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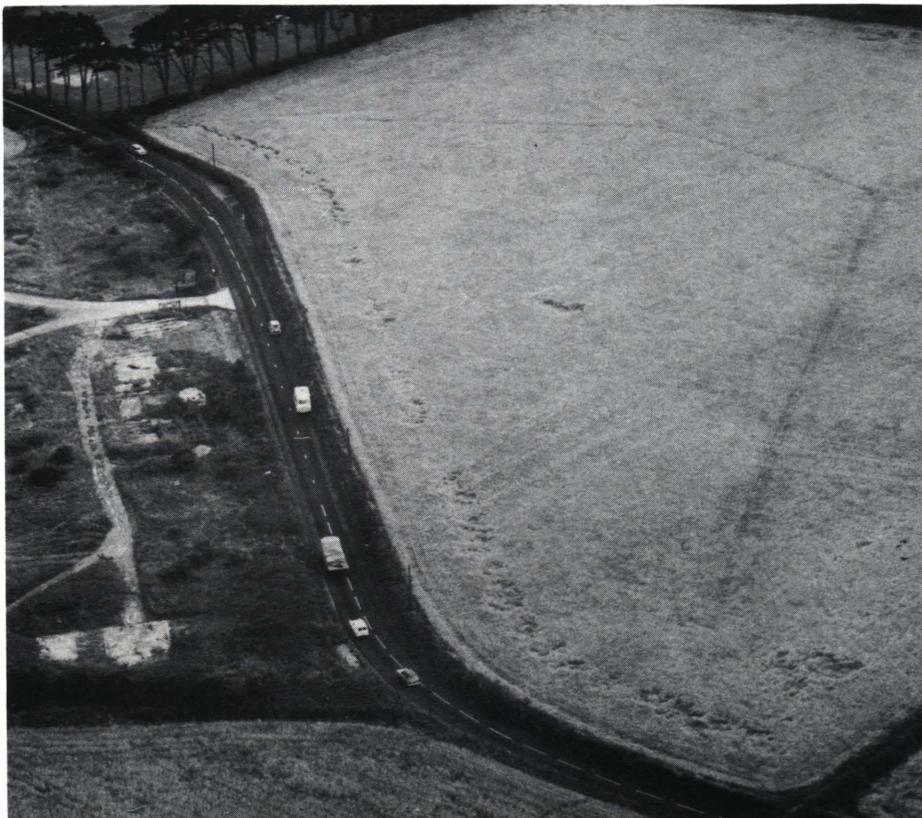
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UFO TRAIL OR FREAK WHIRLWIND?



(Above) The field where the UFO was first seen from the school. On the left is a path, and on the right the whirly-gig trail of damaged barley is clearly evident. The trail skirts the hut to the right and on the far right (hidden by the trees) are the B.H.C. test tanks. The pigeon was found at the start of this trail. The photographs by no means show the full extent of the damage. (Below)

Aerial photo showing a trail of damage which follows the hedge and leads away from the school, which is just visible in the top left corner. Width of the trail can be gauged from the traffic. White marks on the right show a former army gun-sight. Medium-sized pieces of concrete from this sight and small stones were found freshly deposited in damaged barley fields. The straight lines crossing the main field are drainage.

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UFO TRAIL OR FREAK WHIRLWIND?

On March 2nd at Kensington Central Library, Leonard Cramp, with the able assistance of a colleague on the projection equipment gave a detailed account of how Sq.Ldr. Bob Cox, Tom Pattinson, David Crewman and John Feakins, all technically qualified men investigated the strange 'whirligig' patterns left in barley fields on the Isle of Wight last Summer. The lecture was mainly devoted to showing b/w. aerial stills, colour stills on the ground and colour movie footage to give a clearer picture of the extent of the disturbance. We also heard tapes of Farmer Warne being interviewed for his opinion, and the schoolboys involved.

The story starts on July 10th 1967, at 9 a.m., when the children were lining up at Whippingham Village School (near East Cowes, I.O.W.). Two of the boys spotted a hovering object about 500 yards away through a space in the trees which border the playground. The first boy said the object was disc-shaped with a milky or cloud like appearance, shaped like two saucers joined together. It looked solid, and was hovering silently. The children were promptly marched into school before they could tell their friends. When they were let out again at 10.30 the space was empty. However another boy looking further to the west glimpsed something flying at the same height. The object appeared to flutter downwards, moving across the fields, as if out of control, towards the river Medina. Other children saw it and it seemed to correct itself, climbed a little and disappeared behind the trees. From details given, Len Cramp was able to estimate the size as nearly 40 feet across, "larger than a double-decker bus".

Although the boys were interviewed 'on site', the extent of the damage in nine large fields of barley latterly examined, was not at first appreciated. For fear of further damage by 'sight-seers', to the cereal, investigations were not published until last November. When the boy first saw the UFO he was looking northwards towards the British Hovercraft Corporation test tanks. The field adjacent to the tanks bore the greatest amount of disturbance of all, and there were also marks in the barley field (see aerial photo) which led away from the school boundary towards the major disturbance area.

The investigators searched the fields for more evidence, taking a quantity of colour photos and movie footage, almost every day for six weeks. At the beginning of the trail they found a young wood pigeon, dead at the roadside. Its feathers were scattered along the trail, and its wing was found $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away. Dozens of pieces of stone and concrete were found on top of the flattened barley as well as bits of paper and rubbish, which should not have been there. Some of the pieces of concrete appeared to have come from the dismantled gun battery site, shown in the aerial photo.

The weather before and after July 10th was perfect with several weeks of sunshine and NO WIND. Although the farmers concerned do not 'believe in' saucers, Mr. John Warne of Coburg Farm said "I have never seen anything like it. The ears of barley were threshed bare - all the grains gone. I cannot explain it. It certainly wasn't the weather". He also said "This damage has been caused by something violent like a whirlwind". Farmer Donald Thomas of Padmore Farm agreed. Incidentally the children denied playing in the fields, but they could not possibly have caused damage of this magnitude.

The trail looked as if a 'mad thing' had ploughed across the fields, and the effect was similar to that created by a small whirlwind travelling in a straight line. It was a deep trough in which the barley had been flattened to the ground in a continuous whirligig pattern. In fact there were two layers, as though the leading part of the vortex had snatched the barley in one direction, and the tail had pulled it back the opposite way. The trough was almost straight except for skirting a little hut. Every few yards there were twisted central tufts of barley, which were found to be numerically spaced e.g., 7'-7'-10'-10'-10'-6'-6' etc. The ground in the centre of these tufts was bare as though barley, roots and soil had been violently tugged out. There were also smaller side trails leading off the main disturbance, as though small eddies had whipped off the main vortex. From the other side of the river it looked as though the crops had been cut with a knife and then swept with a broad broom in a dead straight line. A continuation of the trail was latterly seen on the other side, but the investigators could not afford any more time to trace it.

SPACELINK PRAISED

I think most people I've spoken to about SPACELINK "New Look" are very satisfied and I was delighted with the content. Congratulations on the circulation you seem to be building.

Fred Smith - Former Editor, Isle of Wight.

I now congratulate you most warmly on the fine quality of SPACELINK. It shows first class experience to serve UFO news and ideas. Just to mention one example: the latest flying cross etc., flap over England is best expounded in SPACELINK (among other sources that have served me in this respect).

I have found SPACELINK many times superior to what I optimistically expected it to be. Mr. Edgar Hatvany's articles, and fine English too, were well appreciated. Thanks for the contribution from Greece too.

John Electros Boumis - Athens.

(A member of the Greek writers association)

Having just subscribed to your SPACELINK and received the December issue yesterday, I would like to congratulate you on a most interesting publication.

Eric Biddle - Ludlow, Shropshire.

I also want to congratulate you on such a fine job of SPACELINK which arrived a few days ago.

Gene Duplantier - Editor, SAUCERS, SPACE & SCIENCE, Ontario, Canada.

Your SPACELINKS have gone like wildfire....Please may we have six more on the same basis please. It looks like being a very successful project and the best of luck in the future.

Richard Beet - Hon. Secretary, S.I.G.A.P., Guildford, Surrey.

Thank you very much for the magazine, which I received today - it was a very good issue! I hope that our organisations may co-operate during a very long time

G.J.Kok - Director, NOBOVO-IUFOB; Editor, VLIJGENDE SCHOTEL NIEUWS, Drachten, Holland.

Please accept my congratulations on your and Mr. Hatvany's first copy of SPACELINK. I found it most interesting and the topicality of news fills a need.

Mrs. Joan Cotton - London, S.W.3.

Received the latest issue of SPACELINK and thought I should write and congratulate you and your staff on an excellent publication, and to inform them of the recent changes made in IUFOB. As of 2-68, the INTERNATIONAL UFO BUREAU is now publishing the UFO ANALYSIS REPORT on a bi-monthly basis.

Robert A. Stiff - I.U.F.O.B., 4305 N.Miller, Oklahoma City, 73112, U. S. A.

My congratulations on such an excellent edition of the SPACELINK, the first one under your editorship. I should like to extend my best wishes of continuous and rising success.

Antoni Szachnowski - Chairman, ANGLO-POLISH UFO RESEARCH CLUB, London.

May we congratulate you on your first issue of SPACELINK! It is an excellent effort and we hope you will be able to continue prosperously until we Ufologists have worked ourselves out of business, when the solution to the Ufo-problem is found.

Brigitte Terjesen - TRONDHEIM UFO-FORENING, Norway

The Editors also have pleasure in acknowledging support and congratulations from: Peter L. Jones, John Parkinson of Liverpool, Geoffrey Sharpe of Bromsgrove, R. Blackburn of Lewisham, David Thompson of Batley, Mrs. Clare Branch L.Ch. of Weymouth and are sorry that there is not space enough to include the many others.

Finally, they acknowledge personal congratulations and encouragement from Capt. Ivar Mackay, Chairman of BUFORA, and Dr. Geoffrey Doel, Vice-President of BUFORA.

SPACELINK CRITICISED

I think you need more 'body' in the magazine, i.e., more articles and less snippets. To be frank - and I take it you want me to say what I really think - the level of the December issue was, in my view, below that of previous Isle-of-Wight issues, so far as general interest is concerned. However, a single example, produced under difficulties as I gather, is not an adequate sample, so don't let my strictures discourage you.

