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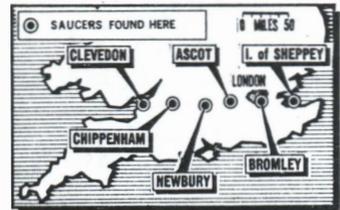
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THE GREAT UFO HOAX

The last of the "Great UFO Hoax" saucers, shown with the students, who made the glass fibre models, which embarrassed the Police, Royal Air Force and Ministry of Defence. Even the U.S. Air Force carried one off to their Welford Base. The Army blew their saucer up on a rubbish dump!

(PHOTO CREDIT: O.Fowler)



Roy Winstanley and his attractive wife, Barbara, with a van full of electronic equipment, sky-watching on Winter Hill, Lancashire. Roy, Technical Director of a Blackburn electronics company, is BUFORA's newly appointed Northern Communications Officer and research co-ordinator. We hope to publish the story of Roy's strange encounter with a UFO in the next edition.

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DAILY MIRROR)

We have published this second reprint of our first edition as a result of the encouragement we have received from readers in many countries. Although we have been able to iron out some of the errors in the first and second printings, the material and lay-out is still not quite as we planned it. For example, the photos should have been printed directly on to the art paper cover. This additional page was included on 1st January, 1968 as an addenda, to bring readers up to date, after a local secretarial service had failed to complete the job on time. We hope that you will find our first edition interesting.

***** NEWS IN BRIEF - January 1968 *****

CARAVELLE CRASH On Saturday, November 14th, 1967, Mr. M. Chadd and his girl-friend saw a glowing disc-shaped object hovering about 10 feet over some bushes and trees, as they were driving past Cutmill in Surrey. It was about 9.30 pm. and after they had watched the object for about 15 minutes, the glow diminished and the object disappeared.

About 15 to 30 minutes later, the Iberian Airlines Caravelle crash occurred at Haslemere, Surrey, only eight miles away. Credit: SIGAP NEWSLETTER No.7.

37 people died in this crash, but yesterday the Board of Trade said there would be no public enquiry, which presumably means that they have found the cause. (This weekend also saw the tragic train crash near Hither Green, in which 53 people died)

COLORADO GRANT INCREASE The University of Colorado UFO investigation project has been extended a further five months until September 1968, and the grant has been increased to a grand total of \$523,000. The original grant was for \$313,000. The research team has acquired another scientist: Dr. Gerald M. Rothberg, professor of physics at Stevens Institute of Technology, New Jersey. Sam Rosenberg of New York has been commissioned to write an historical analysis of the UFO problem.

LORD MAYOR OF LONDON The new Lord Mayor of London, Sir Gilbert Inglefield has been seriously interested in ufology for a number of years. He made himself a "talking point" in the City by lecturing on UFOs to Lloyds and other influential bodies. Having made a particular study of the historical and religious aspects of ufology, he had an article on Fatima published in FLYING SAUCER REVIEW in 1964.

SICKLES IN THE SKY Credit: TIME MAGAZINE 22nd December 1967. After a flurry of UFO sightings in recent weeks, the Soviet Union has named a team of 18 scientists, backed by a 1,000 field observers, to study the phenomena in the Red Skies. Once their existence was officially acknowledged by Moscow, UFOs were reported all over the East Block. The Bulgarians reported a "huge shining body" over Sofia; The Czechs, flat multi-coloured discs spinning over Bratislava; and Poland's Institute of Hydrology and Meteorology has ordered a watch on all "mysterious space vehicles." UFOs have swarmed over Yugoslavia, whose press has gleefully told of a Montenegrin shepherd's report of a whistling sky-scraper high UFO; UFOs streaking over the Istrian port of Koper & truck-driver Milika Sctanovic's brush with two saucers on the Kovina-Ivangrad road last week.

UFO WATCH-IN At a meeting of CONTACT U.K. at Caxton Hall on December 9th, Desmond Leslie, 43, said he planned to turn part of his estate into a holiday camp for people interested in UFOs, sometime next summer. The meeting will be held at Castle Leslie, his 300-year-old home in County Monaghan, Eire, and facilities would be laid on for campers.

SNIPPY We will be printing more about SNIPPY the horse, who died in strange circumstances in Colorado, in our next issue. (See press cuttings section.)

NOW THE UFOs ARE STOPPING THE TRAFFIC - More details from Roy Winstanley

At about 10.30 pm. early in November 1967, Carl Farlow was driving his lorry down the A338 towards Bournemouth. Between Avon and Sopley he saw a pale green light about a quarter of a mile away, above the trees, which was coming towards the road. He continued towards Sopley, keeping watch on the object, and came to a straight part of the road, where he saw the object hovering about 10 feet over the centre. About 20 yards from the UFO his radio stopped and all the lights went out, but the diesel engine kept on running.

Farlow described the UFO as glowing a brilliant pale green, about 15 to 20 feet in diameter and 10 to 15 feet high, with a circular top and paraboloid base. The UFO was motionless for about two minutes, then a small semi-circle in the base which was glowing white opened. Immediately a low-pitched noise came from the machine and a spherical object at the end of a 3 inch pipe appeared. Hanging from its underside were four smaller pipes with a trumpet end. The pitch of the noise rose as the spherical object came out further. Farlow then heard a sound like air rushing through a vacuum cleaner and the object appeared to be searching for something. It went to the side of the road and started to suck up leaves, dust and grass. After it has stopped, it went to the other side of the road and sucked up twigs, more grass, soil and little stones for about 30 seconds. It then returned to the UFO and the high-pitched noise returned to a low pitch when the hatch was closed. The UFO then rose slightly in the air, travelled in an easterly direction for about quarter of a mile. It then started to climb in a vertical direction until it disappeared. As it moved away from him, his lorry's radio and lights came back on. It was then that he saw a white Jaguar car in front of him without lights. His own electrical system seemed all right, but he noticed the battery was taking a full charge from the dynamo, and the amperemeter was reading past the maximum mark of 30 amps. He got out of his lorry and went over to the Jaguar, which could not get started as its battery had gone flat. Mr. Farlow contacted the Police and they gave the Jaguar a tow to get it started. Both vehicles were checked for electrical faults but none were found. In fact Mr. Farlow holds a C.S.G. in electrical engineering and checked the lorry himself, but found nothing wrong. He even had it rechecked by a garage.

The above details were given to Roy Winstanley by Mr. Farlow and he does not doubt the story. "He seemed quite sensible, and did not appear to have a great imagination." (See also the press cuttings section for the DAILY EXPRESS version.)

UFO PUTS CAR LIGHTS ON Credit: REPORT FROM DENMARK Vol.1 No.6 1967.

In contrast to UFOs putting out car lights, we have an unusual story from the Danish paper, SJAELLANDS TIDENDE of 27th Oct. 1967. From West-Sealand, Mrs. Henny Olrik of Graesmarken, Foellenslev relates how she visited her daughter and son-in-law in Asminderup on October 25th. She was about to drive home when she saw a strange comet-like object, with a "tail" consisting of two shining yellow saucers, which flew at an exact distance behind the "mothership". They watched for about half a minute and while doing so, the car lights came on, although nobody switched them on. The lights went out again slowly as the objects disappeared from view. On checking for a short circuit, the lights functioned normally and did not give any trouble later.

WHY DID THE CHICKENS ? Credit: THE GUARDIAN.

Title of Treasury File: "Ex gratia payment to Mr. X for the loss of chickens which died as a result of mass hysteria caused by an unidentified flying object."

OBITUARY We are sorry to have to report the death of Frank Allan Edwards, who died on 24th June 1967. A full obituary appeared in LIONEL'S LITTER No.2.

E D I T O R I A L

It is a privilege indeed, to be associated with UFO research these days, as it is becoming increasingly respectable. Credit for this goes to a handful of scientists in the U.S.A., and surprisingly the Russians have recently done an 'about turn' and set up an official UFO investigation agency.

Officialdom in this country is still hidebound and adamantly refuses to concede that there is something going on - it is left to our Police Force to show that these mysterious lights and crosses in the sky still refuse to toe the Government line or return to their planet of origin.

Personally, I was thankful for the recent October-November flap - for all was not well in the Flying Saucer world. A cursory perusal of the pre-flap UFO literature revealed a dangerous trend - namely - the dis-satisfaction with mere 'lights in the sky' reports - they didn't make news any more. The desperate search was on for more spectacular stories, sensational encounters and lurid contact stories. The danger from the scientific point of view - lies in the well known fact that where there is a demand - a supply will materialize. The result - the host of hoaxers, cranks, confidence tricksters and contact concoctees were having a field day - and our diligent researchers - nervous breakdowns.

