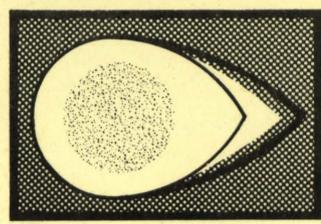
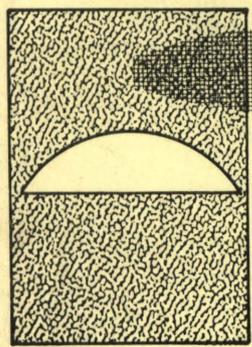
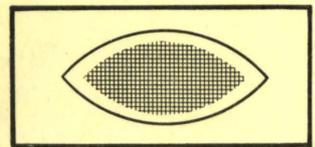
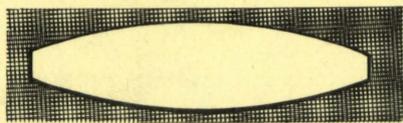
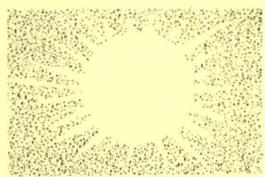
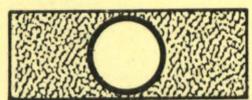
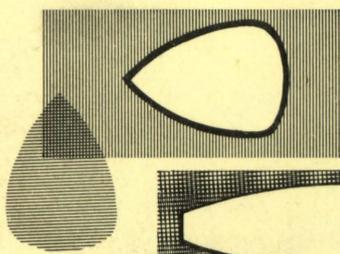
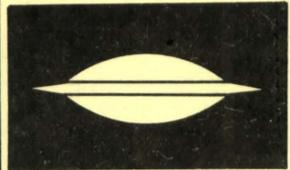
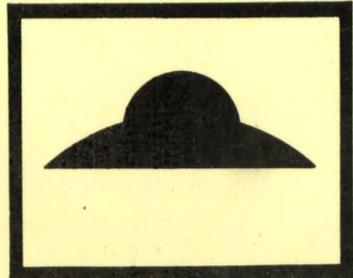
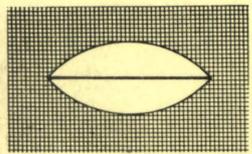


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E D I T O R I A L

"In Search of Flying Saucers", "The Flying Saucers are here again". These titles of articles appeared on 20th and 23rd January in two of Britain's 'top' newspapers, the "Times" and "Observer" respectively. Astronomer Dr. Allen Hynek, U.F.O. adviser to U.S. Air Force, writing in "The Times" gave a review of some famous sightings and his explanations for them. It goes virtually without saying that Hynek does not come under the category "believer"! The American Air Force obviously is just not going to let out all it knows. The big question in U.F.O. research today is not "Are there such things as flying saucers (for want of a better name) but what are these things called Flying Saucers"? Too many reliable witnesses have testified to the evidence of seeing things which are not satellites, flocks of geese etc., and the rest of the familiar explanations regularly foisted on the unknowing public.

Hynek also does not seem to have an open mind on the subject but he is generous in one case conceding that the witnesses were intelligent people who saw something "unusual", but adds his own comment that they would far rather prefer a "nice" rational terrestrial explanation for their experience than to be numbered among flying saucer "buffs". The U.S.A.F. being unable to furnish an adequate explanation for the case. He concludes his article with news of his recommendation to the U.S.A.F. of a panel including sociologists and psychologists who would study the witnesses of U.F.O. Sightings and suggests this would be more rewarding than investigating what they saw! Is he trying to suggest that once it has been established that Flying Saucers originate in the witnesses' minds then we shall be rid of this Flying Saucer mania? Are these objects seen by thousands of

reliable witnesses, and have chased cars, frightened animals, affected electrical apparatus, going to suddenly stop appearing? Until such time as "Spacelink" and all the other publications and U.F.O. research organisations have their efforts rendered redundant by the true nature of the matter, then they will have a job to do by presenting evidence from whatever source, about the biggest enigma of our time, the U.F.O.