John Cleary-Baker, Ph.D., Editor, BUFORA JOURNAL, Winchester, Hampshire.

Having received the first edition of the new look SPACELINK during the past week, I feel compelled to comment. As you state in the first sentence of your editorial, ufo research appears to be gaining increasing respect, and it would be a pity if rather foolish little things should delay this gain.

Firstly, in the policy statement, you agree that you do not intend to over indulge in self-righteous criticisms of other publications or UFO study groups. But, immediately following, in your editorial, you charge full tilt at certain aspects of the subject such as voices from space, galactic (sic) telephone messages, space poetry on tape and at the Sceriton story. You have every right to an opinion, but if you are keen on a scientific approach then these must be considered as far as the facts can be ascertained. As far as I can see at the moment, they can neither be proven or disproven but if certain assumptions are made they can be discarded for the purpose of any one theory. However, if this theory is proven, it will only be correct provided that these assumptions are proved correct, or possibly, accepted as correct. Your final paragraph concludes that it is within your grasp to achieve the ultimate proof (acceptable to most orthodox (?) scientists) that flying saucers not only exist, but must be extraterrestrial phenomena. Before you can state that flying saucers exist, they must be defined. If you accept the theory that they are extraterrestrial and can prove it I am sure all readers would be pleased to hear it. I feel that you should read some of the works of Dr. James E. McDonald of the University of Arizona before making any further statements of a similar nature.

May I hope to receive a publication with more polish in the near future, certainly more than this letter has, and wish you all the best in your venture.

Norman E. Hardy, Luton, Bedfordshire.

(Mr. Hardy, who is a professional journalist in the engineering field, also made other self-evident criticisms of our first edition, but we did not feel that anything would be gained by publishing them all. We have thanked him for his interest in SK. - L.B.).

Thank you for SPACELINK - some good material. May I suggest, constructively, that future contents require better flow in editing technique. I assume that any comments will be helpful.

Dennis Llewellyn, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire.

The Editors also wish to thank John Boumis of Athens for a number of helpful and constructive suggestions, which have been carefully noted.



Incidentally in SPACELINK, there is an article from the former editor, who asked four questions. The first one asks whether all members are familiar with the most significant cases on record, well I am not sure if I am, so wondered if you could tell me where I could find these facts out.

J.T.Saunders, Andover, Hants.

F R E D : ?

DISGUISES AND SURPRISES • by Edgar Hatvany

Several recent sighting reports suggest that UFOs employ a sophisticated method of daytime camouflage. This suggestion appears to be corroborated by a series of six photos taken in the United States. There is only one disturbing thought, how positive can we be that these important photos are genuine? So many UFO photos turn out to be fakes - some are accepted for years as the genuine article, and then the bubble bursts.

So it is scientifically prudent to explore other avenues of research, converging on the same focal point of investigation - in this case - the evidence that UFOs disguise themselves so as to blend in with the background of the sky.

A valid argument in favour of this observation occurred during the great autumn flap of Oct. Nov. 1967. The planet Venus was in proximity to earth, and therefore unduly bright. An earlier study of the proximities of Mars has revealed that UFO activity was also at a peak when this planet was nearest (and therefore brightest) to earth. Of course this 'coincidence' serves as a perfect excuse for the authorities to explain the unusually high number of sightings as mistaken observations of these planets. And the authorities may have a point, for even an experienced observer may be sometimes mistaken, as the following incident illustrates.

On Monday the 23rd October 1967 (a day or two before the flap hit the headlines) a BUFORA Executive Committee member was awakened by his wife at 4 o'clock in the morning with the exclamation: "Look Bob - a flying saucer". Naturally, Bob Crawford leaped out of bed to have a look through the window, and instinctively said: "It's only Venus". This instant dismissal was justified by the many observations of this heavenly body during Bob Crawford's years in the Navy. But his wife insisted: "Look, it moves". Only to be told that this was an illusion created by the moving clouds. Finally pacified, his wife returned to bed with this parting remark: "But it moved from one side of the window right across to the other", but Bob was already half asleep.

"Oh, to have a bit of hindsight" said Bob ruefully during the following days as 'the bright object' gained nationwide notoriety. For he had a camera at the ready and a telescope and could have made a reliable contribution towards solving the argument by using these instruments.

This, in a nutshell, epitomises two important aspects of the UFO enigma: a) when reliable people see them they are unprepared for the visual encounter, b) it so often transpires afterwards that there was at the time a perfectly natural object (Mars or Venus) under unusual conditions (at proximity) that could have accounted for the observations.

The element of surprise gives the intruder - in this case, the UFO - a great advantage and so does camouflage.

How can we hope to learn anything about our visitors if they use these most effective techniques? By trying to be one step ahead of them and eliminating their advantage of surprise and disguise. An impossible task? Not if tackled logically: To prevent the element of surprise we set ourselves aside a period during which we intentionally go out looking for UFOs. Furthermore, we previously prepare all available scientific instruments for recording and observing these elusive objects. Obviously we have to be outdoors, on a good vantage point - say a high hill, and to be absolutely ready for action a radio communication network is essential, in order to be notified in advance of any approaching object. This radio network is being organised by Roy Winstanley, SPACELINK's technical consultant, and further developments will be published by us.

To discover if disguise could be utilised, we must first find a period during which natural phenomena could be mistaken for UFOs. Combine the two factors and set up a network of scientifically equipped observation posts, and at last a break-through may be achieved.

The next period of 'mistaken observations' could well be the weekend of June 15/16th 1968, when the asteroid Icarus will pass the earth by a scant four million miles. This giant chunk of cold rock, has a diameter of just over one mile and there is already some alarmist talk that it may come much nearer to earth, and even collide with us. I doubt if it will appear any brighter than the faintest star but as it has an elongated orbit around the Sun its trajectory will be an unusual one, and it will be interesting to see how many UFO reports are attributed to this interloper. Therefore we propose to hold a nationwide sky-watch on just this weekend. If any UFOs should decide to take this opportune period to have a look at us, then we shall be delighted to reciprocate.

NATIONAL SKY-WATCH DAY

SATURDAY, 15th JUNE 1968.

Objectives:

- 1) Country-wide watch for unidentified flying object activity.
- 2) To test the radio communication network and eliminate the element of surprise by being forewarned of approaching objects.
- 3) To obtain verifiable scientific proof by the use of modern instrumentation.

Duration:

A 12-hour watch to extend from 7 p.m. on Saturday June 15th, to Sunday June 16th.

Organisation:

Edgar Hatvany as the British UFO Research Association's 'Field Observation Officer' has been nominated as chief organiser. It is hoped that local societies/groups and individuals all over the United Kingdom will take part as they did last year. By the beginning of June a comprehensive list of locations and rendezvous points should be available. If you would like the latest information and further details, send a stamped addressed envelope to:

Edgar Hatvany (SKW)
19 Richmond Avenue,
East Bedfont,
Middlesex.

BUFORA RADIO COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

BUFORA's Communications Officer, Roy Winstanley, has applied to the G.P.O., for the allocation of a special scientific radio frequency which should enable watchers to maintain instantaneous communication between the main observation posts.

Permission has already been granted for the use of the 450 to 470 Mc/s. band, which could provide two-way communication over a distance of 20 to 50 miles.

He is also negotiating for the use of spot frequencies in one or more of the amateur bands, or alternatively the use of a low H.F. frequency for long distance communication of say 200 to 300 miles.

Should any amateur radio operators be interested in co-operating with the sky-watch day activities, they are advised to write to:

Roy Winstanley,
33 Westwood Road,
Queens Park,
Blackburn, Lancashire.

In between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter lies what is known as the Asteroid belt; these are 'Minor planets' varying in size from Ceres which is the largest and over 400 miles in diameter, down to 'chunks of rock' half-a-mile or less across. Estimates of their total number vary considerably, but it certainly runs into thousands, and Patrick Moore, in his admirable little handbook THE OBSERVER'S BOOK OF ASTRONOMY puts the possible total as high as 40,000. Opinions as to their origin also differ, though the theory they are the remains of a former planet that blew up, (or was blown up) is well to the fore; many readers will be familiar with the works of George Hunt Williamson who believes they are all that is left of the planet he calls 'Maldek' blown up through the mis-use of atomic power by its inhabitants. Astronomically speaking, I know of no reason why this could not be so, which is not of course to say that the belt was definitely so formed; a point against the theory being that the total mass of all known asteroids would not make up a planet anywhere near even the size of Mars.

The interest of many people at the moment, however, is centred upon one particularly inoffensive little asteroid - Icarus by name - the name originating from the legend of Daedalus and Icarus, when Icarus, donning wings held together by wax, flew too near the sun and suffered the obvious consequences! Icarus does in fact have a most erratic orbit which brings it only some 15 million miles from the sun at its nearest approach and is rumoured by some to be going to collide with and lay waste much of our planet, if not destroy it altogether when, on its way Sunwards in June of this year, it will approach within some four million miles of the Earth. But, Icarus is something like one mile only in diameter (less than one two-thousandth that of the Moon) and it will pass the Earth at many times the distance of the Moon; the chance of it colliding with the Earth is therefore so remote as to be almost negligible. Even should one chance in many millions occur and calculations prove wrong, it is highly unlikely that planet-wide damage could result; the force of contact of what was left of Icarus would be sufficient to destroy a fair-sized city should it be in its path, and doubtless some earth tremors would result, or tidal waves if it finished up in the ocean, but the chance of this happening is almost non-existent.

Other asteroids have approached close to the Earth. Juno for one, and Hermes of a similar size to Icarus, in 1937 came to within half a million miles without any disasters occurring.

I have heard it said also, that Icarus, whilst not actually hitting the Earth will nevertheless cause chaos by disrupting the Earth's magnetic field. To this I can only recall my words at a recent BUFORA meeting when I said that despite the advent of Icarus in June, I had accepted a lecture engagement for September which I fully expect to keep!

P R O J E C T S A I N T.