Some of these characters have succeeded in fooling the most experienced UFO investigators - as will be seen from the statement on Scoriton in this issue. But this is not all, for if UFO researchers are intrigued by the voices from space, galactic telephone messages, space-poetry on tape, then the perpetrators (some will maintain they are extra-terrestrial) are only too glad to supply these manifestations. Naturally SPACELINK will try to throw new light on these strange 'goings on' but so far a very limited analysis has revealed that these space gimmicks are nothing more than the product of very terrestrial, if somewhat misguided, minds.

I may seem unduly intolerant on this aspect of ufology, but it needlessly complicates an already baffling subject, and only prevents the truth from being unearthed. Or to borrow Dr. Hynek's often quoted radio analogy - somewhere among the background 'noise' there is a signal to be detected - and amplified.

A further reason for my indignation is the enormous waste of good money, time and effort of the always too few keen investigators chasing along too many false trails. As Field Observation Officer of BUFORA and National Sky-watch Organiser, I know what can be achieved with the limited resources at our disposal - simply by applying novel scientific thought to an old enigma. It is within our grasp to achieve the ultimate proof - acceptable to most orthodox scientists - that flying saucers not only exist - but must be extra-terrestrial phenomena. I propose to lead readers of SPACELINK towards this achievement.

Edgar Hatvany

BLACKOUT OVER ARNHEM, AND LUMINOUS OBJECT SEEN OVER THE TOWN

ARNHEMSE COURANT,* Tuesday, 14th November 1967. ARNHEM: A mysterious unexplained failure in the high tension circuit wrapped the whole of the north-west part of Arnhem in darkness last night. Also large parts of the city - the boulevards, Willems-square, Station-square and Zypse-square were without electricity. The power failure did not appear everywhere simultaneously. In the district of Heyenoord, the lights went out at 6.30 p.m. while the city was blacked out three-quarters of an hour later. Nothing is known about the cause of the failure. Ir. H.L. Ten Cate, managing-director of the municipal supply says: "It was a complicated affair, the cause of which we know nothing. We are still investigating. It is quite possible that certain relays were not properly adjusted." Numberless switches went out automatically and it took two hours to build the circuit up again. "The failure lasted much longer than we are used to and it spread around extremely far."

For curiosity's sake we also report that our Journal* has been phoned several times this morning by people, who at the time of the power failure observed a luminous flying object over Arnhem which slowly moved in a northerly direction, and they could not indentify it as an aeroplane.

(CREDIT and translation: W.H.G. Wooninck, Arnhem, Holland.)

BIG BLACKOUT OVER YORKSHIRE

Back in August, 1967, on Wednesday 16th, several towns in Yorkshire were blacked out by a mystery power failure. The big blackout was in the Todmorden district and towns and villages in surrounding areas were also hit. Emergency supplies were set up. A Yorkshire Electricity Board spokesman said: "We are not sure what caused the trouble. It could be that a transformer at the Sowerby Bridge power station failed." On the 16th a round object glowing white was seen hovering over Hindley, near Wigan, then it sped off at high speed - according to a report in the DAILY MAIL and other papers. In fact the object was seen by Police Constable Lionel Haw, 30, while on duty ay 12.43 a.m. P.C. Steven Parsonage, 20, also saw it: "I was on the beat when I glanced up and saw a saucer-shaped object in the sky. There were no clouds and I could see it very clearly. It wasn't moving and was glowing white." P.C. Haw drove up in a patrol car and: "We watched it for two minutes. It certainly wasn't a comet, plane, weather balloon, or trick of light." "It was very high. I would estimate its size as well over 100ft. in diameter." Many other reports originated from Lancashire and neighbouring countries during Mid-August, which space does not permit us to include.

(CREDIT: D. Gittens, Weston Village, Runcorn, for supplying assorted cuttings.)

QUOTE FROM A RECENT EDITION OF THE "ISRAELI JERUSALEM POST"

Arthur Shuttlewood (journalist and author of the "Warminster Mystery") "now goes about Warminster saying that the Twelve Apostles have already landed from saucers and that the Second Coming is at hand."

AT LAST THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TAKES UFOs SERIOUSLY

and sets up a Scientific UFO Commission

Readers of the last edition of SPACELINK were on familiar ground recently when the press carried reports about the official UFO detection agency, as a background to this was given on page 26.

The Agency, under the directorship of Major General Porfiry A. Stolyarov, a retired officer of the Soviet Air Force Technical Services, has a central staff of 18 scientists, astronomers and Air Force officers and some 200 observers who are collecting information on sightings. Its headquarters are in Moscow's civil defence museum.

One of the first tasks will be to shed some light on the well-authenticated sighting of the sickle-shaped object that flashed across the Causasian sky leaving a wave-like trail. A commission member said that the sightings this summer coincided with a similar wave of saucer reports in Western Europe.

Dr. Fyodor Zigel, an astronomer and agency member admitted that the idea of flying saucers were fantastic and perhaps beyond the realm of common sense. "But common sense is not a very reliable guide when we come across a completely new situation." He went on to describe the idea that flying saucers are spaceships from another planet as an extreme theory, but added: "Since the problem of unidentified flying objects is not yet solved, varied and extreme views are tenable." But the spaceship theory was supported by the speed of the objects observed, and also by the fact that none had landed. He further revealed that Soviet radar screens had been picking up unidentified flying objects for 20 years and there was still no satisfactory explanation - except the extra-terrestrial one. In conclusion Dr. Zigel called for an "all-sided thorough scientific investigation."

BUFORA RESEARCH PROJECTS

Member-societies of the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, have promised to carry out the following research and study projects. The Leeds University Group have said they will do a detailed study of landing site imprints. The Merseyside UFO Research Group has an impressive programme lined up - the spectral analysis of light emitted by UFOs, quantitative recording of electrostatic variations during sightings, and wind tunnel assessment of the aerodynamics of UFO shapes.

The Cambridge University Group are carrying out a detailed study of historical reports. They are also making a feasibility study of instrumentation for UFO study work, tied up with a data handling system study project and have the use of an expensive modern computer. Another Cambridge scheme is the analysis of meteorological phenomena in relation to UFOs, and Anthony Durham, a former Cambridge student lectured on one aspect of this, i.e. ball lighting, at the BUFORA Liverpool conference. The groups concerned must be congratulated on these ambitious projects. Let us hope that they will all be completed without the researchers losing interest half way through.

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THE GREAT AUTUMN FLAP

Even The Long Arm Of The Law Can't Reach Those UFOs.

The stock excuse that UFOs are only topical during the 'silly season' has been buried for good. The recent flap saw to that. The more one studies the dozens of reliable reports the more clouded the issue gets. Take the case of the "fiery cross". It was first spotted in the early hours of Tuesday morning, October 24th, by two police officers on patrol car duty. A spokesman for Devon and Cornwall police said: "The officers described it as very large and bright, in the shape of a cross." Soon after the first sighting the constables reported seeing the object again. This time it was joined by a second similar object. The two observers, Constables Roger Willey and Clifford Waycott were in a patrol car at about 4 a.m. when they first saw the cross-shaped object, on the Holsworthy to Hatherleigh Road in Devon. They reported their sighting at 4.16 a.m. and at 4.23 they reported its reappearance together with the second object. Finally the objects disappeared at 4.58, nearly an hour after the first sighting. The nearest they got to the object was about 40 yards, and it followed a course virtually over the road on which they were travelling. While keeping the UFOs under surveillance they travelled some 10 to 12 miles and were doing speeds of up to 80 m.p.h. along the winding Devon roads at times. The object appeared to stop in a field, and they stopped and got out - but it had disappeared.

Cons. Willey is based at Okehampton and Cons. Waycott at nearby Winkleigh; both are family men in their thirties. The night sky over mid-Devon was CLOUDY.

It is interesting to note that when Inspector Harding, the Press Officer for the Okehampton police station, returned from a briefing in Plymouth on the afternoon of the sighting, he immediately suggested that the object might have been Venus. Inspector Harding also admitted to having a sighting himself about two weeks earlier, for which he also offered the Venus explanation. (Are our valiant Police Force really so naive as to risk their necks chasing the planet Venus at 80 m.p.h.? Ed. H.)

Early on Wednesday morning (25th) the fiery cross had moved to various parts of East Sussex, where no less than 11 police officers made detailed reports. On Thursday morning the same object was seen by policemen in North Devon and by an amateur astronomer, Peter Baker, in Hastings. This put a new aspect on things for the Royal Observatory at Herstmonceaux as Mr. Baker, a hospital clerk, was an accredited observer, who saw his UFO "this side of the clouds".