As this issue goes to print the Russian Lunar 9 remote space station is sitting on the Moon sending back information and pictures of the Lunar surface. A comment made to the Editor by a friend summarizes the attitude which this latest advance of our knowledge of Space brings, "A U.F.O. on the Moon!". Many people realize that this statement brings it home very forcibly that if we can do it in less than a decade since the first Earth satellite (1957), then it is entirely possible for others to have done it in the reverse direction!

And as all U.F.O. researches know, apparently remotely controlled craft have been seen here on the ground. It is generally thought by astronomers, scientists and the like, that the Moon cannot support human type life. I wonder if extraterrestrials are at this moment observing the strange box of tricks perched on the Moon!

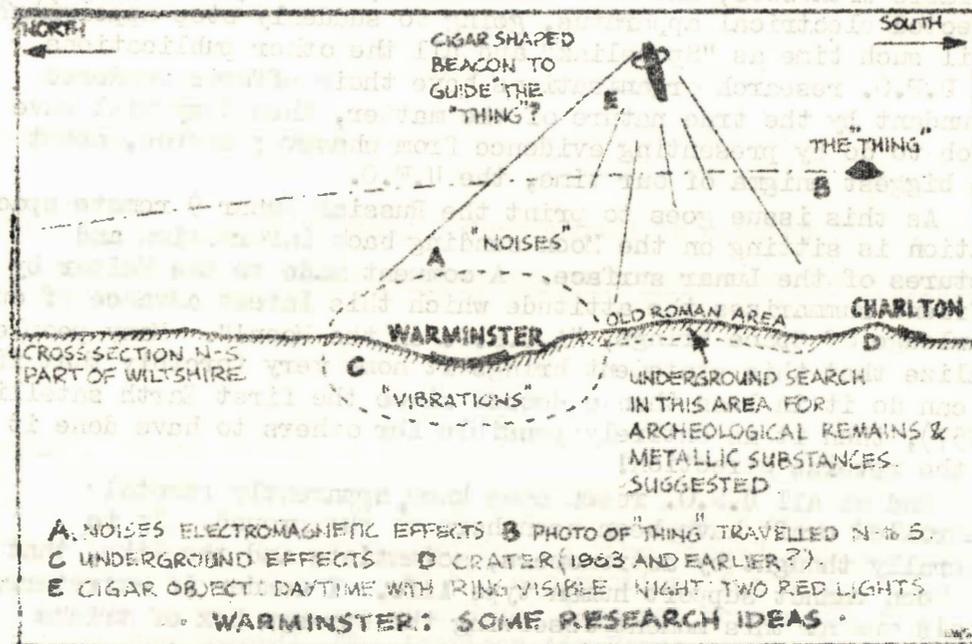
F. W. Smith, Editor.

APOLOGY AND EXPLANATION

Readers will have noticed the non-appearance of the fourth issue of "Spacelink" for 1965! Due entirely to lack of time and production difficulties, we found it impossible to bring it out as scheduled. Subscriptions will not be affected and will merely mean that the number of issues paid for in advance will be sent out, the time scale only be affected. Every effort will be made to keep on schedule but readers are asked to bear with us when it does go slightly astray. We trust we shall retain your interest and will continue so long as there are views and news to present (and subscriptions to support them!).

Our new cover design, which we hope you like! is functional as well as decorative. The shapes depicted are composed of the ten basic U.F.O. shapes which are listed in N.I.C.A.P.S. "UFO EVIDENCE" and evolved from thousands of fully authenticated sighting reports.

F.W.S.



MR J. BONABOT OF THE BENELUX UFO COOPERATION KINDLY SENT DETAILS OF THE ABOVE DIAGRAM. PLEASE READ BELOW.

WARMINSTER AND THE 'THING'.

The 'Southern Evening Echo' of January 11th published an article entitled "10,000 HAVE LEARNED TO LIVE WITH THE THING".

Staff reporter, Peter Chislett gives a very serious review of the sights and sounds which have perplexed the inhabitants of Warminster for more than a year. Some of these were included in the Warminster Meeting - "Special Report" in the last issue of Spacelink.