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From time to time, brief news flashes appear about unidentifiable objects tracking American and Russian space probes. These mysterious fellow-travellers vary in size from the minute 'fire-flies' to mystery satellites of a gigantic size, which were labelled BLACK KNIGHTS by NEWSWEEK and LIFE magazines. It is not generally known that the U.S. authorities have been very worried by these intruders, and consequently as early as 1960 (well before any astronauts came back to earth with reports of unknown onlookers) the Pentagon announced "Project Saint". The purpose of this project was to send specially equipped satellites into space, pursue and identify such mysterious objects. It is remarkable that no data of any kind, not even negative evaluations of the results have ever been released.

THE AUSTRALIAN SCENE OVER THE YEARS by William E. Moser, J.P.

(continued from the last edition)

The first part of this article dealt mainly with pioneer ufologists, Australian UFO publications and societies.

Coming briefly back to societies, the other two Australian States have also got their own groups. Western Australia has a small active group and Tasmania has two small groups in the largest cities. TUFOIC NEWSLETTER was published in 1966 but lately contact with our Tasmanian friends has been sparse. It is also worth mentioning that UFO societies exist in a number of country towns, partly or fully independent, like Ballarat, Victoria, or the recently formed in Newcastle, N.S.W. At the Newcastle society's inaugural meeting, with 134 people present, 55 of them declared themselves founder members. In the capital city of Canberra, N.S.W., another inaugural meeting was held, attended by about 25 people last September.

Over the years there were quite a number of remarkable sightings in Australia and its territories. As in other countries, many sightings were never reported. For example, 1963 had ten, 1964 had nineteen and 1965 had as many as fifty-eight. Some of the sightings were quite extensively reported overseas. Examples: Wilcania (1954) N.S.Wales; Rev. Gill (1959) New Guinea; Rev. Browning (1960) Queensland; a sighting in February 1967 in Sydney, witnessed independently by a dozen people, including a university lecturer, a post-mistress and a retired accountant (all reliable persons) are also worth mentioning. As a historical note, Edgar Jarrold (pioneer Australian ufologist) became interested in the UFO problem, when he saw two strange lights moving across the sky near his home in 1951. For 1966 and 1967 nearly 100 sightings had been reported by October. Some are still being investigated and are unexplainable by orthodox science.

Over the years various attempts have been made to form an all-Australian society, but so far with little success. The distances here in Australia, just as in the United States are so colossal that regular meetings would be almost impossible. In 1964, C.A.P.I.O., the "Commonwealth Aerial Phenomena Investigation Organisation", was suddenly and without much preparation, founded in Ballarat, Victoria. The meeting was attended by only a handful of officials from other states. The Ballarat Society intended that CAPIO should be the mouth-piece of Australian research groups, with a view to contacting Government and scientific circles. So far little progress has been made, and it is to be hoped that it will be more successful in the future.

Visits from overseas UFO researchers have always been welcome, although unfortunately far too infrequent. George Adamski's visit to most Australian cities in 1959, organised mainly by Queensland was at the time an unqualified success, but quickly forgotten. This year (1967) we had the pleasure of welcoming Professor J.E. McDonald from Arizona University for a brief two weeks. McDonald's visit was probably the biggest boost UFO societies have had during their existence. Even now, three months after his visit, 2-3 people contact the Sydney society each week as a result of his radio and television appearances. We also expected a visit from Kenneth Arnold this year, and American sources say that he was expected to make his home in Australia. So far nothing has been ascertained from his homeland or here.

In Australia, members of the various UFO societies total well over a thousand, and naturally N.S.Wales and Victoria have the largest. They are in touch with many overseas groups and also individuals, and exchange publications. N.S.Wales for example is exchanging over sixty magazines and are also in touch with many scientists in UFO and astronomical matters. One can certainly say that a serious and scientific outlook dominates the UFO societies here, although it is certainly the prerogative of every member to look at the UFO mystery from every aspect.

It should also be mentioned that McDonald's visit certainly helped to bring various Australian scientists closer to the UFO problem, and their help and advice is already forthcoming. It is to be hoped that one day in the not too far distant future, the Government will see its way clear to recognise the matter officially and do something constructive about it.

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HOW DID SNIPPY DIE?

According to an article in UFO INVESTIGATOR, official publication of the NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE on AERIAL PHENOMENA (U.S.A.), Snippy the 3-year old horse, died of a severe hind leg infection. The article also suggests that the 15 marks in a 75 foot diameter circle may have been infection drainings, as the animal walked in an agonising circle. Then it speculates that 'someone' cut the animal's throat to end its suffering (so that it died about 100 yards away from the circle). The smell of blood could have attracted predators, which removed the abdominal cavity.

This confused story from a local NICAP branch has been discredited by Robert Stiff of IUFOP, The Lorenzens of APRO, Joan Whritenour of SAUCER SCOOP and other well-known American ufologists.

Snippy had been missing for two days and was found sprawled on his side in a clearing in the chico bushes, which grow everywhere below the towering mountains. Livestock is frequently killed by lightning and mountain lions, and it was several days before Snippy's owner, Mrs. Berle Lewis, saw the remains. An autopsy on the horse showed that its Stomach, Brain and Spinal cavities were empty. The empty brain cavity was apparently inexplicable to the pathologist, and the horse was definitely not struck by lightning. All the flesh had been stripped from the animal's head and neck, and only the bones remained.

Some chico brush in the area had been flattened to only 10 inches, and there were 15 'exhaust' marks in a 75 foot circle. Six identical holes 2" wide x 4" deep were found in another area where a craft may have landed.

Mrs. Lewis found a tool near the animal, covered in horse hair. When she tried to wipe off the hair, her hand turned red and began to burn. This burning persisted until she washed her hands. So she cajoled a forestry official to check the area with a geiger-counter. High readings were apparently found around the area of the 'landings'.

The vultures had not touched the carcass which is unusual in this desert region. Another strange item found, was a plastic-like bag containing a greenish-fluid.

It seems that this wild, brush-covered desert-mesa country, east of Alamosa, Colorado, has been visited regularly by UFOs for the last five years. Top American pathologists and ufologists, including senior investigator Frederick Ayer, sent expressly by Dr. Robert Low (Colorado project co-ordinator) all had a finger in the investigations, and "Death by Flying Saucer" cannot be ruled out.

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TRANSLATOR WANTED: SK. receives two Dutch UFO magazines, and would be grateful if a reader who understands Dutch would volunteer to scan them for UFO news and translate it.

Antoni Szachnowski, of the ANGLO-POLISH UFO RESEARCH CLUB has supplied a large quantity of material on his International UFO Petition for the U.N., which we are still studying.

BUFORA has a major research project in the offing, involving the use of a computer and if this comes to fruition, it will almost certainly mean a significant step forward in scientific UFO research. More details later.

Readers of SPACELINK can still win a free year's subscription to this magazine by enrolling three other subscribers during a six months period. The three new subscriptions need not be sent in together. Forms supplied free. (Postal subscription: 13/6d. Overseas: 14/0d).

It all began during the September holidays of 1963, when my sister remarked at breakfast one morning, that she had seen a light shining through the window during the night. Although we all told her it was the moon, I consulted my nautical almanac, and to my surprise found that the moon was not due until 10.30 a.m., to be seen through her window.

Several days later, she said she saw the light again, and not being interested, paid no further attention to it.

The week following the holidays was particularly pleasant and I had been out cycling. On returning home at about 11.30 p.m., I decided to catch up on some homework for my examinations. After about an hour, every member of the family had gone to bed, leaving me alone with my books. About twenty minutes later I saw a bright light through the curtains, so got up and drew back the curtains to see what the light was. Unfortunately the windows were 'steamed-up', so I could not see very well. I then went to the kitchen unfastened the back door and went outside, but could not see a light anywhere except the feeble glow given out by the lamps about a 100 yards away. I went back indoors and decided to go to bed. After being in bed about twenty minutes, I saw the light again, so being curious, got dressed and went outside. The light was about the size of a football, spherical, and gave off a pale green bright light. It was hovering about 8 feet above the ground, and was about 50 yards from me. Having a curious nature, I went towards the sphere to see what it was. I got to within 30 yards of the object when it started to move away from me. Carrying on towards the object, I noticed that it was now moving to my right and away from me without stopping. I followed it for about 200 yards, when it increased its speed and disappeared behind a wall, about a quarter of a mile in front of me. I arrived at the spot where it had disappeared, but it was not there. So I looked around and saw the object speeding towards a quarry at a speed of about 80 miles-an-hour. The quarry was about half a mile away and I reached it 20 minutes later, but could not see the object at all. I then went into the quarry in the hope that I could find it. But it was nowhere to be seen. After looking around for ten minutes, I went to the top of the quarry to have another look. I stood still for a few minutes hoping that I might have heard a sound of some description, but all was quiet. It was then that I looked up into the sky and saw a circular 'disc' about the size of a dustbin at arms length. On seeing the object I immediately bolted to a farmer's wooden hut in the adjoining field, after climbing a five foot high free stone wall. I watched the object through holes in the walls and roof. To my surprise the object came straight towards me and stopped directly overhead. It was about 200 feet high, and remained stationary. It made no sound during the whole time it was visible. I ran out of the hut, climbed over the wall and ran towards home. No sooner was I over the wall when a beam of light, like a carbon-arc spotlight was projected. It lasted about two seconds. The object then climbed in a vertical direction and disappeared from view. The light had lit up the ground 6 feet from where I had stood. It made a noise like a high voltage discharge: "ZWAPP!"

The following morning I returned to the spot where the 'light' had shone on the wall. I found that a circle about 6 feet in diameter had blackened the wall. It looked as if it had been 'blacked' with the smoke of a candle, but no soot or carbon deposit could be taken off the wall. However I took a specimen of the rock which was blackened in the hope that it could be analysed. Later in the dark I noticed that the rock gave off a very feeble, pale green light. Apparently the beam of light had caused a permanent chemical change, which made the rock fluoresce.

(Editorial comment: Roy was a teenager at the time, and his mother confirmed that he was very shaken-up the next day. He never had any further 'encounters' and is now married, although he and his wife go sky-watching sometimes. (see photo in last edition). We have no reason to doubt Roy's story, as he is not trying to prove anything by it, and it would seem that he narrowly missed being instantaneously fried to death. Even if it was only a warning, we still find this story alarming. - L.B.)

Now turn over and read our second story....

