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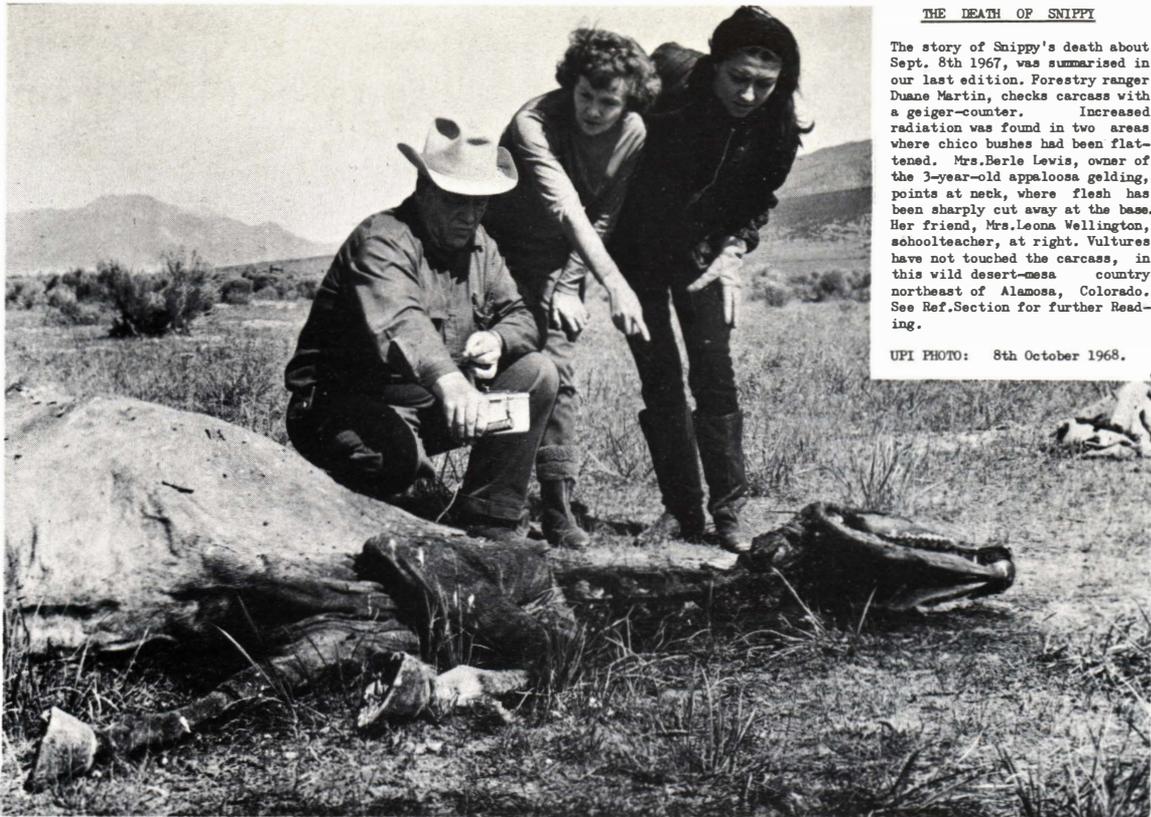
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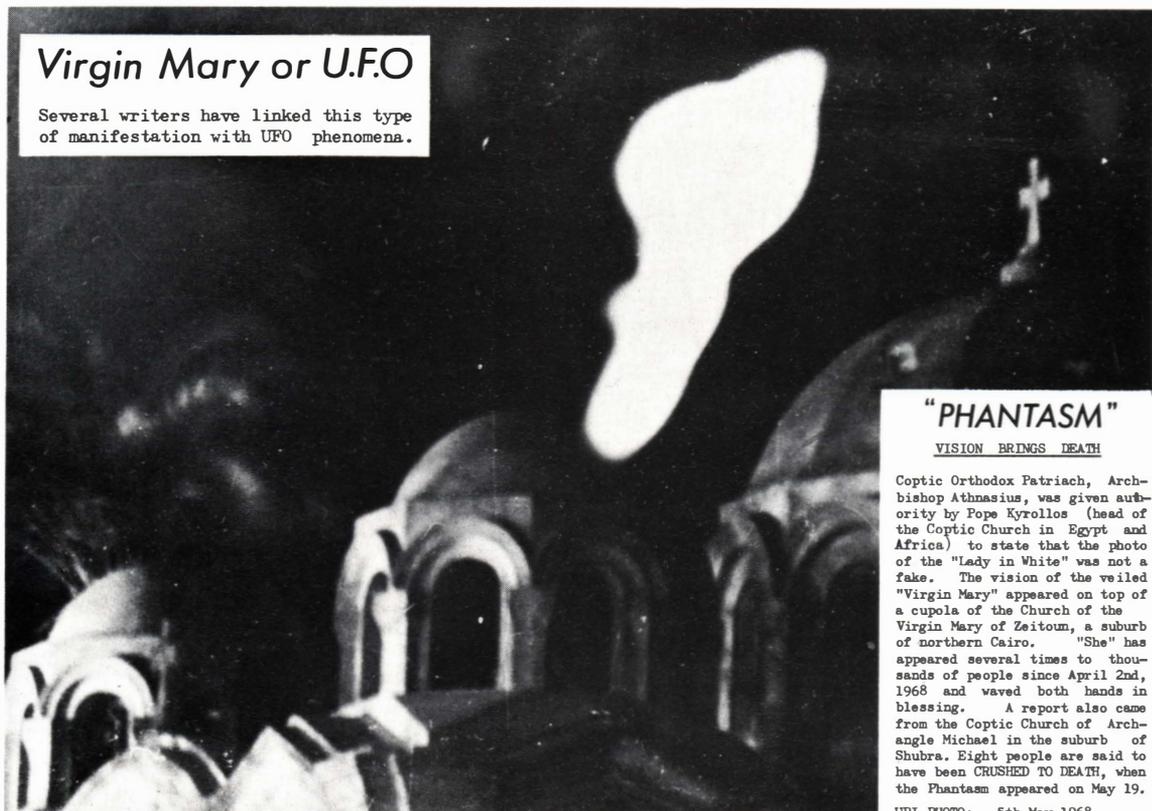