Those reported here range from the formerly unpublished story of the first sightings in the summer of 1964 to the recent accounts of meetings with those the report describes as 'spacemen' - of which, more anon. Of the sightings, it is said - 'The apparitions have ranged in shape and size through most of the geometric possibilities - from dazzling cigars to explosions and blinding crescents of light.....There is corroborative evidence of a giant smokeball, 200 feet across in the Boreham area of Warminster - a spot seemingly favoured by the 'Thing'.'

Contact claims are rare in British ufology - but at Warminster, last autumn, strange visitors were seen on three separate occasions - 'Recently the reports have taken a more sensational and provocative turn....The first incident was the arrival of Warminster's Mystery Man, who staggered out of Norwich Wood, wearing only thin trousers and shirt, with no shoes, socks or overcoat on the bitterly cold night of October 7th. He collapsed in Silver Street, moaning, "Hospital, hospital", and was taken in a confused, incoherent state to Warminster Hospital. He was there for three days, then, after refusing to give either name or address, discharged himself into the winter, wearing only the thin clothing of his arrival. Offered a coat by one of the hospital staff, the man replied, "No, thank you, my dear friends, I am well provided for"....

The 'mystery man' figured later in one of the weirdest tales I have heard. A garage proprietor tells of the night when he was driving through the nearby village of Calne and saw a man, wearing only trousers and shirt, jump out of the hedge into the path of his car.

The driver felt jolts, as first his front and then his rear wheels passed over something in the road. Stopping his car, he walked back to the spot and found - nothing!

Fifty yards past the scene of the incident, he saw the figure of a man wave, then disappear into the hedge. He followed the figure as far as a graveyard, then called the police. They spent the whole night looking for a casualty, but found nothing.

...There is a woman living in the nearby village of Stockton who believes she may have seen spacemen. The woman, who is prominent in local business circles, was driving over Skew Bridge, Heytesbury, two months ago, when, through the darkness, she saw two figures on the bridge.

Her engine coughed and cut out and through the night came the "noise". She saw a bright light overhead and the two figures on the ground. As far as she could make out, they wore Balaclava-type helmets and trousers of a glistening material.

Then the object in the sky wheeled and disappeared from sight, but not before the woman had seen what appeared to be another vehicle near the two figures. The noise subsided, her car regained life and she headed for home, "in a dreadful state" I am told.

Report No. 1. 32-year old bank-clerk, Filomeno Bida de Oliveira, from Montes Claros, whilst on a fishing trip, saw a craft which hovered directly over him, at an estimated height of 50 metres (see sketch on previous page).

A whining sound came from it, "like a failing refrigerator motor"; the noise varied in pitch as it made slight adjustments to its position. The noise suddenly increased and inclining at 30-35°, it accelerated so suddenly that Filomeno said he could follow it for about 15 metres only. He called a colleague, fishing further along the bank, but he was so occupied in catching a fish that he refused to look up or answer and, when he did come over, some minutes later, it was almost dark. It is very remarkable that a fish could so completely occupy someone's attention that a craft, hovering only a stone's throw away, whining merrily away and obviously reflected in the water, should go unobserved!!! (Ed.)

Filomeno apparently was in a state of shock, his heart racing, some numbness in his body and, to quote, "made water in his clothing"!

The report describes the craft as almost round, flat-bottomed and divided into four by skate-like plates. The centre contained a dark oval, which, apparently, was indirectly illuminated; some windows were indicated.

SBEDV make a very pertinent speculation concerning the physical state of Filomeno, indicating that perhaps an influence, either electrical, magnetic or ultrasonic, was responsible, as well as the normal one of fear.

Filomeno is described as a very calm, intelligent and well-balanced person, as a rule. He thinks that a fire he had lit to ward off mosquitoes attracted the craft. The date of the incident was 1st August, 1965.

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Report No. 2. - Rio Grande do Sul.