This incident took place about 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday evening 20 or 27th July, 1967, near Blackgang/Niton landslip, Isle of Wight, when it was fine, slightly chilly, but with no wind.

My boyfriend and I drove down to the landslip car park about 9.30 p.m. As soon as we stopped the car, I had the feeling that there was someone or something fairly near. Without speaking, John (my boyfriend) and I both looked over to the left-hand side of the car park towards the hills that block the sea from view on that side, and we both saw a blue-yellow glow between two of the hills. We wound down the windows of the car and, both speaking at the same moment, said, "Can you hear anything?". Although the night was very still, the air seemed to be filled with a vibrating noise; this sound was all around us; but its source was definitely behind the hills where we could see the glow. It was so uncanny that I said to John, "Let's wind the windows up and go!"

We closed the windows and John turned the car and began to drive back along the road, which is really not much more than a wide, very rough lane. We drove about a quarter of the way along this road on our way back to the main highway. Suddenly John doubled over the steering-wheel, clutching his stomach. Then he gripped his right arm on the inside of the elbow joint. His foot started to slip off the accelerator; his face became white, almost blue. The car began to slow down. John was unable to control it. I told him to put his foot back on the accelerator, and that I would steer it back to the main road, which I did. Once there he felt slightly better, and was able to drive the car to my house.

We both went indoors, and John said that he had felt as if his stomach had been gripped in a vice. He then rolled up his right sleeve. On the inside of the elbow joint was a mark like a bruise, about the size of a penny. There were numerous holes in the bruised area, rather like the punctures made by a B.C.G. test vaccine. The next day he told me that there were several similar marks on his stomach. That evening (Thursday) we went down to the Blackgang side of the landslip, and looked across at the spot where we had seen the glow the previous night. We both noticed that on the side of the hill near that spot was a brown mark, not unlike a furrow, as if the earth had been scooped out of the side of the hill. We left the car at the top of the slip, made our way over to the other side, and climbed round to the mark on the hill. There we found that the mark appeared to have been made by something quite large rubbing against the side of the hill. It seemed as if a large wheel, or something that shape, had been spinning through the air and passed too close to the hill, thereby scooping out a fair amount of earth. The earth around the edges of this furrow was very dry, and the grass around the edges was not charred, but it was brown. It seemed to have been exposed to considerable heat, like grass looks when it has been dried by the sun. There were no other marks anywhere. We had often been down both sides of the landslip and we agree that the mark was definitely not there before.

Regarding the glow, I cannot say what it was, only what it wasn't: it was not a tractor, as there were no wheel marks at all in the field; it was not a beam of St. Catherine's Light-house (about half-a-mile away) as that is a 'split-beam', and is quite different from what we saw; it was not the sunset, as the sun sets much further down the coast to the West. I can think of no explanation whatever, except that of a UFO. Neither John nor I suffered any 'after effects', and John's 'bruises' had entirely disappeared by the weekend.

(CREDIT: The ISLE OF WIGHT UFO INVESTIGATION SOCIETY and Fred Smith (former editor of SK.)
 (Comment: This landslip and other parts of the south coast of the Isle of Wight must rate highly amongst U.K. beauty spots. When the car drove back to the main road, the driver (John) would have been facing towards the glow. Assuming that the 'glow' was indeed a UFO, did it have sinister designs on the young couple or was it merely taking evasive action? This incident took place shortly after the barley fields were damaged, although the public did not learn about them until November 1967. Like so many other stories with possible ufological connection, there is no immediately obvious reason for these alarming sequences, although we can speculate endlessly. - L.B.)

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A number of similar reports have reached us to show that a very unsatisfactory state of affairs exists at Colorado University.

Jeremy Campbell REPORTING FROM WASHINGTON.

Mysterious goings-on in the flying saucer world

EVENING STANDARD, WEDNESDAY MARCH 6, 1968—7

IF I read the portents correctly, this year's most fascinating scientific feud is already under way. It involved at least two leading experts in the field of atmospheric physics and it promises to be as divisive and relentless as any controversy of its kind.

The argument, I am astonished to report, is over the existence and nature of flying saucers and whether certain exotic strangers are visiting this planet from outer space.

About 16 months ago, the U.S. Air Force, reluctantly bowing to public opinion, invited Dr. Edward Uhler Condon, a brilliant theoretical physicist, well known for his courage and candour, to undertake an independent investigation into the phenomenon of flying saucers.

He was given £208,000 to

spend and asked to submit a report by the summer of this year.

Today, the Condon study is making headlines—but for all the wrong reasons. It is losing some of its outstanding members, under circumstances which are mysterious to say the least.

Sinister rumours are circulating that private documents belonging to the University of Colorado have been leaked to outsiders hostile to the Condon cause. And, last week, as officials at Colorado made the bare minimum of comment, Dr. Condon himself succumbed to a recurrent heart ailment and took to his bed.

At least four key people have vanished from the Condon team without offering a satisfactory reason for their departure.

The complete story behind the strange events in Colorado is hard to decipher. But a clue, at least, may be found in the recent statements of Dr. James McDonald, the senior physicist at the Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the University of



CONDON
Embattled expert.

Arizona and widely respected in his field.

In a wary, but ominous, telephone conversation this week, Dr. McDonald told me that he is "most distressed."

In the opinion of most observers, the Condon report, when it is published later this year, will dismiss any romantic idea that UFO's are interplanetary vehicles piloted by spacemen from a distant and advanced civilisation.

On the contrary, it is expected to conclude that flying saucers do not merit further urgent scientific study, and that the U.S. Air Force would be well advised to spend its money elsewhere.

INTERVIEW

In a recent interview, Condon intimated his mind is virtually made up and McDonald states that he no longer views the Condon approach "as either scientifically vigorous or scientifically very open-minded."

If such a report is produced, I expect to see some drama. Doctor McDonald rejects the idea that UFO's are a freak atmospheric phenomenon, or a figment of an overheated public imagination.

He leans strongly to the opinion that they are extraterrestrial in origin and guided by intelligent hands, and as such representing an overwhelmingly important scientific problem.

UFO research in the Soviet Union seems to be turning sour already, after the much publicised news of the inauguration of their U.F.O. commission last October. Perhaps they are trying to damp down enthusiasm, just as the C.I.A. did in America in 1953. The editorial of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW (Nov.1967) says that a copy goes to the SOVIET ACADEMY of SCIENCES by special request.

Flying saucers 'a myth'

MOSCOW.—The Soviet scientific establishment has written off all flying saucers as "myths," and has condemned the search for them as "anti-scientific."

A report issued by the Academy of Sciences yesterday, damaged — if not doomed — the first Soviet research organization set up to make a systematic study of unidentified flying objects (UFO).

The report said the Academy had held a seminar on UFOs and decided that if flying saucers existed, scientists would already know about them. Therefore, there were no flying saucers and it was a waste of time trying to study UFOs.

Until last year the Russians automatically laughed off any "flying saucer sighting" as an invention of the "sensational Western press."

This attitude seemed to alter last April, when a young astronomer named Feliks Zigel began publishing articles arguing that, while UFOs might be "optical illusions, they might also be real flying saucers."

In November an Air Force Major-General, Anatoli Stolyarov, announced on Moscow television that he had been named to head a commission, connected with the military authorities, to investigate UFO sightings.

The Academy report appeared in "Pravda" yesterday, and, in an obvious reference to the Zigel-Stolyarov announcements, said that "sensational reports about the so-called UFOs appeared recently in our press and on our television."

"Flying saucers," it added, "are a myth which was exposed by Soviet and foreign scientists several years ago."

About 80 per cent of saucer sightings could be explained by airplanes, balloons, kites, meteorites, and searchlights seen through clouds.

Those remaining were the result of mirages, reflections from ice crystals and northern lights.

Amongst many similar articles thanks are due to the Israeli: JERUSALEM POST (1/MAR/68) for the following article.

by Sidney Williams.

6/Sept/67.

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Hack-saw

When it became obvious at 4.48 pm. that the Air Ministry, already bitten several times and very shy, were not coming, one of the explosives experts, Major Donald Henderson, cut the top off with a hack-saw. The operation had taken almost 11 hours.

At Welford, near Newbury, the United States Air Force took over a cornfield after SAUCER 4 was discovered near their base.

Airmen were called in from RAF Abingdon, and atomic scientists from Aldermaston. More U.S. servicemen joined in from their Welford base as the word went round that the British were taking it seriously.

As the saucer bleeped on and on, the scientist cut out a piece and took it back to Aldermaston for testing. Then someone telephoned the police station and said it was a hoax.

SAUCER 5 turned up at 8.30 am. near Ascot, Berks., and local police were telephoned by the finder, Mr. Christopher Lever. The police called, picked it up in a van, and drove back to the station. Someone decided it could have been a flying saucer and it was put out in a backyard to await a decision on Saucer Four, whose discovery at Newbury had been reported to Ascot. It was evening before it was finally cleared.

Hoaxers

SAUCER 6 dropped at Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey and was a great success. A mar found it on waste land at 12.51 pm., called police, who called in the RAF.

The RAF went "go-go-go," and sent a helicopter from Manston as police kept people back from the scene. It was taken away and examined by Air Force experts, who then explained to the Air Ministry in London why they sent the helicopter out anyway. Because by this time the Air Ministry had already decided that someone was taking a rise out of someone, and it looked like them.

Last night, the most you could get out of the experts was, "Good exercise, old sport."

The students want their saucers back from the police. The police won't let the saucers go—and mention the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Which should make an interesting case if they want to spend a few more hundred pounds and take the hoaxers to court.

Bleeping mass

Southern Command immediately sent over its ammunition inspector, Captain Fred Cantrell, with a corporal. Captain Cantrell made an on-the-spot decision to blow it up.

Why blow it up? I asked a witness.

"It's the Army," he said. "They always like blowing everything up."

SAUCER 2 was found at 7.15 at Dial's Hill, Clevedon, 10 miles from Bristol, by a 15-year-old newspaper boy, Neil Batley.

He telephoned police and Constable Fred Pollard drove over to have a look. He didn't realise how serious it all was and picked up the bleeping mass and put it in the police car.

At the police station his sergeant took over and called in Police Inspector James Ashton from Flax Bourton to take charge.

He called in a physics expert from Bristol University and Mr. Greville Beale, Chief Designer of the Guided Weapons Department of the British Aircraft Corporation.