The Venus explanation could certainly not be valid for the sighting of two other Z-car officers, who at 7.50a.m. on the same Wednesday radioed their H.Q. at Kidlington, Oxfordshire, "We have spotted two strange unidentified objects." The officers who were patrolling the Spelbury to Chipping Norton Road, reported "two very dark coloured, oval shaped objects, about 50ft. in diameter, at a height of 500 to 600 feet, heading North." Again the sky was cloudy at the time.

The further north we go, the harder it gets to explain away the reliable reports. The next comes from Bacup, Lancashire. It was 4a.m. and Police Constable Brian Earnshaw was intrigued by the strange crackling noises that emanated from the station's short wave radio. So he went out to examine the radio aerial, and got a close-up of a cigar-shaped UFO hovering 250ft. above the Police Station. His report to police headquarters says, "It was approximately 50ft. long and 10ft. in diameter. There were portholes along the sides, but no visible signs of propulsion. The ship appeared to be metallic and gave off a bright glow. There was a low whirring sound coming from it". Two other policemen also confirmed that they observed the same object for several minutes.

On Friday 27th October, six policemen at Glossop in Derbyshire reported further UFO sightings. It hovered for threequarters of an hour, they said, swinging first from side to side, then up and down. Cheshire police H.Q. sent out a patrol car to check the report, and then told the Ministry of Defence when identical reports began coming in from several places. A Scottish coastguard reported to the Royal

Observatory, in Edinburgh, that he had seen a "silver cartwheel" in Wigtownshire.

On Sunday 29th October, police constable John Whitcombe, and his family, saw an object "glowing with an intense white light", while driving with them on an outing near Cosham, Hampshire. Another report of the same sighting says that Southampton policeman John Whitcombe, saw it while driving through Portsmouth with his family. "Like a rugby ball or a fat saucer, so bright I had to shield my eyes.

In Lancing, Sussex, three policemen reported seeing a "Silver pinpoint" moving rapidly northeast. Police constable Michael Sands and two colleagues were changing shifts at 5.20am, they spotted the object, moving rapidly across the sky. Ex-policeman, Fred Smith, 60, of Grinstead Lane, Lancing, described the object as "a bright light like the Cross of Lorraine sweeping across the sky".

Reports were still appearing in the national press as we were going to print. SUNDAY TELEGRAPH 19.11.67; two policemen reported seeing an unidentified flying object "travelling at high speed toward the Earth" in Essex. It remained visible for 20 minutes. THE SUN 27.11.67; Patrolling policemen last night reported a bright, cigar-shaped object flying over Worthing, Sussex.

Needless to say the authorities did not leave things in the air and eventually produced an alternative to the overcrowded Venus explanation. On October 27th the Vicar of Stourton Chaundle, near Sherbourne, Dorset suggested that the mystery objects might be an American tanker aeroplane flying in close formation with other aircraft while refuelling, as they needed lots of lights at night. The vicar, the Rev. Lawrence Inge, 62, has watched satellites from the vicarage garden for four years on behalf of the 'International Committee on Space Research'. Officialdom clutched at this straw and some newspapers carried headlines: UFO MYSTERY SOLVED.

But was it?

A study of U.S. Air Force flight charts revealed that a mid-air refuelling could only account for some of the week's thirty sightings. (A conservative figure) a U.S.A.F. spokesman confirmed, "We had night operations on Tuesday and Wednesday in Scotland and they could not have been observed by police in England. Actually there was a noticeable lack of reports from Scotland around this period

The flap has extended over the whole of the U.K. and Eire. Considerable activity was reported in Wales, but it was never mentioned in the national press, although Welsh television devoted special programmes to this topic. Three Belfast people including two school-teachers saw mysterious triangular shaped objects with flashing lights flying overhead about 500 feet up on October 25th. Police from Anderstown, Ireland, rushed to Falls park after a report of a strange flying object landing there on the 26th. But a spokesman said: "Our investigation proved negative." Many other UFOs were reported in Ireland but we have few details.

The apparent concentration on reports from Police Officers in this summary is deliberate, as in any court of law, a law enforcement officer's testimony is normally accepted without question.

It has been suggested in letters to the press, that Police Officers should carry cameras. If this had happened, the case for the existence of strange ships in our skies would have been documented. But it is not the job of our police to solve the UFO mystery - there are special associations for this specific purpose. If the leading one had been better organised and equipped, we could easily have obtained the long awaited breakthrough. Just a few observation posts with the minimum of scientific recording equipment, scattered around Southern England for two or three nights during the height of the flap, would have yielded enough concrete evidence to keep a host of professors occupied for a long time.

"UFO PATROLS - A.A. MEN AND PLANE TO KEEP WATCH IN THE MIDLANDS"

BIRMINGHAM EVENING MAIL - 28th October, 1967.

Birmingham's "operation flying saucer" got under way today when 64 Automobile Association patrols and a spotter plane were sent out into the Midlands with orders to keep a careful watch for unidentified flying objects.

After reports of sightings all over Birmingham and the Midlands in the past week, an investigation is being conducted by the A.A. in the Midlands with a UFO control room at their Edgbaston headquarters where sightings by patrols will be plotted on a special map.

"We are open-minded about UFOs but we feel this is an additional service we can give" said an A.A. spokesman today. "We have the staff and facilities set up to deal with reports which will be sifted. Any that cannot be explained will be passed on to the police and R.A.F. Our men will be covering Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Herefordshire."

Staff at Edgbaston are standing by to plot the first sightings, if and when they come. Birmingham Police said that any reports of UFOs by the A.A. would be checked by the police patrol in the vicinity of the sighting. The A.A.'s investigation is to try to find rational explanations for the sighting of phenomena in the sky with the object of putting peoples' minds at rest.

Meanwhile telephone calls and letters are coming into the EVENING MAIL offices from people who claim to have seen UFOs.

Credit: John D. Llewellyn Area Investigator - BUFORA

THE FIRST REPORT OF THE GREAT AUTUMN FLAP?

Although there was a steady trickle of UFO reports in the U.K. Both before and after the Autumn Flap (although some think it hasn't completely ended yet), we came across one that claimed to have scooped them all. It appeared in the MONTGOMERY EXPRESS, Wales, on Saturday October 28th.

Newtown factory worker, Mr. Edgar Evans, of Oak House, Llandyssil said he saw a bright golden ball fly past him on Monday night (23rd) going in a south-easterly direction. "I left at exactly 8.45 p.m. to close the fowl-house," he said. "I was walking along when suddenly this bright golden light passed me. It was moving silently in a south-east direction and then seemed to rise to get over a hill." He said "it was uncanny as it was an illuminated ball travelling at a tremendous rate and making no noise." Mr. Evans saw his UFO 24 hours before the flap hit the headlines with the sighting of the fiery cross by policemen in Devon.

Credit: D. Davies of Montgomery

"R.A.F. JETS CHASE MUSHROOM IN SKY"

Reads the SUN's heading on Saturday 28th October, for this story from Winchester, Hants. Timothy Robinson of Pitt Corner, Winchester, said that he saw two RAF Lightning jet fighters chasing a mushroom-shaped object across the sky on the 27th. The UFO out-paced 1,500 m.p.h. Lightnings and disappeared into the clouds over Winchester. It had no lights or exhaust. Timothy, son of a school-teacher rushed outside when a terrific bang shook the house, but his father who heard the noise was not in time to see the chase. A Ministry of Defence spokesman denied that any Lightnings were in the area on Friday, but Timothy said: "The planes I saw were Lightnings. I checked them with a reference book."

THE DUTCH SCENE

A Dutch correspondent says that in the last four or five years no news or articles about UFO sightings have appeared in their newspapers, because everything in the Netherlands is hushed up. Anyone reporting a sighting is given a dose of 'instant ridicule'. He also says that two Dutch UFO magazines disappeared about five years ago. However this pessimistic view is off-set by the fact that we exchange with two Dutch publications: G.J. Kok edits VLIEGENDE SCHOTEL NIEUWS, Moleneind Z.z. 69, Drachten; and the other is SPIEGEL DER UFOLOGIE, Beatrixstraat 7, Puttershoek. We also note that there are two groups in the Hague: U.K.N. and I.G.A.P.

THE GREEK SCENE

A Greek correspondent in Athens says that people are hardly aware that UFOs are anything more than laughing stock. Their press has made little attempt to publicise sightings, although occasional articles do appear, but we know of no Greek UFO societies.

