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NEWSLETTER

Orange Saucer Over City. Another strange light was seen over Leicester on Saturday night. This time the UFO was described as being an "orange saucer".

This latest sighting follows reports of flashing lights over the city last Wednesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Black, 196, Winterdale Road, off the Uppingham Road, Leicester, saw the light at 12.25am. "It was hovering over the city," said Mrs. Black. "We watched it gradually move away and pick up speed. It almost disappeared, then came back and threw off a shower of yellow light. It then went out of sight.

"I have never seen anything like it before - it was definitely a flying saucer," said Mrs. Black.

During the four minutes that the "saucer" was visible, Mr. Black tried unsuccessfully to awake his neighbours to borrow a pair of binoculars.

Leicester Mercury. 25.8.69.

Flying Objects Were Russian Satellites. Regarding the sightings of UFO's reported in Leicester, I believe the two objects seen were in fact, a newly-launched Russian rocket followed by its satellite (probably a Proton or Cosmos vehicle).

My hobby is observing Russian and American satellites for the Science Research Council and on the night after the sightings, while I was preparing to find another Russian satellite, I saw the first of these objects (21.31 BST) followed seven minutes later by the second.

The former was the brighter and varied regularly every 13 seconds, and judging by their speeds both should burn up in a matter of days.

The reason for the seven minutes separation on the 21st was the large amount of air drag on the rocket (resulting in it speeding up), but their parallel paths do agree with the UFO report.

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Leicester Mercury. 25.8.69.

Dam Tall Fellow. Rocky Mountain House. Alberta, Saturday - Three workmen at a dam site here claim they have seen a humanoid figure about 15ft. tall.

Sunday Express. 31.8.69.

Some modern public houses names: The Flying Saucer (Gillingham, Kent) and The Man In Space (Stoke-upon-Trent, Staffordshire).

The Link Between Earth And Moon. When we have an earthquake or tremor does the moon "feel" it and respond with its own eruption?

The notion may seem far-fetched, but a leading Russian astronomer, Dr. Nikolai Kozyrev, at least claims to have found some evidence to support it.

For example, tremors felt in the Middle East and Japan on March 31 were immediately followed by a "disturbance" in the lunar crater Aristarchus, reports Soviet Weekly.

Soviet scientists on a special moon-watch detected an escape of underground gas from the western slopes of the crater. It could have been a coincidence, but if so it was one of many coincidences noticed by Dr. Kozyrev.

The Soviet Weekly report says that in the hope of establishing a link the astronomer checked through 600 earthquake and tremor records dating back to 1904 and compared them with 400 "temporary effects" observed on the moon during the same period. The comparison showed an unusually large number of occasions when earth tremors and disturbances on the moon took place within two days of one another.

If there is a connection, the Russians say, it is probably bound up with the gravitational influences the earth and moon have on each other and which causes the ebb and flow of our tides.

Sunday Express. 7.9.69.

Dinosaurs. Prehistoric monsters inhabited the Earth for a hundred million years.

Astronomers now suggest that their sudden and complete extinction might have been caused by a storm of lethal radiation from a supernova or exploding ~~star~~ star. Some specific lethal force must have

wiped them out, otherwise they would not all have disappeared about

the same time. Should a star blow up, the result could prove disastrous for any inhabited world in its neighbourhood. While the star would throw out vast amounts of radiation in all directions as it exploded.

It is estimated that about 100,000 tons of meteorites and ~~meteorite~~ dust fall on the earth every year.

It's Time We Landed Men On Earth. A lot of scientists are beginning to think that, far from needing a detailed map of the ~~earth~~ Moon, we have a much greater need of a map of the Earth.

And for the sake of future generations, it is about time our explorers began finding out where the food supplies and the mineral wealth of the year 2,600 will come from-and discovered more living room.

At present less than a quarter of the world's land surface has been mapped and surveyed sufficiently to reveal all its secrets. There are large areas of land where man has not yet trodden or survey aircraft flown over.

El Dorado, the legendary South American country of golden wealth, was sought by the Spanish explorers of the 16th Century-and even Sir Walter Raleigh had hopes of finding it.

Probably there never was an El Dorado, but scientists are certain that in South America, where vast unexplored regions wait to be opened up, there is untold wealth in minerals and food-and areas where great communities could settle.

Parts of the great Colombian mountain ranges have never been traversed by man and many of the Amazon river's northern tributaries have not even been surveyed.

There are huge mountains in Peru which are not even shown on modern maps-and it is almost certain that huge resources in valuable minerals lie untapped in the Mato Grosso of Southern Brazil, an area of more than 500,000 square miles. In the Patagonia region of Argentina there remain great plains, trackless and unexplored, which could provide food for millions of people-and possibly contain oil-fields.

No surveys have ever been made of huge areas of south and south-west Mexico-and in Africa, many mountainous regions of the Sahara have never been thoroughly explored.

The Sobat river, tributary of the White Nile, is almost unknown to surveyors.

The Biblical land of Ophir, from which the Queen of Sheba sent caravans of gold and which was said to have been a most fertile land, has never been located in the vastness of Arabia.

Now the development of unknown lands is becoming vital for future generations.

The population of the world, now roughly 3,500,000,000, is increasing by nearly two per cent a year and Earth is heading for a great overcrowding crisis in about 600 years.

Before then, millions of extra square miles of land must be made habitable and food-producing. True man ~~must be~~ will be well acquainted with the Moon by then-but that won't mean much if millions are starving and homeless on Earth.

Charles Curzon.

Weekend April 23-29th. 1969.

The Ringing Rocks These can be found in about a dozen places in eastern Pennsylvania. In one case, they cover about 10 acres, are a salmon pink colour, and range in size from a fist to a small house.

Some of the rocks ring like bells. They all lie in the middle of lush green woodland, yet there is not a leaf on them.

Geologists, mineralogists and chemists have all been asked why. But no-one has the answer.

Undersea Object. In 1965, a mysterious object, about $3\frac{3}{4}$ miles under the Atlantic, was tracked by US naval vessels on anti-submarine manoeuvres. After tracking it for more than four days, they worked out that it was being driven by a single propeller and was travelling at about 150 knots - 175 miles per hour.

No vessel known to man can travel at that speed under the sea. And scientists have only recently been down as far as 20,000 feet. At that depth the fastest rate of travel is just two knots.