet another weird sighting; this time he saw a strange entity run across a road near his home. Paul said that, "it didn't have any toes or anything like that, only straight legs that ended with flattened feet. Its arms - it had no fingers or no hands - it just came to an end, jst like its feet and no nose, eyes, mouth, or anything like tat, that what I could notice. And it had no ears. It was just like a deformed,blackened,body."

This entity was only about two feet tall and had a head squashed at the top like a tomato.

Other times Paul and his friends have seen cigar-shaped UFOs over the Idle Hill Reservoir and because of the interest in his many sightings, s special 25-page report on them has been submitted to the world. - famour Flying Saucer Review publication.

Many other people in the area have reported seeing inexplicable lights in the sky. In May, 1977, three schoolboys took a photograph of a UFO hovering over Saltaire, and a schoolteacher commented that: "the object was not long enough to be an aircraft. It was shaped like a squat cigar, silver-coloured, and was heading slowing from the west towards Yeadon".

Also in September, 1977, a couple saw, whilst driving along The Lees, Haworth, a domed-green saucer-shaped object hovering over the hillside, which eventually shot off at a fantastic speed. And only recently eight people saw an orange-red light in the sky at Harden.

At a time when an American Computer predicts an explosion of UFO sightings, Yorkshire is more than justifying that analysis.

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Note: Full details of the Paul Bennett case will appear in MUF08 numbers 10 and 11, and are also deposited in UFOIN files.

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UFO'S OVER CANADA

An RCMP-witnessed UFO. - Two UFO's were seen near Kitchener, B.C. on 3rd August 1977, by a mother and her son from their home in the early morning. A sound like "a jet but piercing" woke up the son who in turn woke up his mother to watch them. "One came from the north from behind Kitchener mountain and the other from a southerly direction, and were much closer and much brighter than the stars", says the mother. It is thought the UFO's hovered over an airship two miles away where their lights pulsed and occasionally faded away. At 4 a.m. the son phoned the RCMP's after watching the UFO's a few minutes. One constable drove out from Creston and arrived in time to watch the UFO's for about five minutes before they flew off. The RCMP noted their pulsing nature, changing colours and that the UFO's were neither stars, planets, nor aircraft (as we know them).

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Near Melville, Saskatchewan, another UFO which "sounded like a big jet plane taking off" woke two farm families on the morning of the 22nd August, about 1 a.m. One family saw a blinding light which was compared to a huge fire but which suddenly disappeared. While the light was shining, a loud crackling noise was heard, and though it may seem lightning may be to blame, no thunderstorms were reported in the area that night. A herd of cattle was missing from where they had bedded down earlier in the evening, but it was found a fence had been "ripped down, apparently by the cattle stampeding out" which were later found about four miles away. The Melville Advance paper seems to have taken the UFO to heart to the point of suggesting a landing site in a nearby swamp; this was on the 31st August, 1977.

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Four large, doughnut-shaped imprints were found in the wheat fields of a farm outside Rossburn, Manitoba, early in September. While swathing the fields, circles of flattened grain were found. According to the Brandon Sun reported: "The circles look as if a large saucer-like object came down vertically, gently rotating as it touched the ground. Eleven circles were visible from the air both in the swathed field and in another field, still standing. Two sizes of circles appear to be 15 and 18 feet in diameter. The soil under the pressed wheat is not noticeably indented. The grain has a flattened appearance similar to grass kept under an object for several days. In this case, the grain in the smaller circles has been pressed in a neat counter-clockwise direction: in the larger circles, the wheat lies clockwise" The investigating RCMP constable said: "I thought it was crazy until I went out. Another constable and I have both arrived at the same conclusion. They had to be made by unidentified flying object". No burn marks, such as those found at Langenberg, Saskatchewan in 1975 (forty miles away), were said to be found. The Manitoba Centre for UFO Studies is investigating the circles.

Cr: Bryan Hartley.

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BUFORA CONFERENCE '78

A very full programme was arranged for Bufora's National Research & Investigation Conference held at the George Hotel, Nottingham on 15 - 16 April, there being thirteen speakers in all. Despite this, the organisers and host society, MURO, the Mansfield-based Midlands UFO Research Organisation had all arrangements very much under control and the programme ran strictly to schedule.