On July 26th, 1965, 14-year-old Adilon Azevedo, together with two friends, aged 14 and 17, were walking to the cinema, about four blocks from his home, when they saw an intense light 'behind a cloud', estimated to be 500 metres from the ground. The light took the form of a cone focussed on a spot approx. 10 metres in diameter. It was much stronger than a car's headlights, being almost solid. It descended slowly and a noise like a humming beehive was heard. Adilon's companions urged him to come away, as the film they wanted to see was already running. Then they ran off, leaving Adilon to satisfy his curiosity.

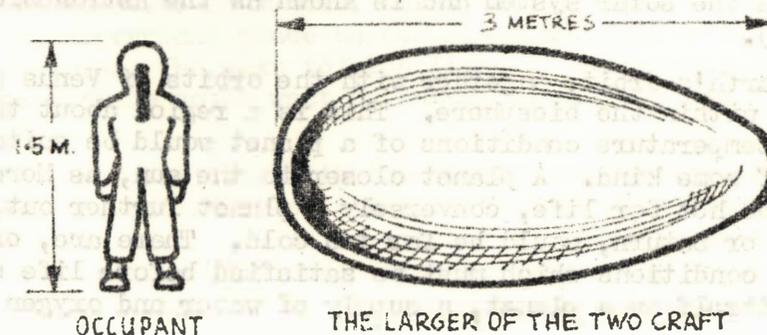
The light continued to descend, coming to rest about 40 to 50 metres away. He made out a dark, egg-shaped object, which reflected the nearby street lights. The object was, in fact, floating about 1 metre off the ground; it was about 3 metres long and about 1.5 metres wide. The beam of light underneath was still directed to the ground. Adilon stood watching for an estimated 3 minutes; the humming noise was still continuing. A second craft then appeared, descending in the same manner on a cone of light, and parked about 4 metres away from the first craft; this, too, hovered about 1 metre off the ground.

(The sceptic, who is now smiling all over his face, having read thus far, may not worry too much about the remainder of this remarkable report, but it is given as it was received. Important evidence may be looking us right in the face! Ed.)

Adilon said the second craft made an identical noise to the first, although it was slightly smaller.

Two human-type 'beings' then appeared from behind the larger end of the bigger craft. They were estimated to be 1.5 metres high and a kind of luminous helmet over their heads prevented any facial features showing. They walked and made similar human-like movements and talked together in husky voices in a language unknown to Adilon. He was anxious to get a clearer view; the two beings had their backs to him and, evidently, were not suspicious, so he crept round and crouched behind a stone well wall. About 5 minutes had elapsed since the first craft had landed.

His attention being concentrated on the first two beings, Adilon had failed to notice that three more had emerged, from the second craft. They approached the others and all talked together for several minutes. One of the second group walked around with a brilliant, luminous object held in his hand. Then the first two left the others, walked three times round their craft and, after bowing, entered it. Seconds later, the humming increased and it rose, vertically, very fast; the light underneath was



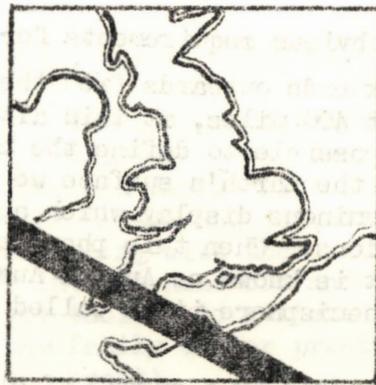


FIG. 1 PREDICTED PATH OF THE MOONS SHADOW FOR THE TOTAL ECLIPSE OF AUG 11th 1999

motion. The Earth moves in her orbit about the sun with a velocity of $18\frac{1}{2}$ miles per second completing one revolution (360 degrees) in 365 days, almost exactly 1 degree per day. On a daily basis this makes a difference of approximately 4 minutes to the rising and setting of the stars, therefore to observe a star in the same position that it occupied the previous night one must look in the same place 4 minutes earlier.