This report appeared in the Athens newspaper APOGEVMATINI of 7.7.67:

"Brilliantly, noiselessly, swiftly. Two eerie luminous objects over Eleia" (Eleia or Ilia is a province in the north-west of the large peninsular of Peloponnisos) Pyrgos (a town west of ancient Olympia) 7th July 1967: At 1.10 a.m. yesterday, an eerie luminous object streaked over our town, coming from the east and turning in a north-westerly direction. The main body of the object was of intense brightness and was followed by a luminous trail weakening and extinguishing gradually. Its speed was astonishing and no noise was heard during its flight. An hour earlier several individuals in the Catacolon area (the port west of Pyrgos) had sighted a similar luminous object, moving noiselessly at great speed from south to north. Many people said the objects were flying discs."

Translated by Electros Loveray - Athens.

Comment: Both UFOs were heading for the nearby large western opening of the Corinthian Gulf and over the western Poloponnessos, where there have been repeated sightings over past years, e.g. twice over the island of Cephollonia - reported by a high school principal and two other witnesses to the authorities; and further during the unknown, yet real flap over Greece, reported by Mr. P. Santorinis, a professor of physics. Relevant details are to be found in the Athens newspapers VIMA of 26.2.67 and NEA of 22.3.67. It is notable that this area which attracts UFOs, is at least twice mentioned in the eschatological prophecies of the early fathers of the Orthodox Church.

E.L.

A more recent report appeared in the Athenian evening paper, BRADYNI of 5.9.67:

Salonica 5.9.67. Demetrius Hadjinikolaou, 23, of Depot, Salonika, claims that yesterday at 2.47 he saw from the verandah of his house an enormous flying saucer. The saucer, which was also seen by his brother, 18, was like an upside down hat, with a diameter of 50 metres (175ft. approx.) It was moving slowly and silently at a height of 150 metres, and it was coming from the direction of Mikra Airport towards Hostiati. Its colour was grey and it was flying at about 45 degrees.

Translated by Spyrodimos G. A-Sinanidis - Athens.

THE AUSTRALIAN SCENE OVER THE YEARS

by William E. Moser, J.P.

Our contributor is Hon. Secretary of the UFO INVESTIGATION CENTRE, Sydney, which publishes AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER REVIEW (Sydney edition). Mr. Moser, aged 60, is a close colleague of the REVIEW'S editor, Dr. Lindtner. He is a past Hon. Sec. of both N.S. Wales Astronomical Society and N.S.W. Branch of the British Astronomical Association, which led him to his interest in UFOs over 15 years ago. He has had numerous articles published both in Australia and overseas.

Although Kenneth Arnold's sighting in June 1947 was reported briefly in the Australian press, it was not until about 1950/51 that any organised activity began here in the UFO field. Edgar R. Jarrold, who can rightly be called the 'father' of Australian ufology (and unfortunately with whom we have lost contact), was the first person, and after private meetings in earlier years, founded the AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER BUREAU in July 1952. (The BRITISH FLYING SAUCER BUREAU was also formed in 1952). In May 1953 he published the first edition of the "Australian Flying Saucer Magazine", now a collector's item. This neatly printed little paper was a predecessor of all later publications in Australia. Jarrold, whose name is also mentioned in a number of early UFO-books would certainly be the ideal person to write the very early history on UFO-activities in Australia, and he might come forward if he should read this article by chance. Other pioneers are Gordon Deller and Andrew Tomas - now travelling around Europe. Fred Stone, still very active in Adelaide, Fred Phillips and Dr. M. Lindtner, leading figures in Sydney for close to fifteen years now, Bill Dutton and Tas Homan, whose services are only about a year less than those of the first three, are only some of the names coming to mind. Dr. Lindtner has been President of the U.F.O. INVESTIGATION CENTRE for many years - U.F.O.I.C. being the name adopted by the Sydney Group in 1956, and Messrs. Dutton, Phillips and Homan are capable vice-presidents. The long service given by these four gentlemen can be considered as unique amongst UFO-societies. With N.S. Wales and South Australia thus having the oldest groups, it should be known that both Victoria and Queensland go back to about February/March 1957. Victoria's President since its foundation is Peter Norris, at his first election still quite a young man. Geoff Rumpf, now Vice-President is also one of the original committee. In Queensland, Stan Seers, the President is also well known through various articles in overseas publications, ably supported by some of his committee members with many years service.

Publications are issued by all four States, the original 'Australian Flying Saucer magazine' published in N.S.W. changed its name to UFO-BULLETIN, and is now called UFOIC AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, a highly commended magazine overseas. The other three States also publish their own magazines after a joint publishing enterprise was discontinued some years back. There are even two magazines in South Australia, Fred Stone's UFOPIA and SAUCER NEWSLETTER by AFSRS. Queensland issued the QFSRB NEWSLETTER. All publications appear about 4-6 times a year. Finally to Victoria. After discontinuing the partnership with other states it took until May 1964 to produce an individual journal. Six numbers have been published so far, with the confusing title AUSTRALIAN FLYING SAUCER REVIEW Victorian Edition, which has led to countless mix-ups not only in Australia but also overseas. In 1958 Victoria also published UFORUM for a while. Queensland under its then very active leader, Carl Lehman, published over the years a very interesting magazine called LIGHT, and later called THE FLYING SAUCER DIGEST QUFO. Its passing is sincerely regretted. Finally it should be noted that N.S.W. in addition to publishing its REVIEW produces six editions of UFOIC NEWSLETTER a year, which contains the latest overseas and club news.

The remainder of this article will be continued in the next edition of SPACELINK.

NOW THE UFOs ARE STOPPING THE TRAFFIC

DAILY EXPRESS By JACK HILL TUES. 7/NOV/67

LAATEST report on those U.F.O.s: They're now stopping the traffic. The claim came yesterday from lorry driver Karl Farlow who told the police of a strange encounter just before midnight in the New Forest on the A338 road near

Fordingbridge.

Suddenly, he said, his lorry lights and radio blacked out although the diesel engine chugged on.

He pulled up — there in front of him, 15 yards away, he saw a 15ft.-wide egg-shaped Unidentified Flying Object.

Moments later a white Jaguar car came in the opposite direction. Its lights failed and its engine cut out, said 25-year-old Karl, of Dawley, Shropshire.

He went on: "Our vehicles were stationary 25 to 30 yards from each other. The object was in between us, hovering just over the road.

"It glowed in the most beautiful green colour I have seen. It was like nothing on earth. I'm convinced I saw a flying saucer or some object from space.

'Petrified'

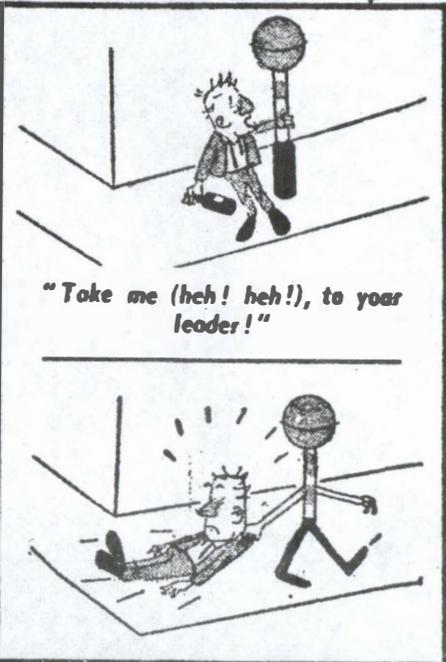
"It hovered quite still for a couple of minutes, then made off at fantastic speed. I could clearly see a whitish-coloured dome underneath.

"I sat in the cab petrified. I don't want ever to experience anything like that again. This was no hallucination."

Karl dialled 999 and police drove to the Forest. Meantime the Jaguar driver had gone on his way—"He didn't want to be involved," explained Karl.

Said Constable Roy Nineham who was in the patrol car: "Mr. Farlow was very frightened.

"The most startling part of his report is that his lights failed and came on again when the object he saw disappeared."



Saucer men have killed our horse!

DAILY MIRROR Tues. Oct. 10th 1967

A MYSTERY started when a horse was found dead on a ranch in desolate mountain country.

For the brain had been removed from its head and there was nothing in the centre of its spinal column.

A pathologist who examined the horse's body was shocked and baffled.

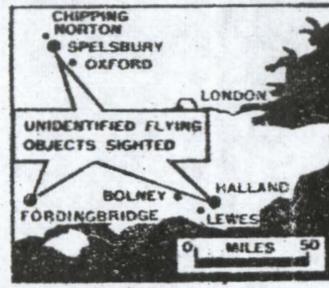
But yesterday the horse's owners came up with what they believe is the answer to the mystery... the horse was killed by "Men from Outer Space."