Around 100 people attended on each of the two days and there was general agreement afterwards that this had been one of the best Conferences yet. (In past years Conferences have been held in Birmingham, Bradford, Cambridge, Hanley, Liverpool, Manchester and Wakefield). UK delegates came from places as far apart as the Channel Islands, Dyfed, Edinburgh and Northern Ireland and representatives from Flying Saucer Review, Spacequest and other publications also attended. Bufora was particularly glad to welcome their Founder President, Graham Knewstubb, of Britain's oldest established UFO group - Bristol's British Flying Saucer Bureau.

Bufora's President, Mr. C.A.E.O'Brien, CBE formally opened the Conference and proceedings commenced with a slide-illustrated presentation on 'Danish Time Law Analysis of UFO Sightings' sent by SUFUI, the Scandinavian UFO Information Group which has a membership running into thousands. Papers from members of Bufora's Physical Data Section followed, Steve Gamble, AIMLS speaking on 'Experimental Investigation of Some Aspects of Biochemical Evolution' whilst Robert Digby reviewed CELL cases and some of the problems of photographic and physical 'evidence' to an excellently synchronised slide and film background.

Roy Dutton, C.Eng, MIMech E, MRAS, delivered an interesting paper which suggested that sightings might peak along certain great circles as they moved through time zones, creating a possibility of predicting future UFO events, whilst John Hind's well-thought-out contribution proposed that UFOs represented a modern social phenomenon.

John Armitage, B SC FRAS gave a lively, well-received talk on 'ET Concepts and the Search for Extra-terrestrial Life' whilst Anthony Pace FRAS discussed the Zeta Reticulans as possible ET visitors and David Viewing reviewed current possibilities for constructing unmanned star-ships.

Guest speaker Dr Richard Haines MA PhD, from Los Altos, California, a specialist in human vision and perception and also a consultant to Dr. Hynek's Center for UFO Studies reviewed UFO shapes and advocated the use of a common shape recognition system. He remarked that whilst artists' interpretations of witnesses's descriptions were normally symmetrical, most witnesses' drawings were in fact non-symmetrical and, in multiple witness cases it was rare for two witnesses to produce identical drawings.

A visitor from Arnhem, Holland, Douwe Bosga, who had worked at the Center for UFO Studies for about a year told how the Center ran a 24-hour toll-free hotline for police reports from all over the USA, and referred to the increase in reported (temporary) abductions.

Anthony Pace FRAS reviewed the Cell - and general - flap in the South Wales area, being joined on the platform by Lionel Beer FRAS and Randall Jones Pugh MRCVS in a general discussion on the various reports.

For the Sunday afternoon, three group sessions were arranged simultaneously. Arnold West and Geoffrey Falla led discussions on radar principles and cases: Robert Digby's group were concerned with inter-group relations with a view to improving liaison between researchers and Charles Luckwood and Larry Dale, dealt with detection techniques, explaining the radio-noise monitoring project and speaking on the feasibility of a magnetometer-based UFO detection network.

In a closing speech, the President stressed that what had come out of the Conference was that there were many facets to the UFO phenomenon ranging from the ET to the paranormal and that it was very necessary to keep an open mind on all possible solutions. A very interesting, instructive - and comfortable - weekend and if the next Conference maintains the same standard it will indeed be well worth waiting for.

Norman Oliver.

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THE BEST LAID PLANS OF...(UFO CONFERENCE ORGANISERS).

JUNE 10th 1978: the date of the second 'Federation UFO Research' Exhibition and Mini-conference. THE VENUE: the Crewe Civic Centre Library Lecture Theatre. GUEST SPEAKERS: Anthony R Pace and Lionel Beer, both of the British UFO Research Association.

Publicity-wise, it should have been quite a success; earlier in the week Stephen Cleaver (FUFOR Chairman) and myself had a live interview on Radio Stoke to publicise the event. Stephen had also taken part in a telephone interview for Radio City, Liverpool and there were enquiries from Radio Merseyside and Piccadilly which, unfortunately, never reached fruition. There was a mention during the week in the Potteries-based paper 'The Evening Sentinel'. Two local weeklies, usually very helpful, failed to give a mention of the event. This was probably the first sign that things were not quite going according to plan.