They were both baffled by the object. Then, as a police photographer carefully photographed the mass, a local garage owner, Mr. Michael Wilcocks, interfered with the police in their duty and dug a hole in the top.

Out came a lot of smell, and a policeman jumped up and shouted: "It is a hoax." The time was 5.30 pm.

SAUCER 3 was found at Bromley, Kent, at 5.45 am. by a golf caddy who again brought in the luckless police. Three policemen arrived, led by Inspector George Simmons, who let a sergeant and a constable carry it back to Bromley police station.

They put it on the floor and sat and watched it carefully on the instructions of the Air Ministry whom they telephoned at 7 am. At 2 pm. the watch was taken up by Detective Superintendent Ernest Barnett from Scotland Yard's forensic laboratory, who called in his two explosives experts who are normally dealing with safe-blowings.

SAUCER 1 was found at Chippenham, Wiltshire, by farmer Richard Jennings at 9.47 am. in one of his fields off Rowden Lane.

He telephoned Chippenham

police, who thought it worth a Chief Inspector, two sergeants and several constables. They surveyed the scene, warned Press photographers away with mumbled talk of national security, and telephoned the RAF station at Colerne.

The RAF have had their leg pulled often enough before—but they still thought it worth Pilot Officer David Pepper and a driver.

Probably with his tongue in his cheek, Pilot Officer Pepper decided to hand it all over to the Army and telephoned a Bomb Disposal Unit at Tidworth, Wilts.

IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT to find any soldier or scientist who says they actually exist. Which is why several Government departments licked their wounds and counted the cost yesterday of the astonishing, incredible, time-wasting hoax of the year, the great non-flying saucer mystery.

The Ministry of Defence were alarmed for a start, at the thought of what might happen if a real flying saucer landed.

After all, it has taken 12 hours to deal with the non-real type.

Had the hoax not been pulled early on a Monday morning, when most experts were away for the weekend at unknown country addresses, the cost might have been "colossal," said a Ministry of Defence official.

As it was, the six plastic saucers made by apprentices at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, and spread through Southern England to help their rag week caused too much trouble for comfort.

Reports on each "saucer incident," which have been called for by defence chiefs, show an amusing lack of co-ordination between departments involved in the various operations.



The Army blew up No.1 on a Chippenham rubbish dump while C.I.D. men looked on.

AND STILL NAIVE PEOPLE ASK:

"Why don't they land?"

THE STOLEN BRIDE by W. Raymond Drake.

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The gorgeous sun flamed in the west,  
The clouds of gold flushed red,  
The mating swallows winged to rest,  
The hedgerose drooped its head,  
On this Midsummer Eve the moon,  
Inconstant Goddess fair,  
Arose in ecstasy for soon  
Enchantment filled the air.  
Her loveliness bewitched the night,  
She cast her magic spell.  
Enamoured Earth sighed with delight  
And to sweet slumber fell.

The moonbeams through the window stole  
And envied virgin Jane.  
Cared her bosom, in her soul  
Awaking eager pain.  
She slept in beauty young and sweet,  
The moon seduced her charms,  
Her warm lips moved as if to greet  
A lover in her arms.  
In dreams across the years she saw,  
The idol of her heart,  
'Til death in jealous passion tore  
Their fatal love apart.

Jane thrilled again as John's hot kiss  
Rekindled secret fire,  
She sipped the nectar of their bliss,  
Her breast burned with desire.  
She quivered in his close embrace  
For love had made them one;  
Then sorrow racked his ardent face,  
She sobbed but he was gone.  
That last farewell three years ago  
Still forced sweet agony.  
Fate shattered both with shocking blow,  
His plane crashed in the sea.

Amid the marriage of twin minds  
Which blooms eternally,  
The lonely lover always finds  
Exquisite sympathy.  
For life that the Creator gave  
Must spring from Realms above;  
There is no death, beyond the grave  
We meet the ones we love.  
In desolation left forlorn  
Jane longed she too had died,  
Then met another, so next morn  
Would be his loveless bride.

Jane revelled in her love-lorn dream,  
Such rapture she once knew.  
Her yearning soul prayed for a gleam  
Of hope it might come true.  
The moon-flood filled the room with light,  
Her long-dead lover spoke  
'My love, I shall return tonight!'  
Jane wept when she awoke.  
She threw the window open wide  
And searched the starry sky,  
Then saw a Flying Saucer glide  
To land in woods nearby.

This world of mortals grew unreal,  
For all seemed fantasy,  
Jane saw enchanted night reveal  
Its wondrous mystery.  
She felt the magic in the air,  
The moon bewitched her brain,  
She knew the answer to her prayers,  
Her lover lived again.  
As in a dream she quickly dressed  
And hastened to her car,  
She drove with surging joy possessed  
To find her fallen star.

The faery moon her magic shone,  
Strange perfume charmed the breeze,  
Unearthly music urged Jane on  
To yon dark grove of trees.  
She left the car and walked along  
Down moonlit, woodland glades;  
A nightingale poured forth its song.  
Streams rippled serenades.  
Night's brooding soul filled Jane with awe,  
Her phantasy grew real;  
For in a blaze of light she saw  
A dome of shining steel.

The globe, a giant diamond,  
Shone iridescent light,  
Which glowed in beauty far beyond  
The moon who queened the night.  
A portal opened from within  
Thence stepped a man in grey;  
His noble features seemed akin  
To Gods of olden day.  
Jane stood in shadow mesmerised,  
Assailed by sudden dread,  
Then all at once she recognised  
Her lover from the dead.

He smiled with joy and greeted Jane,  
His voice with passion filled.  
He crushed her in his arms again,  
Her soul to rapture thrilled.  
She sighed, this vision must be real,  
At last her dreams came true.  
His vibrant kisses made her feel  
John was alive anew.  
In silent ecstasy they stood  
And spoke with lovers' eyes;  
Then sought the shelter of the wood,  
For soon the sun would rise.

They lay and watched the Morning-star  
Wink at awakened day.  
John told how he came from afar,  
Two thousand years away.  
Man is not free, the human mind  
Is ruled by destiny;  
Each soul is born again to find  
Its true affinity;  
Of all death's shrouded mysteries  
The deepest is rebirth.  
John dreamed through twenty centuries  
Then woke again on Earth.

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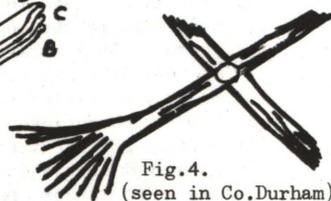
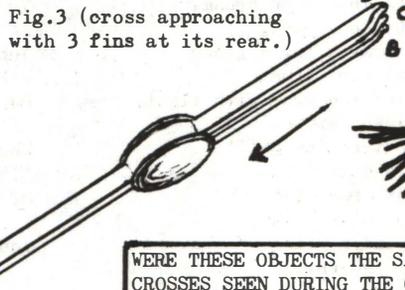
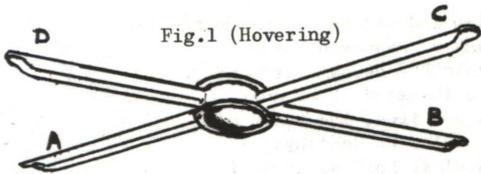
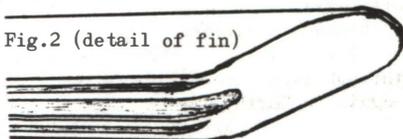


Fig.2 (detail of fin)



WERE THESE OBJECTS THE SAME AS THE FLYING CROSSES SEEN DURING THE GREAT AUTUMN FLAP?

THE FLYING CROSSES OF THE GREAT AUTUMN FLAP

Mr. Angus Brooks (54), a retired BOAC Flight Administrating Officer, reported seeing the UFO illustrated by figures 1, 2 & 3 (opposite) at 11.25 a.m. (B.S.T.) on 26th October 1967. The sky was clear apart from a little low cloud, and there was a fair amount of wind (SSW Force 8). He was exercising his two dogs on Moigne Downs, 1½ miles north of Ringstead Bay, between Weymouth and Lulworth Cove, Dorset. (Nat. Grid ref: 755833).

He lay on his back in a small gully to shelter from the wind, and almost immediately noticed a fine condensation trail high in the sky over the Portland area. This disappeared, but descending at 'lightning' speed came the craft which decelerated with what appeared to be immensely powerful reverse thrust, to level out at about ¼ of a mile to the South at 200 to 300 feet up.

On approaching, the craft had a central circular chamber with a leading 'fuselage' or 'fin' in front, and three separate fuselages or fins at the back, i.e., D, C & B, (Fig.3). On slowing down to its hovering position (Fig. 1), the two outer fins at the rear swung out to form a perfect cross. There were no visible power units and no noise of applied power for the reverse thrust. Neither did the fins move. On reaching the hover position the craft rotated 90 degrees clockwise and then remained motionless, unaffected by the strong wind. It remained in this position for the next 22 minutes, and his alsatian dog returned to his side and appeared very distraught, ignoring commands to 'sit'. No sound was heard from the UFO, although the dog might have heard something ultrasonic. It seemed to be constructed of a translucent material, as it took on the same colour as the sky. There were some dark centre shadows along the bases of the fins and the centre chamber, although there were no sign of portholes or 'windscreens' at the end of the fins.

The UFO was hovering equi-distantly between Winfrith Atomic Station and Portland Underwater Defence Station, and about a mile inland from the U.S.A.F. Communications Unit at Ringstead Bay.

At 11.47 a.m., fins A and C swung back to line up with B, and the craft ascended with increasing speed, with 'D' as the leading fin, and disappeared faster than the eye could follow. The object's centre chamber was about 12 ft high and 25 ft across; each fin was about 75 feet long and 8 ft high by 7 ft wide. The USAF. Project Blue Book answering Mr. Brooks' letter, told him that they did not have any records of similar types of craft.

The second object (Fig. 4) was seen by two young people at 9.30 p.m. (BST) on 24th October 1967, the first day of the FLAP. They saw the object about 3 miles away between Stanley and Consett, Co. Durham (near Newcastle-on-Tyne) in a clear cloudless sky. They described it as a huge white cross-shaped object with arms of unequal length and were very frightened by it. "It was not a reflection from the blast furnaces".