The owners, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Lewis, think that a flying saucer landed near a ranch at Alamosa, California.

They made a search after the horse was found dead by Mr. Harry King, owner of the ranch, and found a spot where six identical holes had been punched into the ground.

In another place, there were what appeared to be exhaust marks.

Mrs. Lewis also found an object covered with horse hairs. She said her hand went red and began to burn when she touched it.



'Flying cross' baffles police

THE GUARDIAN Wednesday 25th October 1967.

By our own Reporter

The sighting of unidentified flying objects in Devon early yesterday by two police constables and a motorist is being investigated by the RAF and the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association, which hopes to send two men to the area today.

The constables described the first object as very large, bright, and in the shape of a cross. It was at tree-top height, and the nearest they got to it was about 40 yards. While observing this and a second object which appeared later, the officers travelled 10 to 12 miles at speeds up to 80 mph. The sightings lasted for an hour beginning at 4 a.m.

The motorist, Mr Christopher Garner, of Hatherleigh, said: "To me it appeared as a very bright light. It did not seem to

have any shape other than a bright light, like a motor-car headlight above the trees. It appeared to be low in the sky—but that could have been a deception. When the police went away, I had a smoke and sat and watched the light until it went behind a cloud."

Not saucer-shaped

Mr Lionel Beer, vice-chairman of the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association, said yesterday: "We are treating this as a class A report. In other words, this is one well worth following up. From the details given, this was something very unusual." It also emphasised the point that all "flying saucers" were not saucer-shaped, but came in many shapes, sizes, and colours.

Mr David Hill, chairman of

THE SUN 28/NOV/67. GREEN SMOKE

'SAUCER' MYSTERY

A FLYING SAUCER which hovered at rooftop height was reported yesterday in Nottingham.

The object was first spotted by 13-year-old Paul Kenny.

He told police: "The thing hovered for a time and then went away with a 'whooshing' sound. I saw green smoke coming from it."

"It was like a flat circle of light with an oblong about 15ft. high on top of it—something like a mushroom upside down."

Paul saw the object near his home in Midhurst Way, Clifton, Nottingham.

Several other people also saw the "saucer," including a 42-year-old aircraft fitter, Mr. J. Irwin, of Green Cross, Clifton.

He said: "It appeared to be rotating and there was a red glow coming from it. I would estimate its speed at 400 mph. I've been in the aircraft industry for 25 years and never seen anything like it before."

Devon UFO launched in Alaska

Wed. 29th November 1967

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

A GIANT magnetic survey balloon which landed in a field near Barnstaple, Devon, had drifted nearly from Alaska, a distance of about 5,000 miles, in a week.

The white balloon, about 80ft in diameter, was launched from the College Magnetic and Seismological Observatory, Fairbanks. Scientists there were astonished yesterday to learn where it landed.

The balloon came down on Sunday at Little Knightcote, near Barnstaple. Devon police said last night it might help explain reports of fiery crosses and other unidentified flying objects seen over the West Country.

Equipment with the balloon included a parachute, two small boxes of equipment, a flashing red light, a radio transmitter and metal cross antenna. This will be flown back to Alaska by the American Air Force.

£41 reward offer

A reward of up to \$100 (£41) was offered by the observatory for recovery of the equipment. Huge balloons have been launched in Alaska for the last two weeks as part of a project to study variations of the earth's magnetic field.

Mr. Jack Townshend, director of the observatory, said yesterday: "We thought most of our balloons would come down in remote parts of Alaska and never be found." He agreed that the balloons, with their flashing red lights, could have prompted reports of flying saucers.

"In the past few days we've been having trouble keeping balloons in the air because of unusual 'turbulence.'" Mr. Townshend said. They were designed to drift at an altitude of 21 miles—a height at which winds had been unusually strong.

the Exeter UFO research group, said: "Assuming that the police officers have given a correct description, this can only be some sort of motivated vehicle. Their sighting coincides with a sighting by one of our observers who described the same shape, brightness, and movement in the same place at almost the same time. It is the most unusual sighting we have had in five years of observing the sky. I don't think it was a meteorite or part of a rocket descending out of space."

Last week, an unidentified flying object was spotted near Okehampton, Devon, and was tentatively explained as being the planet Venus. Last year, the RAF investigated 95 sightings: 29 were explained as satellites, nine as satellite debris, 10 as balloons, five as celestial phenomena, five as meteorological phenomena, 17 as aircraft, 15 as miscellaneous, and five remained classified as unidentified.

The TRUE FACTS ABOUT ARTHUR BRYANT and the "SCORITON MYSTERY"

Space does not permit a summary of Arthur Bryant and his contact claim, of which full details can be found in Eileen Buckle's book, the "SCORITON MYSTERY" (Scorriton, near Buckfastleigh, Devon), but its highlight was that Bryant alleges he met three Venusians on a lonely part of Dartmoor, the day after George Adamski died on April 23rd, 1965.

Before he died on June 24th, 1967, Arthur Bryant was known to be suffering from a long-standing brain tumour. Doctors attending him, together with Mrs. Bryant consider that his story was hallucinatory. Consequently Norman Oliver, co-compiler of the SCORITON MYSTERY, and also Bryant's widow, feel that these further facts should be made known:

- A) The glass phial was positively identified as a phial peg used for holding plant names. Bryant was a gardener and described himself as Head Gardener on the original BUFORA report form.
- B) He stated he was employed for six months at Exeter first offenders' prison, followed by 4 or 5 years at Dartmoor as a prison officer. This was not so as the Home Office confirm that he was employed as a trainee at Dartmoor for a period of only seven weeks in 1954, at the end of which he resigned.
- C) He stated he had been a Parish Councillor, and a Councillor on Totnes R.D.C. (about 10 miles from Scorriton). This was not so as I (Norman Oliver) checked the lists of Parish and R.D.C. Councillors with Totnes R.D.C.
- D) He stated that on seeing his doctor, the doctor brought up the subject of flying saucers, and at a later date had a sighting when his headlights were refracted. (This idea originates from the Australian story, where Gary Taylor, 19, died in the "bent beams" case on 7.4.66.) This is emphatically denied by the doctor who I have seen and I also hold a 'reference' given by the doctor's partner.
- E) Mr. Webber, the farmer who owns the field opposite Hawson Farm Cottage, states that the scorching of the grass and blackening of the hedge were due to a bonfire of hedge parings, which set light to the bottom of the hedge. The tree with dead branches opposite had been struck by lightning.
- F) The story of the house at Yeovil was well known and it had appeared in the NEWS OF THE WORLD dated August 22nd, 1965, this paper being taken by Bryant.
- G) It is quite possible that Bryant saw the story of the Saturn Robe, which appeared in ORBIT Volume 4/2, as Goundry Clark of Ashburton, mentioned in the book, loaned Bryant some copies of ORBIT and also flying saucer books, and does not now have this particular issue, though it was in fact sent to him.
- H) On the BUFORA report form of the June sighting, Bryant stated there was no moon. However, the moon was at its first quarter and would have been clearly visible if, as Bryant stated, there was a clear sky.

Further details came to light when Norman Oliver visited Mrs. Bryant at Whitsun this year, after hearing of Arthur Bryant's illness.

The June sighting was always related by Bryant as taking place at Hawson Farm Cottage; in fact he lived at 3 Marl Park since 1963, and consequently many of the details given on the form do not make sense.

The Westward Diary item on the Yeovil House was seen on T.V. by the whole household and they have had T.V. since 1963. Bryant even composed a letter about this programme.

Although he stated emphatically that he had read no occult books, he did in fact possess several of these, which various members of the family have read. Mrs. Bryant has now destroyed them.

The 'pieces' could well have come from a wooden box full of gadgetry purchased by the Bryants from a Naval Surplus Store in Doncaster in 1964. There were probably hundreds of bits altogether, though it should be said the pieces Bryant produced could not be identified with absolute certainty as being from these, although it is thought probable.

Bryant's doctors considered that he had woven everyday items into his story - for example, I was shown a metal button identical to the one found by Dr. Doel near the burnt hedge, with an American Eagle on it.

Bryant told his wife nearly all the story, but related it as a science fiction story which was being written up as a book.

The 'pieces' (photos of them are in the book) were taken to Shoreham Airport in Sussex and shown to the owner of what is believed to be the only Mustang aircraft still flying in this country. The aircraft's owner and his mechanics failed to relate the 'pieces' to any parts of the Mustang.