The next problem to rear its ugly head was the fact that when Stephen and myself visited the library to check on the availability of equipment we would require, we found an exhibition of paintings on display in the lecture theatre. It was revealed that the parties responsible had hired the theatre for a month including our Saturday. After numerous telephone calls it was made very plain to us that the paintings were to remain up despite the fact that FURFOR booked the theatre first for June 10th and that a blatant case of double booking had occurred. Much gnashing of teeth was heard from FURFOR top-brass. Eventually a compromise was reached, whereas we could hang our material over the paintings provided no damage occurred to them. The varied sizes and shapes of the paintings made for an interesting exercise in 'non-artistic' display!

If you can imagine someone wearing a very loud check suit with an equally loud, contrasting shirt, then you have a very picture of how the exhibition turned out. Attendance figures were under a hundred; a very great reduction on the previous year's five hundred.

Whatever gremlins were plaguing us in the week were still with us as all power to the lecture theatre was cut off as a slide projector was tried out in readiness for the afternoon. A replacement projector was brought from nearby Sandbach when it was found that not only had the mains fuse blown but the lamp in the first projector as well. A great debt is owed to Mr. Sankey, Crewe Librarian, who went out of his way to help the event run smoothly. By the time the afternoon rolled around, everything was more or less in order.

Our first speaker, Mr. Anthony Pace, came on to face an audience of twenty which included FUFOR personnel in attendance; again a great reduction on the previous year's seventy. Nevertheless, he gave an excellent talk on 'UFO Events in Pembrokeshire' which dealt with the relatively great number of CEIII cases that had occurred in that area. Undaunted by the small number of people and with the aid of slides, he provided a most interesting insight into an aspect of the UFO problem which has, until recent years, been a rarity to these shores.

There followed a short break for refreshments during which Lionel Beer ran quite a successful book-stall before coming on to speak for the latter part of the afternoon.

Mr. Beer's talk was entitled 'A Visual Representation of the UFO Phenomenon' which covered varied aspects of the mystery ranging from sightings in Biblical times to photographic fakes and CEII cases. He rounded off his fine talk with some slides of cartoons culled from various newspapers presenting a humorous side to the phenomenon.

There followed an 'Open Forum' with both Anthony Pace and Lionel Beer on stage. It only just got off the ground due to the small number present and then, suddenly, it was over.

Taking into account all that had happened up to and on the day of the event, I feel a high standard of exhibits and speakers was maintained. Those people who did attend were not disappointed. The enthusiasm of FUFOR members is also worth a mention here, because it carried us through the most stormy weather. If there is a lesson to be learnt by other groups, it is to learn from your own experiences, be they good or bad. If you happen to hire a hall from your local library, make sure, if possible, of what you will need on the day, even to the extent of listing walls as 'equipment'.

Anyway, hope to see you at Crewe next year - be there! It'll be a day worth spending in Crewe, we won't make the same mistakes twice.

Mark A. Tyrrell.

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STANDING STONES, CIRCLES & LEY-LINES

by Ken Mitchell

- Among the large amount of archeological and paranormal work undertaken on what are generally termed 'Megalithic Works', etc., several common theories seem to be prominent;
- 1) That apart from Standing Stones, etc., being of a certain geological composition, their intrinsic properties are relatively unimportant - it is their precise placing in relation to what are termed 'Earth Currents' that are all important.
 - 2) The ritualistic aspect of megalithic sites far from being a pseudo-religious ceremony is in fact a remnant of an operation performed to either store or withdraw 'psychic energy' from constructions.
 - 3) And that this energy could either be of a benevolent or malevolent nature depending on the 'polarity' of the said energy.

A rather crude and much overworked analogy is to view these structures as a sort of prehistoric counterpart of today's 'National Grid' system of electricity. It seems that in days gone by man could utilize this Earth Current to beneficial ends. Where then did this force come from, and how did ancient man come to know of it and utilize it? There is a general belief in almost all religions and philosophies that each and every one of us possess a life force, variously described as 'soul', 'prana', call it what you will, and that ancient man realized this, as well as discovering that all things in the universe possess a similar 'force' or 'life field', in particular the earth, and in the earth this was 'concentrated' at various places. This belief probably being instinctive, he soon learned how to manipulate it. Also, he probably realized that this force interacted with the positions of the Sun & Moon, to name but two celestial objects, which is probably why so many sites are aligned to the movements of these two bodies, noticeably Stonehenge*. And if you think this slightly Astrological aspect of it all is a bit far-fetched (as once, I'll admit I did) one must remember that the sun & moon do have a positive gravitational effect on the earth, and if one views all of this on a Universal scale, who is to say that these two bodies not only affect the Earth Current, as well as the tides?