The Earth's axis is tilted by about $23\frac{1}{2}$ degrees to the plane of its orbit, this accounts for the four seasons and why it is summer in the southern hemisphere when the northern hemisphere is experiencing winter. (see fig. 2.). Although the Earth's axis is tilted by $23\frac{1}{2}$ degrees it does not point continually in the same direction. It precesses gradually taking 26,000 years to complete one revolution. (see fig.3.). The pole star at the moment is Polaris but in about 13,000 years time the bright star Vega will be the nearest star to the north celestial pole.

The Earth is the fifth largest planet in the solar system with an equatorial diameter of 7,927 miles, the polar diameter is less than this by about 30 miles. This flattening at the poles is due to the Earth spinning on its axis causing the equatorial regions to bulge slightly under the influence of the centrifugal force. As a point of interest the source of the Mississippi river is several thousand feet below its mouth, it is the centrifugal force created by the Earth's rotation which causes the river to flow 'up hill' to its mouth in the Gulf of Mexico.

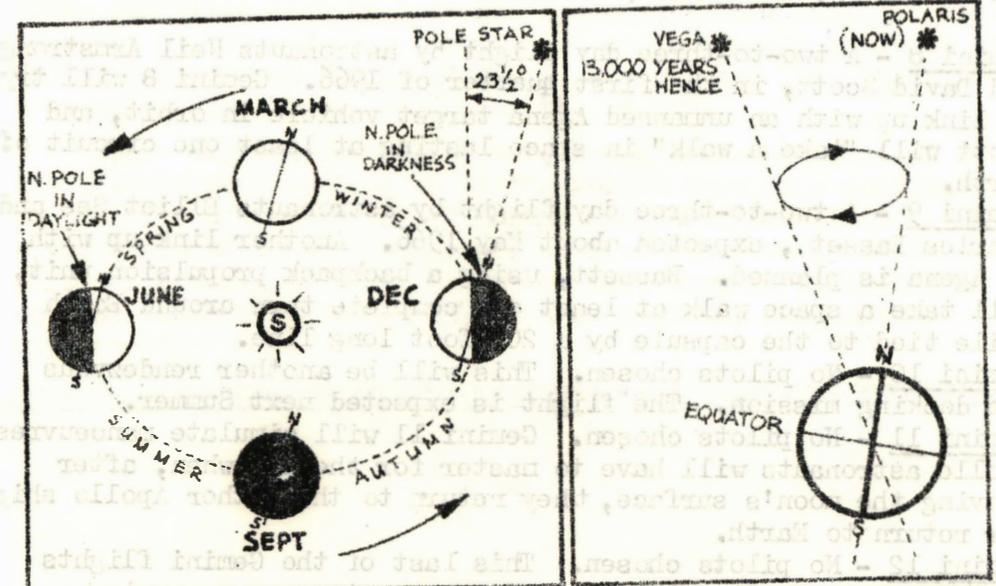
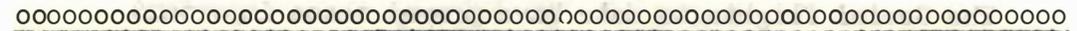


FIG. 2 THE TILT OF THE EARTHS AXIS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SEASONS

FIG. 3 THE EARTH'S AXIS PRECESSES TAKING 26,000 YEARS TO COMPLETE THE CONE



UNITED STATES MANNED SPACEFLIGHT PROGRAMME 1966

The most ambitious year yet, for manned spaceflight is before us. The following programme for Gemini missions is announced by N.A.S.A. The comparable Russian effort will undoubtedly contain one or two spectaculars, and it is interesting to speculate toward the time which will surely be, when the Americans and Russians will undertake space explorations as partners instead of rivals.

The frontiers of space are there for us all to investigate. Let us not bicker about who was the first to step into the Cosmos. Others have been and are there now. It is the height of conceit to even contemplate, let alone voice the opinion that these things "cannot be".

One of the declared tasks of the Gemini astronauts, not widely known, is to search for any evidence of craft likely to be hostile to Earth.

Special Relativity also states 'the metrical uniqueness' of light. This statement may be split into two parts. The first is not a statement of 'a priore' principle, but is an empirical fact and asserts the limiting character of the velocity of light. 3×10^{10} cm. per sec. is a maximum velocity, no transmitted signal can attain this speed, let alone exceed it.