The Psychometry Readings It now seems highly unlikely that the favourable reading was because the 'pieces' came from Mantell's mustang, as Mantell himself would have been extremely unlikely even to have seen, much less constantly handled them, even if they had come from his aircraft.

The idea of a telepathy via Eileen Buckle is doubtful and I consider the following a strong possibility.

The psychometric impressions came from Gerald Aspin, who had constantly handled the metal pieces since July 1965, and latterly for at least four weeks prior to my obtaining them from him in January 1966 during which time he had been aware of the whole of Bryant's story. The reading was done only a few weeks later. Aspin had known of the Mantell implication and was trying to prove it himself. Gerald Aspin has a very strong personality and incidentally this suggested explanation originated from him.

Norman Oliver's position in regard to royalties from the book As quite a large portion of the SCORITON MYSTERY is not connected with Bryant, and out-of-pocket expenses were considerable, Norman Oliver intends to proceed with an arrangement whereby he receives one third of the royalties. However after he has received the first £100, he has very generously offered to donate further amounts "towards the provision of a fund to be utilised by the Contact Section of BUFORA."

Mr. Oliver is married with two teenage children and is a Woolwich waterboard official. He has held various voluntary posts in the BUFORA executive, including that of membership secretary, and is now the Association's honorary treasurer.

(SPACELINK is greatly indebted to Mr. Oliver for supplying these painstaking details and consenting to have them published.)

A letter in the RADIO TIMES of November 16th, comments: "...while viewing I had a splendid idea. What fun to put the psychologists to work on the obsession with the planet Venus displayed by all astronomers in general. They ascribe nearly all strange sightings in the sky to this best known of all the heavenly bodies next to the sun and moon, no matter what the object's speed, height, shape, and movement may appear to be... Freda Hunt, West Wickham."

"The Little Green Man"

Credit: VIMANA No.2, 1967. Published by the Finnish Interplanetary Society.

The following story took place in Luumaki, Finland in 1965, and was testified to by two very well-known people. The eye-witnesses, who wish to remain anonymous for obvious reasons are referred to as A and B. ALTHOUGH THE INCIDENT IS NOT CONNECTED WITH A UFO SIGHTING, the many circumstances suggest that the strange little man may not be a terrestrial being.

On a lovely day in August A and B, together with some friends were picking whortleberries in a seldom frequented part of the forest. By about noon, A began to hear some sort of peculiar murmuring and 'bubbling' sounds from the top of a nearby slope, though he could not detect anything unusual in the direction of the sound. After some time A again looked in the same direction and he now saw, at a distance of about 200 metres, a small manlike being standing on top of the slope, looking straight at him. This being and A stood staring at each other for some time, and then the little stranger started to walk towards A. The stranger was hardly a metre in height (about 3ft.), yet its head and shoulders appeared to be like those of a strong man. When this alien being started to move, it seemed to totter a bit at first, but soon regained its balance and walked with firm steps straight towards A, who like one paralyzed stood looking at the approaching strange visitor whose face was carrot red and whose body was covered by a skin-tight green apparel. The little man, however, soon changed direction and reached the edge of a small bog, where it just disappeared and was no longer to be seen.

B, who had also noticed the little man as well, said he had seen it later on when it came running quite close to A (and to me, the undersigned, who knew nothing of the event, but continued to pick whortleberries, quite calmly, about 10 metres from A). After a few strange movements the little man disappeared in a curious manner from the vision of B also.

A peculiar thing about this was that A was utterly incapable in any way of drawing my attention to the appearance of the little man, though we were quite close. Also, more than half a year passed before A could bring himself to talk about his strange experience and it was only then discovered that B had also seen the same 'little green man.'

Tapani Kuningas.

(By kind permission of VIMANA)

Comment: The above experience is remarkably similar to folklore stories from all over the world which tell of strange little gnomes-pixies-goblins-etc. In this case the story might never have been repeated if there had not been two witnesses, and it is noteworthy that the witnesses were so entranced by their experience that they were incapable of relating the details until about six months later. Are there many similar stories like this, which we shall never hear of because of some hypnotic influence exerted over the mind of the witness?

Lionel Beer.

CONTACT STORIES - SHORT SUMMARIESOKLAHOMA

5.30 a.m. 23rd March 1966; William Laxton, 56, of Temple, Oklahoma, teacher of electronics at Shappard Air Force Base, stopped his car on Highway 70, near the Texas-Oklahoma border when his path was blocked by a huge "perch-shaped" object sitting across the highway at a 45° angle. The craft was about 75ft. across and 8ft. from belly to the top. He stopped his car about 50 yards away and saw four very brilliant lights on the side. The craft had one porthole about 2ft. in diameter which was divided into four pieces. Below the porthole was a door about 4ft. high and 2½ft. wide.

When Laxton stopped, a "human" was checking the underside of the craft with a flashlight. As Laxton got out of his car, the other man saw him and crawled up some steps, and the door slammed shut with a sound like aluminium. The "human" was about 180 lbs, 5ft. 9ins. tall, with a light complexion. He appeared to have a mechanics cap with the bill turned up. He seemed to have three stripes above and three below, with the above stripes in an arch and the ones below in a wide "V" shape. From his stoop shoulders he looked about 30 to 35. He was wearing coveralls or a two-piece suit that looked like green overalls.

The craft was lit up inside and had a plastic bubble in front - about 3ft. in diameter. Laxton also remembers seeing some lettering - the letter "T" over the letter "L" in black about 6 ins. high - also some figures 4768 or 4168.

When the craft started up it sounded like a high speed drill. The ship rose vertically about 50 feet then headed south towards Red River. "In about 5 seconds it was a mile away," travelling at about 700 mph. When the craft lifted off the ground "the hair on the back of my hands and neck stood up," which might give a clue of its driving force. The story was confirmed by C.W. Anderson, a Snyder truck driver who was parked further down the road and said "something had been following him."

The U.S.A.F. now lists this case under UNIDENTIFIED.

(CREDIT: Robert Stiff, director, International UFO Bureau, Oklahoma City, U.S.A.)

ONTARIO

Stanley Moxon, of Toronto, was driving along Highway 15 near Joyceville, Ontario, early on Wednesday morning, when he saw a green light in a field. He shut off the car's headlights and swung onto a sideroad to get closer, then switched on his lights again. He saw a huge craft resembling two saucers, one inverted on the other and two "people" in white uniforms and helmets about 4ft. tall. "The pair almost flew inside the saucer" and the craft lifted quietly, but at tremendous speed until it was out of sight. Constable Steve Whitton said there was no reason to doubt the story and Moxon had not been drinking. O.P.P. at Perth had reported similar incidents.

(From the TORONTO TELEGRAM 24.8.67. CREDIT: H. McKay & SAUCERS, SPACE & SCIENCE, No.49, Fall 1967.)

AMATEUR PROSPECTOR SERIOUSLY BURNED BY UFO IN CANADA

This incident was thoroughly investigated by a representative of A.P.R.O. and details were specially requested by the University of Colorado research committee.

On May 20th this year, Steve Michalak of Winnipeg, Canada was doing some weekend prospecting near Falcon Lake about 75 miles east of Winnipeg. He was busy examining rock samples at about midday, when some geese nearby started screaming frantically. Steve looked up to see two red glowing ellipitical objects flying towards him from the southwest. One machine was a mere 10ft. off the ground, while the one behind appeared to be higher. The first machine landed and the second left the way it had come. The glow from the landed object soon disappeared and it looked like two stainless steel saucers placed together, although the top half had a large central dome. Heat radiated from the side of the craft as though it were cooling, and Steve reported hearing a constant whistling noise as though air were being sucked in and expelled.

The craft was about 35ft. across and 8ft. to the top of the flattened dome, and after watching for about 30 minutes, during which time he sketched it, a door slid open in the lower half. From the opening, came a violet light of such brilliance that Michalak was obliged to put on his welding glasses. He then saw inside, blinking red, white and blue lights but could not decide if they were part of the control system. Curious, he decided to approach the craft and tried to touch it. However, his rubber glove suddenly melted and his hand slid off the machine's side.

He thought he heard voices and tried answering them in Russian, Polish, German and Italian, but there was no answer. However the door closed without any sign of a join, and the machine began a counter-clockwise rotation. It quickly took off and gave out such a powerful blast of heat that Michalak's clothing was burnt and a grassfire started.

Although stunned, burnt and feeling sick, Steve drove into Falcon Lake and reported his experience to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. They were unhelpful, so Michalak went to the Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg. He was found to have second and third degree burns on his face and chest, which he explained as being an aircraft exhaust.