So what do we have? A system whereby ancient man manipulated the Earth Currents to his own advantage, drawing on the power by focusing/directing it by the construction of Standing Stones, etc. And the nature of this power? It seems, by all accounts to have been (still is?) of an electromagnetic nature that interacted with the very mind and/ or life force. Which, in a way, brings us nicely round to (you've guessed it!) UFO's.

We are all familiar with 'Fiery Chariots', 'Shields', etc., as interpretations of UFO's (and I mean UFO's literally as Unidentified Flying Objects); What if those reports were descriptions of phenomena which were so inexplicable that they could only be described as analogies to contemporary things? No one today describes UFO's as 'Fiery Chariots', etc. because we are conditioned to accept 'things in the sky' as aircraft, spaceships and so forth. The point I'm trying to make is that as our technology advances we are able to offer more plausible explanations that conform to our contemporary experiences/ beliefs, i.e. 'I saw a light in the sky, so it must be an air/space craft'; Or are we? Could it be that UFO's are in fact a manifestation of the so-called earth currents, reacting directly to our minds, and that we subconsciously interpret these as what we can something we can easily relate to - spacecraft? And for those who think that Earth Currents are confined to the earth, I draw their attention to the fact that upward spiralling 'cones of power' and electromagnetic energy have discovered at standing stones, etc. In short, are UFO's a manifestation of this Earth Current - which does not rule out the possibility that they may be extra-terrestrial, but in the sense that they may be some cosmic equivalent of the Earth Current or power?

In conclusion we are faced with a pre-historic system whereby a force could be utilised for man's benefit - and sometimes, if incorrectly controlled, for his downfall. So why did it fall into disuse? One theory is that the Earth Current was overdrawn, so to speak - that man failed to draw a balance between the Earth Current and himself - that he failed to 'charge' the system by generation of psychic energy from within himself, and that by this and other means, noticeably the desecration of the stones, as well as the land in general dissipated the Earth Current. But could it be re-charged?

JKM.

*While I was preparing this article I read in 'Amateur Photographer' (May 24, 1978) that due to the efforts of the mindless few known as vandals, it is now impossible to get within around 150 yards of Stonehenge due to a perimeter fence and three security guards. Even an NUJ press card won't get you in, unless you apply for a permit for the D.O.E. and then only if You're on a recognized assignment.

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THE REAL ISSUES IN THE UFO FIELD. - by Allen H Greenfield (USA)

It is important to realise that there are no reasons of substance to accept the theory that UFO's are 'spaceships' from a planet other than our own. UFO are seen on or near the Earth, and are associated with certain "otherworldly" alleged creatures. Such creatures, however, are very much like, if not identical with, classical manifestations associated with worldwide fairy folklore, which has been evaluated in terms quite other than those of

"extraterrestrial visitations". It is quite true that much orthodox scientific thinking in recent decades has tended towards a belief in the feality of life on other planets, but it is also true that the possibility of such life does not in any way indicate that UFO's are, in fact associated with such hypothetical extraterrestrial beings. In point of fact, there is also a sound, perfectly orthodox scientific basis for theorising that other dimensional structures (alternate reality frames) exist. One could as well link UFO's to this theory as to the theory of extraterrestrial intelligent life forms.

The UFO phenomenon, observed as a phenomenon, is actually suggestive of the type of archetyp al and paranormal events and concepts to be found within the framework of Jungian psychology and in parapsychological research. The manifestations of the UFO phenomenon appear to be far more malleable than much of the literature on UFO's generally available suggests. There appears to be a subjective factor at or very near the very heart of the UFO mystery. This subjective factor can lead one into a radical theoretical framework, known as the subjective theory, which views the UFO problem from a differing perspective.

A certain element in official UFOlogy circles exhibits a degree of sophistication about the UFO problem that goes well beyond that of their group. J.Allen Hynek and Jacques Vallee, both professional scientists, fall into this category.