CREDIT: UFOLOG/T.U.F.O.S.

QUICK NOTES

Some recent newstand magazines carrying articles on UFOs:

PLAYBOY - December 1967: 6-page article by Dr. Allen Hynek.  
 PENTHOUSE - Jan-Feb-March & April issues: Good material supplied by G.Creighton, etc.  
 SPUTNIK (in all for'n ed'ns) - December 1967: Short - introduction & Soviet sightings.  
 FATE (U.K.) UFO article each month - March: "UFO's Animal or Mineral?" by J.P.Bessor.  
 OZ - No.9 February 1968. 5 pages of truly jumbled 'psychedelic' material!

Although Dr. Felix Yurievich Zigel, No. 2 in the Soviet UFO Commission, uses the term UFO in conversation, the Russian equivalent is N.L.O. - NEOPOZANNYE LETAYOUSCHIE OB'EKTY.

John Searle, 35, of 17 Stephano Close, Mortimer, Berkshire is still in the news. He talked about his flying saucer building project on B.B.C. Radio 1, on January 25th, and on March 13th the DAILY MIRROR devoted a whole page to him, his group, and his semi-detached council house, alias 'Swallow Command H.Q.', which is also the registered office of Lunic Enterprises Ltd. However the only person who appears to have seen one of John's saucers is his brother, Peter, despite all his fantastic claims!

Special thanks go to Charles Elrick for helping to collate our first two editions!

## Signes from Heaven: or SEVERALL APPARITIONS .

seene and heard in the Ayre, in the Counties of Cambridge and Norfolk, on the 21 day of May last past in the afternoone, 1646.

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Viz.

A Navie or Fleet of Ships under sayle.  
 A Ball of wild-Fire rolling up and downe.  
 Three men struggling with one another, one having a Sword in his hand.  
 Great Hailstones round and hollow like Rings.  
 Extraordinary beating of Drums in the ayre, &c.  
 A Pillar or Clud ascending up from the earth like a spire-Steeple,  
 being opposed by a Speare or Lance downward.

Being made manifest by divers and several Letters from persons of credit in both Counties, and sent up to this City to their friends for Truth.

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L O N D O N

Printed by T. Forcet, dwelling in Old Fish-street, in Heydon-court, 1646.

STRANGE Signes from Heaven,

to warne and awaken the Eastern Association, with the Southerne parts of the Kingdome.

xxx Pon the one and Twentieth day of May in the afternoone, in the year of 1646, there  
 vxv were very strange sights seen, and unwonted sounds heard in the Ayre, in severall  
 xxx places as followeth.

About New-Market in the County of Cambridge, there were seen by divers honest, sober and civill persons, and men of good credit, three men in the Ayre striving, struggling, and tugging together, one of them having a drawn Sword in his hand, from which Judgement God in mercy preserve these three Kingdomes, of England, Scotland, and Ireland, from further conflicts and effusion of blood.

Betwixt Newmarket and Thetford in the foresaid County of Suffolk, there was observed a pillar or a Cloud to ascend from the earth, with the bright hilts of a sword towards the bottom of it, which pillar did ascend in a pyramidall form, and fashioned itself into the form of a spire or broach Steeple, and there descended also out of the skye the forme of a Pike or Lance, with a very accute point out of the Skye likewise, which was ready to interpose, but did not engage it self.

The first Speare which came down from Heaven point blanck, was after a while clean elevated higher, and that spire or Speare which went up from the earth, ascended after it, to encounter with it a second time.

This continued about an houre and a halfe.

At Sopham in the County of Cambridge aforesaid, a ball of wild-fire fell upon the earth, which burnt up and spoyled about an Aker of Graine, and when it had rolled and runne up and down to the terror of many people and some Townsmen that see it, it dissolved and left a most sulpherous stinck behind it.

Also at Camberton in the County aforesaid, divers of the Trayned Bands being met at a Muster, did behold the forme of a spire Steeple in the Skye, with divers Swords set round about it.

Also at Brandon in the County of Norfolk the inhabitants were forced to come out of their houses to behold a Pike or lance descending downward from Heaven. The Lord in mercy bless and preserve his Church, and settle Peace and truth among our Church men.

In Brandon in the County aforesaid, was seen at the same time a Navie or Fleet of Ships in the ayre, swiftly passing under Sayle, with Flags and streamers hanged out, as if they were ready to give encounter.

In Marshland in the County of Norfolk aforesaid, within three miles of Kings Linne, a Captain, and a Lieutenant, with divers other persons of credit, did heare in the time

of Thunder, a sound as of a whole Regiment of Drums beating a call with perfect notes and stops, much admired by all that heard it.

And the like Military sound was heard in Suffolk upon the same day, and in other parts of the Eastern Association.

In all these places there was great Thunder, with Raine and Hailestones of extraordinary bignesse and round, and some hollow like rings.

The Lord grant that all the people of this Kingdome may take heed to every warning Trumpet of his, that we may speedily awaken out of our sins, and truly turn to the Lord, fight his battles against our spiritual Enemies, and get those inward riches of which we cannot be Plundered of, and so seek an inward Kingdome of Righteousnesse and Peace, that we may be more capable in his good time of a settled Peace, and stare in the outward Kingdome, and all through our Lord Jesus Christ.

F I N I S .

From: BRITISH MUSEUM LIBRARY.

RESEARCH CREDIT: Stewart Miller of CUGIUFOS.

(N.B. for easy reading 'f's has been transposed to 's's.)

Editorial comment: Note that these phenomena were interpreted as 'divine warnings', as with so many other historical sightings of UFOs.

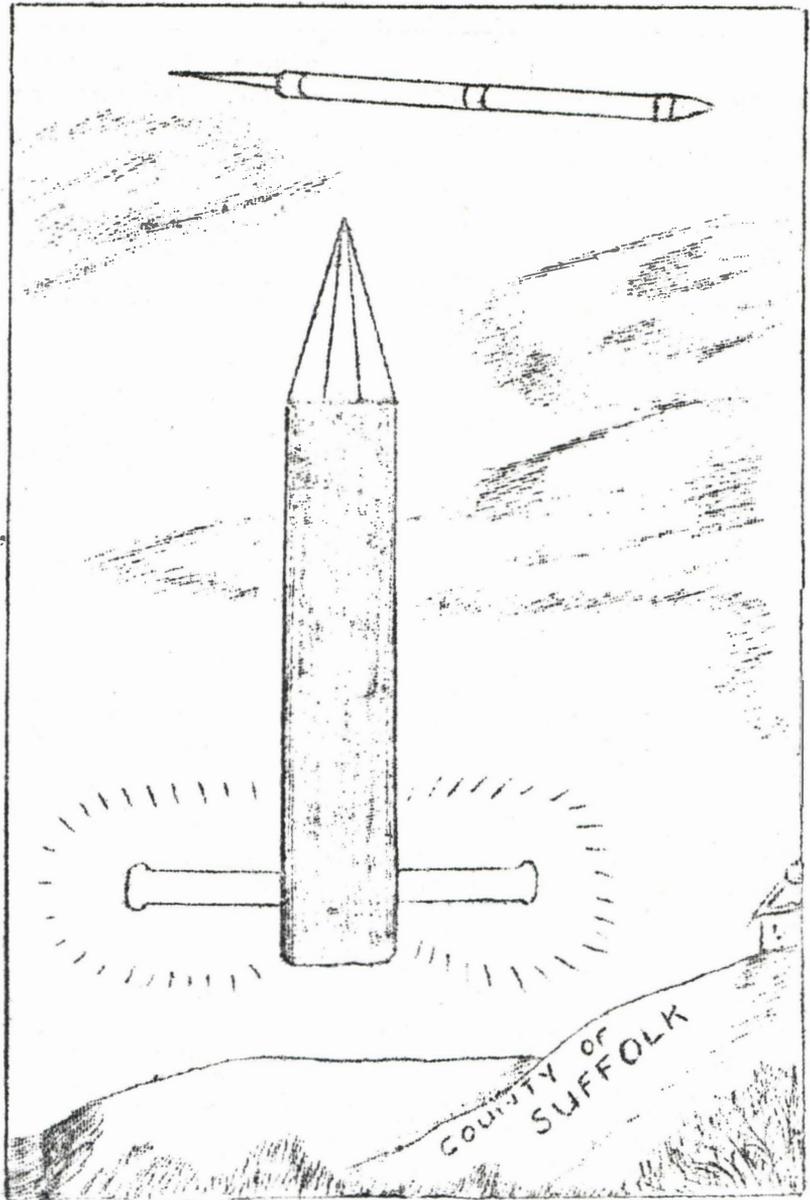
As then, so now, the reports have been confirmed by men of good credit.'

"...and spoyled about an Aker of Graine," - perhaps this will ring some bells on the Isle of Wight! Fortunately their barley was only threshed and not burned.

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THE FIRST UFO ?

Desmond Leslie points to the first account of a flying saucer landing, which according to the Brahmin Tables, occurred over 18 million years ago. Colonel James Churchward said that there was sufficient confirmatory evidence in ancient temple records in India and Tibet, to show that the Hindus had flying machines, called Vimanas, 15,000 to 20,000 years. This and other historical material appears in FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED, which is now being brought up to date and will be reprinted in the Autumn.



17th CENTURY UFO ?

"... a pillar or a Cloud to ascend from the earth, with bright hilts of a sword towards the bottom..."

THE TRUE FACTS ABOUT "THE SCORITON MYSTERY"Miss Eileen Buckle replies

Anyone is welcome to criticise my book, analyse the story and pull it apart; controversy was expected, indeed intended. The account was not written to prove anything, rather it is the story of an investigation, the things that happened to the participants, the factors which may have influenced our minds and those of others involved. Also, if there was any chance of the claims of the late Mr. E.A. Bryant being true their import was such that the story had to be told. I thereby resolved not to attempt to impose my own opinion on others but to allow the reader to draw his own conclusions or to remain open-minded as he chose. This was the reason I included the account of our mysterious messages received by tape-recorder and other stories which might shed some light on the main one.

At the time of writing Norman Oliver did not favour this approach and thought I should have confined myself to Bryant's story. In retrospect there is no doubt I took the wisest stance and am glad I stuck to my guns by writing the book as I did.