Within a day it was evident that Steve was a sick man. He was frequently sick and complained of a strange odour from inside him. For four days he was unable to keep any food down, being frequently nauseated and feeling dizzy. After a week in bed he had lost about 22lbs. Although given a radiation test, this proved negative, but a blood-count was significantly below normal. His face gave the impression of severe sunburn, and he had a strange checked pattern on his chest. Taking all the symptoms together, they suggested that he was suffering from radiation burns.

It was sometime before this 50-year-old industrial mechanic was able to relocate the landing area, as it was in rough bush country. However he was able to show Barry Thompson, the A.P.R.O. investigator, a burnt circular area in which there were no grass or leaves, in Mid-June. It is interesting to note that Dr. h. Craig, a psychologist from the Colorado project visited the area to interview Michalak and helped look for the landing sight.

There is no obvious reason why the UFO chose to land there, as it did not appear to be in trouble and took off in the direction of its approach. Falcon Lake is an unimportant isolated town, although Beausejour radar station is close by. Investigators found Michalak a sensible and reliable person, and he is convinced that what he saw was not an earthly craft.

The Canadian Scene We are hoping to publish a detailed article on the Canadian UFO scene in a future edition of SPACELINK, and have approached Dr. P. "Max" H. Edwards, Ph.D., of the University of Victoria, British Columbia, with a view to this.

The meeting on Monday 27th November had been announced for 8 p.m. but we arrived at 7.30 to find a crowd of fans on Caxton Hall's front step anxiously awaiting Dr. Stranges advent. Upstairs the Kent Room (capacity 110) was already packed to the windows, and the meeting was in full swing with Reginald A. Bradbury of the KINGDOM VOICE giving forth - having started at 7.15.

Nobody was prepared to accept responsibility for chaos, although KINGDOM VOICE and Miss Susanne Stebbing were to the fore. Susanne said she thought the Aetherius Society also had a hand in it. By the time the lecturer arrived at 7.50, 135 people were packed in.

Dr. Frank E. Stranges, self-styled director of the "National Investigation Committee on UFOs" and president of "International Evangelism Crusades, U.S.A." turned out to be a friendly man of medium build, with a middle-aged plumpness, emphasised by his gay red waistcoat. His wife was conspicuous in a vivid orange sweater, off-set with a splay of small pink beads and blond bouffonhairdo.

Dr. Stranges started immediately and commented on his European tour in which he had lectured to packed houses. This started in Mainz, where he met Herman Oberth. After a general background of UFO data, he made a special point of detailing the metal beryllium, which he implied was important to saucers. Wearing top-rimmed glasses, he performed a melodrama on the Wright brothers first flight to illustrate the point that the teachings of scientists and clergymen are frequently confounded.

Most of his points were considerably over-dramatised as was the way he got through two sets of security guards in the Pentagon, by opening his jacket as if showing a (non-existent) security pass-badge. Dr. Stranges said he was a former special investigator and was impressed by his Venusian friend, Valiant Thor's lack of finger-prints. "Finger-prints are the mark of the fall of man!"

In the Pentagon, Valiant produced a heavy one-piece "space suit" from a wardrobe. Stranges also told us, "Soon the very foundations of the planet would be shaken."

Nobody had a projector, so Ivar MacKay loaned and operated his own, and we were treated to a colourful array of slides, which included both genuine and doubtful UFO photos - all of which were treated as genuine,

Incidentally, copies of Dr. Stranges book, STRANGERS AT THE PENTAGON, can be obtained from Miss Stebbing.

THE 7th INTERNATIONAL WORLD UFO CONGRESS IN MAINZ

The Congress, sponsored by Karl Veit, editor of UFO-Nachrichten and the Deutsche UFO/IFO Studiengemeinschaft was held in Mainz on 3rd to 6th of November. It was reported that some 500 delegates attended from about 20 countries. Advertised on the programme was the United Artists film "UFO" and another on magnetic forces. Some eyebrows were raised when Rev. Frank E. Stranges told delegates how he met Valiant Thor, a being from Venus, inside the Pentagon. Many scientists including Prof. Hermann Oberth attended and the Congress adopted a poignant resolution that: the increased UFO reconnaissance activity suggested a rather unfriendly approach to earth.

G.E.O.S. UFO DETECTOR SUCCESS

Translated from the G.E.P.A. Bulletin, PHENOMENES SPATIAUX of September 1967.

"On November 13th, 1966, my GEOS detector woke me at 7.35 a.m. ringing 4 or 5 times! Looking at the sky, I mistook Jupiter for my flying saucer. At 7.40 a.m. I saw another bright spot, as bright as Jupiter, but in the south-east. With my binoculars I then observed an actual squadron of bright spots of different intensity. And just above them...a cigar! I was really astounded.

One thing is certain--my detector has worked. With five minutes warning, this corresponds to a sighting. One question - did a car in the street set off my detector? Possibly - but: 1) Its the first time this would have happened. 2) The detector has been working for a long time. 3) This coincidence is too amazing.

Mr. Francois Tasei."

Another GEOS Detector success was reported in Volume 12/5 of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW.

Ian Forbes of Chipperfield, Near Watford, Hertfordshire received his detector on Friday 1st July 1966 and set it up immediately before leaving for work. At precisely 9.45 a.m. (less than an hour after he had unpacked it!) the detector went off and Mrs. Forbes with her family, rushed outside and saw a metallic looking shiny object high in the sky. The Forbes detector again went off on Wednesday July 6th, at 00.30 in the night, but it was overcast and they were not able to see anything.

It would seem that certain UFOs have the ability to interfere with the whole range of the electro-magnetic spectrum, and alteration of local magnetic field strength and direction are probably the best points to check for, as those are the least likely to be subject to mundane interference. However, we have not yet heard from anyone who has had their detector set off during the recent U.K. flap, and in view of the diversity of sightings feel sure that someones detector must have buzzed!

Readers who would like further details of the GEOS magnetic detector should write to: Mr. R. Perrinjaquet, 19 rue du Village, 1214 Vernier-Geneva, Switzerland.

MR. SEARLE AND HIS SAUCER

Readers of the last edition may have wondered what became of John Searle and his promise to demonstrate and launch a home-made flying saucer. Well, so far, we know of no one who has seen one of the alleged craft in flight. We received the impression from people who attended a public demonstration and lecture by Searle, in Mortimer near Reading, on Sunday 17th September, that their journeys were a waste of time and nothing of great portent emerged from the meeting. Many people before have made similar promises to perfect a fliable flying saucer, and none have produced a model capable of being developed into a full-sized craft, so we remain sceptical of promises.

NOW WE HAVE S.I.S.A.P.

Intense UFO activity over an area often results in the formation of a new group. This axiom came true for Sussex, when as a result of the recent flap, S.I.S.A.P. - the Sussex Investigation Society of Aerial Phenomena was formed. We wish this new group every success, and hope that they will be as active as the neighbouring Surrey group (S.I.G.A.P.). For details of this SISAP write to Mr. D. Rodway, 217 Norwood Road, Herne Hill, S.E.24.

BOOK REVIEWS

CHALLENGE TO SCIENCE Jacques & Janine Vallee Neville Spearman Ltd. 25/0d

A breath of fresh air has been blown through the world of ufology by the publication of one of the sanest books yet on the UFO phenomenon. Stripped bare of the mystique, wild theorising and irrational speculation, for so long an irritating feature of the UFO subject, the Vallees have clearly, analytically and unemotionally, subjected the whole bewildering complex enigma to the rigorous, unbiased scrutiny of the true researcher.

A lively foreword by Professor Allen Hynek, congratulates the Vallees on their logical approach and recommends the work as eminently worthy of study by his scientific colleagues, who are, he chidingly says, "Draped in their dignity!"

Many hours of painstaking checking, counter-checking are revealed in succeeding chapters. A picture of extraordinary thoroughness and patience applied to an extraordinary subject. Practically every aspect of UFO study has been brought under the relentless gaze of these two researchers and a most comprehensive bibliography of 400 references is included, together with appendices specifically compiled to aid further research. They hold little comfort to the "cultist" and rightly declare that many of these sincere but deluded folk who believe the "Space Brothers" are about to pluck us out of the "mess", are themselves an admirable subject for study by the psychologist. A distinction is made between the "Space Brother" contactee reports and those involving "Humanoids".

The authors contend that only a global network of observing stations, manned by skilled personal with fully equipped recording gear of all types will be any real use in scientifically analysing the phenomenon. Amateur groups have neither a sufficient number of skilled observers, equipment, time nor finance, to conduct a world UFO watch. But the more serious and reliable groups can perform very useful service in such areas of historical research, the cataloging of current sightings and local investigations etc.