Nevertheless, they still are highly limited by their frame of reference which, it would seem, transcends mere intellectual opinion and extends to their entire socio-cultural perspective and life-styles. Thus, their very questions are, as it were, fitted with blinders. The search for truth is, in them, limited both by their conservative expectations and, perhaps, by fear of being too much at odds with their cultural and professional peers. The nature of the UFO mystery necessitates bold, even radical patterns of thought.

Because there are subjective and psychological factors involved, it is my own contention that an understanding of the UFO problem itself can be arrived at by an understanding of the people vitally involved with that problem. In circular but rather direct fashion, therefore, the nature of the UFOlogists becomes an important clue to the nature of UFO's.

Several examples suggestive of this premise appeared recently in the pages of UFOlogy Notebook, thanks to Curt Sutherly and Gene Steinberg, two primary leaders of middle UFOlogy. ITEM: Red, white and blud UFO's appear in January 1976 - the U.S.Bicentennial Year. ITEM: Immediately following upon an article in a local paper concerning the classic airship cases of the 1890's the Lebanon Valley of P ennsylvania became the scene of a UFO wave which included airship reports, atypical of the recent past but highly suggestive of the cases of 1896-97. ITEM: A hoaxed UFO report made to local police in of the same object in the same locale. This, in fact, may have given rise to one of the classical UFO waves.

These and other data-bits are suggestive of a highly interesting subjective aspect involved with the UFO phenomenon. This aspect has to date been given very little attention in the public presentations of the major UFO organisation. This points up the dangers inherent in a relatively small and rather closed circle of people with a respectability fetish monopolising public attention on UFOs. They have reached this position through their admitted talents as organisers and through being well-connected, as well as because for many years they went largely unopposed. But organising talent and university connections are no measure of actual creativity or intelligence.

SIGHTING SCENE

Date: 30th July, 1977
Time: Approx. 16.00 hrs.
Location: RAF Finningley, Doncaster, Yorkshire.
Witness: Mr.Harry Birkenhead, aged 57, a chief clerk in a finance Dept.

MAPIT became aware of this incident via Mike Cottrell and David Beresford of the newly formed group CUFORT. The incident had been spotted by them in the Winsford Chronicle on August 18th 1977. They passed the clip to MAPIT who duly made contact with Mr.Birkenhead. He was a spectator at the special Jubilee Flypast, taking photographs with his Niccormat camera and using Kodacolour 2 film, shutter speed set at 250th sec. When he had

received his film back from the processors a third party noted that on one of the photos showing the RAF strike command maritime formation it had on what appeared to be a saucer-shaped object, which is just below the formation of aircraft. He did not notice this in the viewfinder at the time and the object can be clearly seen on the negative. On contacting RAF Finningley no trace of a similar shape can be found on their official photos. Even aircraft magazines have no record of one. Martin Horseman, Editor of "Aircraft Illustrated" and a photographer at Finningley has no similar photo and has not heard from any of his readers or colleagues. The negatives were sent to Kodak to be examined and they sent us a full report which we thank them for. To quote from the report: "It is impossible to be certain of the cause of the tiny transparent mark on frame No.16 of the film you sent us. There are, however, several possibilities. It is worth remembering that anything that settles on the film during exposure will leave its shadow. A piece of dust or similar foreign matter could certainly leave such a mark on the film you sent us. The action of moving the film from one frame to the next would be sufficient to dislodge such a particle. I was unable to detect any interference with the emulsion of the film which can sometimes happen during processing". I have not quoted all of the report but Kodak feels that there is nothing unusual about Mr. Birkenhead's photo. Mr. Birkenhead is no novice to aircraft; he has a 14 year RAF career behind him which included the King's Flight. It is obvious that we cannot say this is a UFO; no other photographers have anything remotely similar; one would think that at least someone else would perhaps record something also. There were, one must remember, many hundreds of other camera-carrying enthusiasts. It is felt no further investigation can be done on this case.

(Interested persons wishing to see this photo, can do so by arrangement with MAPIT).

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ELECTRONIC VOICE PHENOMENON - by Alan Cleaver.

In 1972 a book called "Breakthrough" was published in England which described the work of the author. He, copying the work of a Fredrich Jurgenson, would tune a radio to a dis-used frequency and "listen-in".