To reach the speed of light any physical system requires an infinite amount of energy. The expression:

m = rest mass

m = mass at speed v

v = speed of mass m

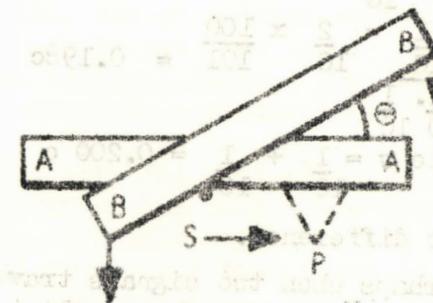
expresses this result in terms of rest masses and the solution of the equation when $v=c$ is $m = \infty$ thus implying infinite mass, and since $E = mc^2$ this entails the expenditure of an infinite amount of energy to enable the mass point to reach velocity c .

It is not, as some people suggest, a question scientist's assuming that because no-one has yet measured a velocity greater than that of light, then such a velocity is not possible. What scientific research has established, by measurements performed on electrons, is that the kinetic energy of a mass-point increases at a rate greater than the square of its velocity and would thus become infinite for the velocity of light.

The second part of light's 'metrical uniqueness' asserts that the velocity of it is a constant and is independent of the speed of its source, and is equal to one. This is a definitive statement which, while remaining true within the realm of Special Relativity, is gradually abandoned in the development of the General Theory.

One fact which seems to perplex and confuse ufologists is the apparent existence of exceptions to the rule concerning the limiting nature of the velocity of light. One such is sometimes expressed in the following way:-(see figure - next page).

Two rulers cross obliquely and lie one above the other. Let ruler AA be moved in the direction of the arrows, thus causing the point of intersection S to move downwards. The more acute the angle θ becomes, the greater will be the velocity of the moving point. If the rulers are made parallel then the velocity of S becomes infinite. Does not this fact contradict the assertion made concerning the limiting character of the velocity of light?



The answer is no; because the sequence represented above is not a real sequence. The point of intersection S is not a signal and the process of its translation is not a signal chain. This can be tested if we assume that ruler BB has a projection P which lies in the path of the supposed signal; the signal should then be interrupted by P. It is obvious, however, that such is not the case; the signal (i.e. the moving point) arrives unchanged in the lower part of the ruler. Thus nothing has been transferred, no causal chain transmitted information, and the example is thus false and the sequence is unreal.

Further application of the empirical properties of light and Special Relativity shows that the simple vectorial rule for the combination of velocities (i.e. $w = u + v$) is no longer valid. The new rule of combination is expressed as follows:

$$\frac{u + v}{1 + \frac{uv}{c^2}} = w$$

It will be appreciated that to modify the old rule the denominator factors have been introduced. Unless, however, u and v are of the same order as the velocity of light then there will be no significant difference in the results obtained from using either method.

The first person to guess at the connection was Tony Wedd, a flying saucer enthusiast and a member of the Ley Hunters Club, who lives in Kent. His excellent booklet "Skyways and Landmarks" shows many leys which he has discovered near his home, coupled with the locations of UFO sightings in the area. The only trouble with this was, as the late editor of the Flying Saucer Review pointed out, that as there was no 'flap' there were not enough UFO sightings to constitute an orthoteny. But it was a beginning.

In the January 1964 issue of "Orbit" (of the Tyneside UFO society) there is a diagram of an orthoteny which occurred on July 25, 1963. The four points on the line are Bloxwich, Staffs., Walsall, Birmingham and Stratford-on-Avon. This line also happens to be a ley.

The latest example, though not strictly speaking an orthoteny, concerns a ley which was discovered by aligning two UFO sightings which were both seen on August 29, 1964. One sighting was in Wandsworth, and the other in Finchley at the junction between the Great North Road and the North Circular Road. Both sightings points were found to be ley centres, and the ley runs due north through four churches and one other cross roads.