Delightful touches of humour in odd corners of the book complete a landmark on the UFO scene and can only serve to clear the cobwebs from the files of UFO researchers and give pointers to the future, when many have reached the point of asking themselves, "Whats the point?"

The Vallees humbly but honestly sum up their work by saying, "Whatever its physical nature, the phenomenon has made us aware of the limitations of our philosophies, of the obscurities in our beliefs, and of the weakness of our knowledge. It has generated conflicts and produced changes in our awareness of the world about us, that are not easy to weigh or even perceive, although we are all affected."

F. W. Smith

(Former Editor of SPACELINK)

BOOK REVIEWS

The FLYING SAUCER VISION John Michell Sidgwick & Jackson Ltd. 25/0d.

The title should not be confused with UFOs in general. This work should interest those who subscribe to the theory that the ancient gods were indeed spacemen. Those who believe in extraterrestrial life will find themselves at home, although I doubt whether it is a suitable book for the general reader. Michell's explanation of the Fatima vision is good and might well be the real answer. He also has some new ideas on the subject of leys. Michell delves deeply into archaeology and mythology and must be respected for his extensive research.

Some readers will find the material "old hat" and while chapter six, which deals with disappearing people, is interesting, we have read it all before. Although the book is hard going in places, what the author has to say is interesting and needs careful study. The presentation is good and compared with similar books, the price is reasonable. I would recommend it for the ardent UFO reader, but not for those who have just taken up the subject.

Brian Simmonds
(BUFORA executive member)

INCIDENT AT EXETER John G. Fuller F.P. Putnam's Sons, New York. \$5.95

This book is a terrific account of saucer sightings and consists entirely of sightings. The power of this book is the professional way in which it is written. It is full of excitement, never boring, and there is never a moment when Fuller has not done a good job of interviewing and investigating. He has analysed the photo on the dust cover and he visits Washington D.C. to talk over the recent sightings at the head-quarters of N.I.C.A.P. and meets Richard Hall, Assistant Director, who I have met personally. He was sceptical at first but after interviewing so many people (about 60) he changed his mind, and was unimpressed with the ridiculous statements of the American Air Force. His belief was also strengthened by his own personal sighting which brought him a new respect for the subject. Fuller is a writer of note - a former columnist in the SATURDAY REVIEW - he also wrote the INTERRUPTED JOURNEY. This book is a must for anyone interested in the flying saucer phenomenon.

Brian Simmonds

(Editorial note: Exeter is in New Hampshire, U.S.A The book focuses on activity during 1965 but is by no means confined to this period)

BOOK REVIEWS

STRANGERS FROM THE SKIES Brad Steiger Tandem Books. 3/6d.

There is a similarity among the current paperbacks dealing with the UFO problem and the variations lie mainly in the authors' approaches and selected material.

One very curious chapter - "The Terrible Flying Jelly Bags" - concerns an incident which occurred in Sweden on December 20th 1958. The two witnesses of a ground disc suddenly found themselves surrounded by a number of jelly-like "blobs", which were enveloping them and trying to pull them towards the disc. These things gave off a terrible smell "like ether and burnt sausage"! The two men managed with great difficulty to reach their car and scramble inside. Desperately pressing the horn in the hope of its attracting someones attention, they were relieved to find that the noise was evidently too much for the UFO, since the "blobs" left them and the UFO took off.

The chapter on "People Who Ride in Flying Saucers", starting off with Menger and his 500-year-old Venusian wife, quietly shows up these contactees for what they really are - or were - and is worth reading by every UFO student who does not belong to the lunatic fringe; it would be useless to recommend it to those who do, since they are incurable in any case.

On the whole I would certainly recommend this book to anyone interested in UFOs - whether newcomers or old-stagers. It is well worth its modest price of 3/6d.

Eric Biddle
(Editor of URANUS during
the mid-50s)

FLYING SAUCERS ARE HOSTILE Brad Steiger and Joan Whritenour (Editor - SAUCER SCOOP) Tandem Books 5/-

The emphasis throughout is on two factors, the reality of UFOs considered as extra-terrestrial space-craft and the alleged hostile intentions of the occupants of the craft. Many of the incidents described are weird and - to a novice terrifying. I believe myself that not all UFOs are hostile, but some certainly are.

On page 126 is an account of mysterious 'walking' by an unseen agency on a Florida hilltop, in an area marked by much UFO activity. On 175 of the WARMINSTER MYSTERY are accounts of identical phenomenon experienced on Cradle Hill, Warminster, also a centre of UFO activity.

The incidents related in this and STRANGERS FROM THE SKIES, are so far as I can ascertain, related accurately and with a fair amount of detail. The beginner will learn much from the volumes and the old hands will be glad to have some of his favourite UFO events chronicled in handy form for quick and easy reference. These two excellent paperbacks deserve the attention of all students of the UFO phenomenon.

John Cleary-Baker Ph.D.
(Editor of BUFORA JOURNAL)

DELLS FLYING SAUCERS - UFO REPORTS Readers of this, probably the world's most interesting UFO magazine, will be sorry to hear that No. 4 is the last publication of this title

JEANE DIXON The celebrated Washington clairvoyant, who foretold the death of President Kennedy, made a number of predictions for 1967. Of flying saucers she said, "they will make even more numerous appearances in 1967, but they do not come from outer space. They are unmanned devices being tested by the U.S. and Russian governments.

W. RAYMOND DRAKE Author of GODS OR SPACEMEN and SPACEMEN FROM THE ANCIENT EAST, saw his historical play "Charles (1) The Martyr King" staged for the first time by the Little Theatre Club, off St. Martin's Lane, W.C.2., on November 17th. This theatrical tragedy was performed in full costume for a scheduled ten days. Now Drake is looking for a company to stage his racy comedy "Miss Venus" about Selina...

The FLAT EARTH SOCIETY or rather its secretary, Samuel Shenton, explains away the current UFO flap as being machines operated by people from Atlantis, which lies at the end of the great ice barrier.

LECTURES: The following BUFORA lectures will be held at Kensington Central Library; "Voices from Space" by Philip Rogers on January 6th; "Alien Intelligence" by Maxwell Cade on February 3rd; and "Pieces from the Jig-Saw" by Leonard Cramp on March 2nd. May 18th has been provisionally nominated for a one-day BUFORA regional conference in Bristol, in which the BRITISH FLYING SAUCER BUREAU will be acting as host.

S.I.G.A.P. The Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena (a BUFORA member-society), under the able leadership of Omar Fowler, regularly publishes its own SIGAP NEWSLETTER. November's issue (No.6) contains UFO reports, an article on radar tracking, and the Liverpool conference in its four pages. For details of S.I.G.A.P. write to;- R. Beet, HON. SEC., 195, Epsom Road, Guildford, Surrey.

SNOW WOMAN An A.P. report in October from Seattle, Washington, tells how Roger Patterson and Bob Gimlin saw the legendary "Snow Woman" in Northern California. They described the giant female as standing about 7ft tall and weighing about 400lbs (28 stone). They have proof on 25ft of film and were to show this and foot-print casts to British Columbia University anthropologists. "She just walked with strides that averaged 42 inches until she was out of sight around a bend in the creek", and even 90 ft away "She Stank".

SPACELINK, BUFORA JOURNAL and the British Flying Saucer Bureau's FLYING SAUCER NEWS have all beendespatched to the LIBRARY OF CONGRESS following a personal request. The Congressional Library in Washington D.C. is the American equivalent of the British Museum Library. About mid-1968 they will be publishing a UFO bibliography (est \$1.00) and they have already catalogued over 800 items.

NATIONAL SKY-WATCH DAY

The Editor, Edgar Hatvany (left) filming with the B.B.C. PANORAMA unit, directed by BUFORA member Lawrence Moore (right) at the Sun Dial on Pewley Downs, Guildford, Surrey. The occasion was the "International Sky-Watch Day" on 24th June, 1967.



BUFORA IN ACTION

The BUFORA Mobile Unit in action at Okehampton Police Station on Dartmoor. John Cleary-Baker, BUFORA JOURNAL Editor (centre) with Arnold West and John Myers, interviewed the Policemen who saw the first "fiery cross" of the "Great Autumn Flap" (see page 5 and the centre)

THE SCORITON MYSTERY

Miss Eileen Buckle, Arthur Bryant and Norman Oliver, at the site of the alleged 'landing' of the Venusian saucer on a lonely part of Dartmoor near Scorrilton on a bleak and freezing January morning in 1966. (See page 13 and 14)