To those who have not read the book, however, there must appear to be the comic spectacle of a former leading exponent doing a hurried about-turn, scuttling out with a dramatic face-saving gesture, confronted by new evidence which would seem to knock the bottom out of the whole story. This view would be somewhat justified, for Norman Oliver, having stuck his neck out somewhat dangerously in the first instance has now gone to the other extreme and is leaning over backwards to discredit Bryant and to publicise his dissociation from the claims. His motives are best known to himself but as author of the book I am obliged to correct the slanted picture he presents in his 'exposee'.

To begin with, Norman Oliver tries to make his attack on two separate fronts:- (a) Bryant had a brain tumour and therefore his story was hallucinatory; (b) Bryant committed a pretty elaborate hoax (albeit one which might have snowballed from a small beginning).

As a layman, Norman Oliver might think these two 'explanations' are linked and compatible with one another, but if he had obtained a specialist psychiatric opinion then he would have had to think again. The opinion of Bryant's general practitioner should not be given more credit than is due. The amount of training in psychiatry given in medical schools, even at the present time, is virtually nil. It is perfectly understandable that the doctor should have had Mrs. Bryant's interests first and foremost and done his best to quell her anxiety. So easy to brush the matter off as hallucinations of a sick man and thereby exonerate her husband of responsibility. Before Bryant was taken ill Norman Oliver went to see the doctor, knowing Bryant had claimed to see him after the severe headaches he reported he had suffered shortly after encountering a saucer. I was not in favour of pumping the doctor because it is well known that information given in confidence in the consulting room should not be revealed. It is not surprising that no mention of Bryant's having a tumour was made, even if he had known to have one at the time. But to my knowledge Bryant was not known to be suffering from a long-standing brain tumour. He was taken ill suddenly in May 1966 and afterwards the tumour was discovered and partially removed on operation. It was after the operation that Mrs. Bryant stated in a letter to me that she had suspected that he had been ill for some time.

The brain tumour may be entirely irrelevant in this case. Whether it was a primary or secondary tumour is not known; the latter are common in cancer cases. I have learned through specialist opinion that malignant brain tumours are pretty rapidly fatal, generally within a year. The nature of the 'hallucinations' does not fit in with those which would be expected of a brain tumour, Bryant's detailed story being consistent over a period of nearly two years. If the tumour had caused hallucinations you could have expected them to be incoherent and inconsistent. There does appear to be a certain amount of disorientation in time, however, (Bryant's extremely bad memory for dates of recent events was noted in the book), and of place, which might account for the haziness with regard to where exactly the second sighting had taken place (we were somewhat confused at the outset whether this had taken place at Hawson Farm Cottage or his house in Scorton itself).

I asked the specialist whether a brain tumour could cause a change in personality, in effect render a normal man a flagrant liar. The view given was that in the final stages of the disease, when complete breakdown and deterioration of mind had taken place, then living of a very childish nature might occur, but this would be readily discernible and certainly not thought out in any degree, as Bryant would have had to have done to keep up such a deception.

Space will only allow me to deal with Norman Oliver's other points briefly. It does appear that Bryant had tried to enhance his status in the eyes of investigators - he would not be the first 'contactee' to do such a thing - even those widely credited have shown this equally human tendency, and not only contactees either! Whether all contactees are liars is another case in point.

With regard to the glass phial, Bryant never made any claim for this except that he found it in the field. The implications were not put forward by himself and if such an object as a phial peg should be found in an agricultural area, then this is not really surprising. Neither did Bryant make any claims for an American Army/Airforce button - this was found in the field independently by Dr. Doel when Bryant was not even present.

The doctor denied that he brought the subject of flying saucers up first when Bryant mentioned them. It was not denied that the doctor had had sightings, but Bryant seemed to have got the details very garbled. I happened to speak to a local resident on the subject of the doctor's sightings, and the unsolicited opinion was given that the doctor was not the sort of person who would like it to be known generally that he had seen a flying saucer. Without my mentioning the details of his sightings beforehand I was told of a woman formerly employed by the doctor who had learned of his sightings and spread it around locally, her version of the sightings being very similar to Bryant's. No wonder if he got it all confused.

Norman Oliver states that Bryant had possessed 'occult' books. This is a very vague statement to make when one knows that the books in question were merely books on fortune-telling - Bryant, it appears, was a bit of an amateur fortune teller, probably stemming from his gipsy blood. Terming the books as occult leaves quite a false impression.

Although it is not outside the bounds of possibility that Mr. H. Goundry Clark had loaned Bryant a copy of ORBIT containing an account of the Saturn Council, the fact remains that Mr. Clark, for whom I have great regard, is certain that he loaned Bryant some magazines current at the time, not old issues, but ones containing articles that had interested him at the time. As for the 'pieces' coming from a box of naval scrap, nothing indicates that these had any naval connection, but on the contrary, all the evidence points to them being from the bomb-sight computer of an aeroplane, the former theory being nothing but conjecture with nothing to back it.

Finally, the farmer's statement that scorching in the field was due to a bonfire should be viewed in the proper perspective. I saw his letter in which he made this statement but significantly he prefaces this with the comment that he is sick and tired of people tramping on his field, (this was plain when I confronted him on his field on one occasion!) Not only has the farmer a genuine motive for wanting to scotch this theory and prevent people from further trespassing on his property, but one would have thought the first thing Dr. Doel and Lionel Beer would have done when making their investigation of the field was to eliminate the possibility of scorching by bonfire. Are we to lightly assume that two well-known BIFORA officials could have been so incompetent?

It must be admitted that there is something very odd indeed about the Scoriton story. If Bryant really met some benevolent Adamski-type Venusians, then they certainly made a hash of things. However, there is a growing trend among some of the leading UFO researchers that contact stories such as this and many like it, are purposely contrived and fed to us by alien entities to confuse the issue. (As an example, one well-known contactee has been described as worth a thousand Menzels!). It could be that the saucer entities themselves wish to detract attention from their true purpose in coming here - or there is yet another explanation - the entities concerned need not be the saucer people themselves, but negative astral beings who try to bring disruption.

There is an ever-increasing amount of evidence that the paranormal is closely associated with saucers - which leads one leading American researcher to the conclusion that the explanation lies entirely in this field.

We must not fall into the trap of looking on this subject in too facile a manner. The coincidences of Bryant's sudden illness and death from a brain tumour, occurring immediately on the publication of my book, and certain other coincidences in timing lead me to the strong suspicion that there is a great deal more than meets the eye in this story. It is certainly one from which a lot may be learned. The strange messages heard on tape, and sometimes directly in the head by Norman Oliver and Bryant, leads me also to think that both he, and the investigators, were 'led on'. Who knows how much of our thoughts and actions may not have been influenced from 'outside'. In the light of subsequent events the purpose of those 'messages' which had me so puzzled at the time now becomes apparent.

Eileen Buckle.

(Comment: \*In fact Bryant was at the other side of the hedge in the next field within calling distance. X A bomb-sight computer is not standard equipment on a Mustang. However the British Navy does have a Fleet Air Arm.

The editors felt it their duty to give Miss Buckle an opportunity to reply to the previous article. However they consider it unfortunate that she should have chosen to make personal attacks on several people and remark that Miss Buckle specifically stated that she could not allow it to be published in an altered or abridged form.

The next issue will contain our final comments about the Scoriton case and a summing up by Eric Biddle. L.B.)

#### AUVERGNE MARTIANS

From: PARIS-JOUR. The incident happened at the end of August in the Canton of Saint-Fleur.

Francois Delpuech, 13, is still thoroughly upset by it and he was sobbing when he told villagers of Cussac (Cantal) what had happened to his sister and him while they were minding the cows. At the entrance to the field they noticed some dwarfs dressed in black overalls. Taking them for other children they wanted to approach them and make their acquaintance but they ran away. Francois adds:

"I climbed up on the slope and I saw them get into a machine which dazzled me. It did not leave at once, for one dwarf came out again and took a few steps before getting in again. Then everything disappeared. What is certain is that all the cows started to bellow."

Francois's father, who is mayor of the commune, sent for the gendarmes. These have received no other reports.

From: CRONICA MATUTINA, 22/FEB/67. FLYING SAUCER IN CHILE

Santiago, 24. (Reuter). The daily paper "La Tercera" of this capital published today under big headlines the account by a professional man in the south of the country, who maintains that he saw a flying disc land and watched a member of its crew. According to the above paper, an engineer, proprietor of a cattle ranch in the province of Osorno, at 975 kms. from Santiago, of whose name only the initials C.P.C. are given, told one of the reporters that he saw a flying disc land.

"Something that appeared to form part of its structure" - the paper adds - remained suspended a few centimetres from the ground. From its interior a humanoid, about 1m.50cms in height emerged."

"He seemed to be covered with something transparent. His face and hands were very white, jaw pronounced and he appeared to lack a nasal appendage. It struck me that his movements were like those of a man. But when he stooped I saw that his clothing, or whatever it was, did not wrinkle. He had no instrument in his hands and his arms remained held close to his body."

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See also list in Vol.5 No.4.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

## Unidentified Flying Objects.

Mr Edward M. Taylor asked the Secretary of State for Defence how many reports of unidentified flying objects were received in 1967; how many of these reports were subsequently shown to have a natural explanation; and if he will make a statement.

Mr Merlyn Rees: The total number of reports received in 1967 reflects a wave of public interest in U.F.O.s reaching a peak towards the end of the year. The analysis of the reports published below shows that, as in previous years, the vast majority were found to have mundane explanations; the remainder of the reports contained insufficient information for conclusive investigation but nothing to suggest that they related to incidents materially different in kind from those that were explained.

