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The Return of The 'Things'. Flying Saucer Revival by Judson Bennett.
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The United States, now experiencing something of a lull, had the bulk of the world sightings in the mid-1960's.

In 1967, it was the turn of Britain... and two astronomers - Roger Stanway and Anthony Pace - published 'Flying Saucer Report' with accounts of upwards of 100 sightings in the Midlands alone.

Now, it would seem, Australia is being singled out for flying saucer activity. Certainly, civil aviation officials in Western Australia appear to have wrapped a cloak of mystery around the sightings. And there's little doubt that the authorities are rattled - particularly as some of the objects have been reported near military installations. Aviation authorities, in the meantime are confining themselves to the non-committal statement. "Several sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects have been reported in Western Australia throughout December. We have no comment to make on them."

To those who make a study of flying saucers and keep records of appearances of UFOs, this sort of evasion has a familiar ring to it. Indeed, it would seem to echo a statement put out last year by an investigating committee set up by the University of Colorado in America to investigate UFOs in the United States.

This said: "The governments of Britain, Canada, Denmark, Greece, Australia and New Zealand have all conducted inquiries into UFO sightings at various times, but there is no active official interest in UFOs by the United Nations."

Though there has been a lull in the alleged UFO activity over the United States, America hasn't been entirely free of sightings, Airport control operators at Bismark, North Carolina, recently revealed unexplained activity on their radar screens when, they claimed, two saucer-shaped objects suddenly appeared one above the other.

These are said to be almost identical to two others which first appeared in November 1968.

Gordon Lore, assistant director of the National Investigations Committee of Aerial Phenomena, revealed in Washington: "The three operators watched and tracked the two objects for seven minutes as the lower object did an abrupt 180 degree turn and flew up to join the one above.

"They both stopped and hovered briefly, then flew away at a tremendous speed on an upward angle and disappeared.

This renewed activity in North Dakota has given fresh impetus to the row between Mr. Lore and the United States Air Force, which commissioned a report that reached the conclusion that flying saucers have no origin in outer space.

The recent incident was one of over 100 reports sent to scientists who keep a watching brief on UFOs. And Mr. Lore has accused the scientists of investigating only 60 sightings.

He says: "I am prepared to be generous and admit that 70 percent of UFOs have a perfectly natural explanation, but what is the official view on the other 30 percent?"

In reply to this fresh salvo; the Colorado scientists stated: "We have nothing further to add. As we have said, nearly all sightings of UFOs are related to ordinary phenomena, and the study of such objects has added little to scientific knowledge."

But Gordon Lore and other scientist members of the National Investigations Committee have seized on the report's admission that many UFOs have been spotted by astronauts.

Why, it is being asked, have these reports not been made public? If they are true and if sightings are continuing, why has Project Blue Book - the American Air Force's investigation into Flying Saucers - been abandoned?

And why did the Air Force report of UFOs, which cost the American Government 500,000 dollars, contain, while commenting on one particularly curious sentence?

It read: "Although conventional or natural explanations cannot be ruled out, the probability that at least one genuine UFO was involved appears to be fairly high."

The new sightings in Australia have already led to a split in the ranks among the Colorado scientists who advised the American Air Force on UFOs.

Recently Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Chairman of Astronomy at North Western University, Illinois, told a symposium organised by the American Association for the Advancement of Science: "I believe that a phenomenon exists and that former vigilance must be restored. Reputable scientists must be prevented from prematurely closing their minds against further study of UFOs."

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New Address, Edward Harris, Editor of Spacedrive magazine, has moved from Bishop's Stortford to :- 37 The Close, Dunmow, Essex.

Pollution - An innocent bystanders point of view. By David Prockter, Editor of UFO News.

By way of adding horror to the article featured in No. 27 of this Newsletter, I would like to voice my opinion of the extremely tense situation. It can do no harm to listen to a person who realises the problems that our once green planet faces.

Pollution is made by man, like all the other terrible things on Earth, such as war and crime. There is nothing, repeat nothing that the private individual can do. A few perceptive senior citizens in the United States are already waiting for the end, for it will surely kill a lot of life before 1980.

The mess that is eating up our heritage is brought on by the plastics people, & the factories who let out many tons of smog every hour of every day. Science is striving to find ways to dispose of the rubbish that we have no room for. The air in many places in America is partially unbreathable. In the city of Los Angeles there is a thick blanket of grey, black and brown filth hovering over the ignorant people of that city. Car fumes are on the roads, especially in the status symbol-land of the United States a main contributor. The number of cars/ is multiplying each year. Now think of the mess made by a car in a locked garage with the engine on, open the garage door and toxic carbon monoxide will pour out. That is what is happening to the world on a larger scale, than just one car.

Oil, deadly acids and poisons, chemicals are being emptied into the seas where fish, as all of marine life, are dying. Lake Erie has now no marine life at all.

The older generation do not seem to be doing enough to find a solution to the menacing time which is not too far away. While the older generation, those who are in power, do not seem to be unduly worried, the "NOW" generation, the 17-25s are alert to the terrible danger and demand that we forget squabbles such as Vietnam and try to save lives, for a change.

There have always been threats to humanity - war, earthquakes, and in those years around 1964 - the possibility of Atomic War. There were a lot of 'protest' songs about wars and bombs at the time, with artists like Joan Baez, Bob Dylan making records telling of the dangers and misery which will be caused through Atomic bombs. The CND came to light. Likewise 'Dr. Strangelove', the film that captured the confusion of a world gone mad, which would rather pick up a penny on a pavement than help another man across a road; where there was nothing left but paranoia, confusion and utter pandemonium like never before.

"Eve of Destruction" that classic record by folk singer Barry McGuire which warned of impending doom. Even the world of super-hero fiction gave birth to "The Atomic Knights" a dreadful view of what happens to a band of survivors after W.W.///.

Now I believe this threat is over, all nuclear powers will not use A bombs or H bombs because of the implications of mutual destruction. 1967-9 presented us with chemical and bacteriological warfare scares, but although these threats are still with us, it will be pollution that will kill off the human race. The trouble is, that although I know this, you know this, the VIPs don't seem to be able to grasp the impending situation or of the suffering to come. We are constantly becoming aware by the same media as before, films, Tv, (those ads for smokeless fuel,) records (such as "After the goldrush" by Canadian Neil Young) whose words seem to reflect future ~~fu~~ paths - 'Taking mother natures silver seed to a new home'!!

All we can do is wait, Although I feel very disturbed -depressed would seem a better word, but I don't think that is strong enough- I feel like a condemned man about to die. What we must do is force the worlds money- addicted politicians to do something..... FAST.