Often voices were heard which called out his name and spoke to him answering questions of his, and calling friends' names, etc. (so dispelling any idea of freak radio waves). They are quite audible and certainly no reading into white noise, as some people have suggested.

If these people only listened to the clarity of the voices they would not even consider such an idea! So three main theories are now being considered:

- 1) They are from the Dead.
- 2) They are from the Human Subconscious.
- 3) They are from UFO's.

The latter has the least supporters (sorry!) but I think it might be a possibility. The voices often speak in polyglot (a mixture of languages), there are about eight people doing actual experiments in England on the E.V.P.

(Alan has just joined the group and I'm sure he will keep us informed of any further developments in future issues - DLR).

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SOME MYSTERIES OF THE PAST - THE CUBE

A few years ago a famous Soviet scientist-journalist went to the Saltzberg museum to examine a strange cube that was kept there. This cube had been discovered in a coal mine in the nineteenth century by a Dr. Gurlt. It has been embedded in a coal bed and was estimated to be around several million years' old, yet it had been machine made.

The journalist did not find the cube; the museum officials said the object had probably been lost during World War II, but the museum didn't even have any proof that it ever existed or that they had ever had it. What the cube was or where it had got to remains a mystery.

THE INSCRIPTIONS

A miner named James Parsons was working close to the surface of the Hammondsville coal mine, Ohio, in the fall of 1868. Suddenly a large amount of coal

fell into the shaft unmasking a slate wall covered with inscriptions. A crowd gathered and some schoolteachers who saw them said they had a remarkable resemblance to ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphics. But the age of the coal vein was probably over 2 million years.

The inscriptions oxidised too quickly for any experts to examine or decipher them. What information or knowledge these inscriptions contained we shall never know.

THE 7 MILLION YEAR OLD TOAD

On February 2, 1958, in a Uranium mine in Utah, USA, four miners were dynamiting a fossilised tree which was embedded in the middle of a high-grade bed of Uranium ore. The explosion shattered the tree trunk revealing a cavity. Inside this cavity was a Living Toad. The Toad lived for another twentyeight hours. He was thin, but for a creature over several million year old he was in good shape.

Out of this incident comes the question.....

"Could Uranium be the key to suspended animation?"

These are but a few of the more intriguing mysteries I have just read in the book I am using for reference at this moment. The book, if you are interested, is 'Mysteries of the Earth', by Jacques Bergier.

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IMPORTANT EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: From next issue the Kent UFO News Bulletin will be merged with the UFO Phenomena News Bulletin, publication of the Norfolk and National UFO Investigation Society.

The new magazine thus formed will be called the Unexplained Phenomena News Bulletin. This will be approximately eight pages long and will appear four times a year. Current subscriptions to KUFONB will be switched to the new magazine. Due to the greater cost of the new magazine, though, subscribers will only receive the first issue, regardless of when they first subscribed to KUFONB. The only exceptions are those American subscribers who sent us cash (£1.00 note) who will continue to receive U.P.N.B. until their money

runs out.

The provisional price set for the magazine is £1.20 for four issues, but we must emphasise that this is only provisional. We are unlikely to be able to, reduce the cost any further due to the tremendous increase in the price of photo-copying which will probably be the means of producing the first few issues of UPNB. However, we hope to find a cheaper means of production as soon as possible.

We hope you will continue to support us, and promise you that UPNB will have as high a standard as any group publication, with the possible exception of MUFON AND BUFORA!

UPNB will have international news coverage of UFOs and will contain well-written articles concerning all aspects of the UFO and other mysterious phenomena. We sincerely hope that UPNB will meet with all our readers' approval. The first issue will appear in JULY.

A POEM DREAM OR PROPHECY?

I dreamed a dream not long ago,
of ships that sailed,
High in the sky.
Black their colour, and fins so long,
As through the wispy clouds they flew.

I raised my eyes to the sky,
Covered with a thousand ships,
Silently,
Drifting,
Coming closer.
Where have they come from?
And why?

There is a panic in the city,
People dashing to and fro,
Down a small alley,
I happened to step,
Shooting,
Fighting,
And more to come.

People shouting,
Such confusion,
Around my feet, a machine gun fires;
Just a warning...
the next one dies,
While others look on in crowds.

What is happening I cannot understand,
Is this what is to befall man,
Just a dream, more vivid than some,
Or a sign or things to come?

John W.B. Barklam.