UFO STATISTICS 1st January 1959 to 31st December 1967

| <u>Year</u>  | <u>Satellites and debris</u> | <u>Balloons</u> | <u>Meteorological and Celestial objects</u> | <u>natural phenomena</u> | <u>Aircraft</u> | <u>Miscellaneous</u> | <u>Unexplained (insufficient information)</u> | <u>Under investigation</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1959         | 1                            | 3               | 1                                           | 7                        | 4               | 2                    | 4                                             | -                          | 22           |
| 1960         | -                            | 8               | 2                                           | 7                        | 10              | 1                    | 3                                             | -                          | 31           |
| 1961         | 16                           | 11              | 8                                           | 20                       | 9               | 5                    | 2                                             | -                          | 71           |
| 1962         | 11                           | 6               | 5                                           | 8                        | 9               | 4                    | 3                                             | -                          | 46           |
| 1963         | 18                           | 6               | 4                                           | 4                        | 10              | 7                    | 2                                             | -                          | 51           |
| 1964         | 43                           | 3               | 6                                           | -                        | 10              | 7                    | 5                                             | -                          | 74           |
| 1965         | 27                           | 3               | 3                                           | 2                        | 7               | -                    | 14                                            | -                          | 56           |
| 1966         | 38                           | 10              | 5                                           | 5                        | 17              | 15                   | 5                                             | -                          | 95           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>154</b>                   | <b>50</b>       | <b>34</b>                                   | <b>53</b>                | <b>76</b>       | <b>41</b>            | <b>38</b>                                     | <b>-</b>                   | <b>446</b>   |
| 1967         | 57                           | 42              | 24                                          | 19                       | 149             | 18                   | 46                                            | 7                          | 362          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>211</b>                   | <b>92</b>       | <b>58</b>                                   | <b>72</b>                | <b>225</b>      | <b>59</b>            | <b>84</b>                                     | <b>7</b>                   | <b>808</b>   |

Note: Miscellaneous reports include, for example, hoaxes and the reflection of lights on clouds.

Editorial comment: For overseas readers, we explain that Hansard is an official report of the proceedings in the British Parliament; and is derived from Messrs. Hansard who were the original compilers.

We have published these statistics for interest value only, and doubt if they have any real scientific value, as they merely show the number of UFO sightings officially reported to and recorded by the Ministry of Defence. We do not know how many reports are individually investigated, if indeed any are, and the analysis may well be carried out from an armchair in the office.

BOOK REVIEWSREFERENCE SECTION

FLYING SAUCERS, WHERE DO THEY COME FROM? Richard Tambling Horwitz Publications  
Inc. Pty. Ltd., Sydney, Australia. (1967) 60 cents (see book list)

"I have often been asked if I believe in flying saucers. My answer is no, I do not..... why, to ask me if I believe in flying saucers would be like asking me if I believed in motor cars. I don't believe cars exist, I know it." So writes Richard Tambling, a sales manager with a Sydney company in Australia. He spent five years in the Royal Air Force as a photographer and was recognised as an expert in aircraft recognition.

His book is aimed solely at those new to the subject. The first few chapters (don't be discouraged by this, the chapters are very short, some barely covering two pages) are devoted to persuading the sceptics and uncertain that flying saucers are a fact.

There are summaries of sightings by the author himself plus quite a number from various parts of the world, including a few contact claims. He discusses antigravity as a possible means of propulsion and puts forward many theories as to the origin of the UFO, the occupants and their reasons for visiting us, repeatedly urging the reader not to laugh but to think.

The book is very comprehensive and touches on almost every aspect of ufology one could think of including the metaphysical. The last few chapters deal with the course of observations that should be undertaken when watching the manoeuvres of a flying object, including a copy of a somewhat brief sighting report form.

Mr. Tambling maintains rather optimistically perhaps, to have a "foolproof formula" that will enable the reader to see a UFO. This arouses the curiosity no end until he recommends looking at the sky every night for a month during which time he bravely states one will be seen.

It is a well illustrated book with sketches, some lesser known UFO photographs and two interesting pictures of the moon's surface, one of which he claims was censored on U.S. TV and press. In addition is a chart showing every conceivable shape of UFO plus a variety of remarkable formations.

Recommended as very informative paperback for the newcomer but for the die-hard ufologist there are no new ideas. The same old questions without any really convincing answers.

Doreen Whitaker (BUFORA Halifax Branch)

THE SEARCH FOR LIFE ON OTHER WORLDS. Capt. David C. Holmes U.S.N. (1967)  
Oak Tree Press Ltd. 116, Baker Street, London, W.1.

In this time of curiosity, when people of all ages are inquiring about flying saucers, unidentified missiles, and what may or may not exist within or beyond our solar system, this up-to-date book offers a vivid and fascinating insight into all the possibilities of life on other planets.

If you are one of the many non-scientific readers with an interest in how life will be detected on other worlds, this book gives a clear, direct look at how actual communication with other planets may be established, most likely through radio frequencies. In easy to read language, you will be able to follow the author as he explains the development of stars, from their origination as large clouds of gaseous material, to the time when they can develop a life process. The climate of Mars, landing men on the parched, cracked surface of the moon, the characteristics of life-supporting planets, and the results of the Mariner spacecraft probes are just a few of the subjects at your finger-tips when you open this book. Moreover, the text is illustrated with photos and schematic diagrams, carefully selected by Capt. Holmes who was one of the first members in government space organisations pre-dating N.A.S.A.

This engrossing study, which even covers experiments made in ancient times, as well as modern astronomical theories, is a "must" if you want the facts, the questions, the answers and unlimited possibilities, in this exciting field.

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**ABOLITION OF UFO SOCIETIES.** A number of prominent ufologists in the U.K., including myself, received an amusing little card a couple of months back with the words: "INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE ABOLITION OF UFO SOCIETIES", stamped across it. Our joker also included another card with an epigram, e.g., "R.I.P.". As we were amused, we decided not to expose the young man who works in London.

**Dell's FLYING SAUCERS.** We have still not heard the real reason why the Dell Publishing Company decided to wind up this excellent magazine. Originally it was only intended as a one-shot, and its apparent success naturally started some rumours circulating when it ceased publication after four editions. Carmena Freeman, the editor, and a member of the Met'n New York branch of A.P.R.O., has not been available for comment as she went on European tour last December. However she had a mountain of information on UFOs, and maybe the deluge was becoming too much for this ambitious journalist.

**EAST MAY,** residents of Sedro Woolley, Washington State, pursued a strange "bleeping" sound through the wooded hills outside town. Many of them were wandering around in the dark with loaded shot-guns, convinced that the sound was something from outer space. The sound started at about 9.30 p.m., each evening and continued until dawn every night for a month. It would speed up when a gun was fired into a tree, and gradually slow down again. Sheriff John Boynton said the source of the bleeps couldn't be nearly as dangerous as those looking for it with loaded shot-guns in the dark. However the bleeps stopped when Norman Hoogal fired his shot-gun at an unfortunate small owl... And still people ask "Why don't flying saucers land and make contact with us?"

**V.LYUSTIBERG,** science expert for the Soviet news agency NOVOSTI, Moscow, is quoted by the DAILY EXPRESS (17/FEB/68) as saying, "Flying Saucers are just a capitalist plot to keep the minds of the workers off the hard lives they lead".

**PEAR-SHAPED EARTH.** According to the SUNDAY MIRROR (17/MAR/68) three Royal Navy ships from Plymouth are testing the latest theory from scientists that the earth is pear-shaped. Ocean Survey ships, Hecla, Hecate and Hydra will probe the mysterious depths of the Atlantic for a year using the best computers. They hope to find hidden mountain ranges and undersea volcanoes. For accurate forecasting of the orbits of man-made satellites, the precise shape of the earth must be determined. Magnetic readings will help to pinpoint undersea deposits of oil, gas and mineral deposits.

**SOVIET ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN.** A very thorough study of the 'Abominable Snowman' is being conducted in the Soviet Union in certain regions of the Caucasus, where these ape-like creatures, locally known as 'ALMASTY' have been reported for many years. A fascinating article about this research appeared in SPUTNIK, March 1967. It is also of interest that the Caucasus have prominently figured in connection with Soviet UFO reports.

**UFOs ARE NOT LICENSED.** A few days after the 1967 National Sky-Watch Day Documentary was screened on B.B.C. TV. "Panorama", Mr. Colin McCarthy had two strange visitors. They were from the GPO's Wireless Licensing Department, and expressed great concern at Mr. McCarthy's attempts to establish radio communication with UFOs. They pointed out that this attempt was contravening their regulations, as UFOs were not licensed by the G.P.O.

**ZEPPELINS.** The Soviet Union are seriously considering a project for building Zeppelins for commercial use, and there is an office in Moscow working on this project. They have calculated that to carry something this way would cost only one third of what it would cost on an aeroplane. They could be used for carrying heavy machinery from Leningrad to Siberia, laying pipelines and cables, and for patrolling the borders. In addition, unlike aeroplanes, they do not need expensive airfields.

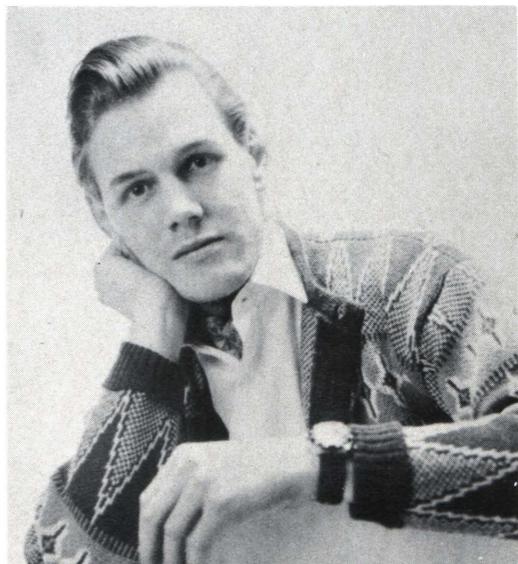
# THE SCORITON MYSTERY

Miss Eileen Buckle standing on the spot over which Mr. Bryant claimed the Venusian saucer hovered during his contact in April 1965. She is facing North towards the hamlet of Holne about a mile away.



## UFO PHOTOGRAPHED AT HEYSHAM LANCASHIRE

Dennis Esplin, 18, took the above photo at 8.50 p.m. on 15th June, 1967, from his bedroom window. He did not stop to adjust his Halina camera, when the large brown disc-shaped object caught his eye. The object appeared solid with a fuzzy edge, but disappeared after only 30 seconds. (see inside for further details of sighting)



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## MEET THE STAFF!

(Above) Edgar Hatvany - Editor, hard at work on SPACELINK copy for this edition at his home in East Bedfont. Edgar works for a major airline, servicing airliners at London Airport.