Well there it is; not all that much evidence, perhaps. And certainly not what a scientist would call absolutely conclusive, but it points the way very definitely to an avenue which I believe should be explored. Alfred Watkins' discovery could have implications the nature of which he could never have foreseen or imagined.

From the 'Ley Hunter'. Volume 1 No. 3. Oct. 1965.

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EVIDENCE PROVES EXISTENCE OF FORMER CIVILISATIONS

Flat headed steel nails have been taken out of solid limestone laid down some 70,000,000 years ago. A gold chain was found imbedded in coal that was 30,000,000 years old. The United States Bureau of Standards ran tests on an alloy steel from 7,000 years ago and found it took 9,000 degrees Centigrade to manufacture it.

Phoenician cities have been found in South America in the Amazon Basin with the inscriptions giving names and dates (887-856 B.C.) of kings of Tyre and Sidon in Palestine. Ancient circular forts in Ireland and Scotland have granite ramparts with the tops melted to jagged glass on their upper edges, something we could only accomplish with atomic heat.

From "Orbit"

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PLANET EARTH SHINES WITH VARYING BRIGHTNESS

As seen from the stars and other celestial bodies, Planet Earth shines with varying brightness during each day. This information comes from the American deep-space probe, Mariner II, which flew to the vicinity of Venus in 1962 in one of the space-age's most spectacular achievements so far.

Mariner II kept an electronic eye focused on earth to retain its proper orientation and find its course. The eye also reported by radio the brightness of the earth, and an analysis of this information has now been reported in the Journal of Geophysical Research by Robert L. Wildey of the Mount Palomar Observatories.

The daily peak of brightness occurred when the land area visible to the spacecraft was at its maximum. This was when a point in the Atlantic Ocean, north of the eastern tip of South America, was facing the spacecraft. The earth was dimmest when a maximum of water surface - the central Pacific - faced the vehicle.

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The spacecraft also reported a brightness cycle lasting from five to six days from maximum to minimum. Scientists have no explanation for that cycle. But the daily variances are believed to be due to the fact that though water is a better reflector than land, it does not scatter light as efficiently.

A watery sphere, therefore, appears bright in its centre, but dark on the edges, like a polished ball bearing. A land sphere with surfaces at many angles scatters the light and is, therefore, almost uniformly bright, like the moon. Also clouds, which are bright reflectors, tend to be more prevalent over land.



I. W. U. F. O. I. S. NOTES

'Spacelink' Editor addresses Oxford University U.F.O. Group.

An extremely attentive audience recently listened to tapes of the recent Warminster incidents to which the Editor added his comments. It is extremely gratifying to know that in Britain's two most famous Universities, there exist serious groups interested in the UFO phenomenon.

Appeared on T.V.

Anthony Durham of Ryde, I.O.W., as well as being secretary of the Cambridge University U.F.O. Investigation Group, is also a member of the Isle of Wight U.F.O. Society. He appeared in "University Challenge" representing Clare College where he is a second year student reading Natural Sciences. Anthony had a good write up in the local press and his interest in "UFOLOGY" was given prominence.

"UFOLOG" Given Excellent Airing!

Hardworking John Peakins, UFOLOG Information Officer, gave members of The Society, at very short notice, a first-class review of some of the more spectacular sightings of 1965. Some 300 sightings have now passed through the scheme in 18 months. John showed drawings which were passed among the audience. A lively question period rounded off the evening.

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As reported in the Editorial the national newspapers gave some space to UFOs recently. Of some note was the account of the sighting (appearing in the current "UFOLOG" Information Sheet No.23) which accompanied a photograph taken in Ireland on 26th December. The "Times" published a letter dated Jan.24 from an Oxford man from Department of Physics giving his explanation for the object. The witnesses said it was a solid looking rounded object flying silently. It is hoped to report this incident in more detail in the next issue.

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In future issues it is hoped to publish correspondence from you, our readers! Comment on articles, views etc. are sincerely welcomed. Also articles, news, cuttings, sightings, suitable for publication considered.

Here's your chance to put your views. Don't be an armchair UFOLOGIST!