THE DEATH OF SNIPPY

The story of Snippy's death about Sept. 8th 1967, was summarized in our last edition. Forestry ranger Duane Martin, checks carcass with a geiger-counter. Increased radiation was found in two areas where chico bushes had been flattened. Mrs. Berle Lewis, owner of the 3-year-old appaloosa gelding, points at neck, where flesh has been sharply cut away at the base. Her friend, Mrs. Leona Wellington, schoolteacher, at right. Vultures have not touched the carcass, in this wild desert-mesa country northeast of Alamosa, Colorado. See Ref. Section for further Reading.

UPI PHOTO: 8th October 1968.

SNIPPY - DEATH BY UFO ?



Virgin Mary or U.F.O

Several writers have linked this type of manifestation with UFO phenomena.

"PHANTASM"

VISION BRINGS DEATH

Coptic Orthodox Patriarch, Archbishop Athanasius, was given authority by Pope Kyrillos (head of the Coptic Church in Egypt and Africa) to state that the photo of the "Lady in White" was not a fake. The vision of the veiled "Virgin Mary" appeared on top of a cupola of the Church of the Virgin Mary of Zeitoun, a suburb of northern Cairo. "She" has appeared several times to thousands of people since April 2nd, 1968 and waved both hands in blessing. A report also came from the Coptic Church of Archangel Michael in the suburb of Shubra. Eight people are said to have been CRUSHED TO DEATH, when the Phantasm appeared on May 19.

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Editorial

THE CREDIBILITY GAP

This man-made malaise has been diagnosed in many fields of human conduct and courageous exposes have appeared recently, to the chagrin of many government departments in the "free world." It goes without saying that behind the "iron curtain" there is no gap - just a gaping abyss.

In few fields of human discourse is there a greater gap between the truth and popular belief (actively propagated by the distorted explanations of official bodies) than in the field of ufology.

Fortunately, nearly every epoch making discovery in the realm of pure science, brings forth a refreshing rumble at the foundations of traditional scientific dogma. The recent spate of signals emanating from outer space even made the astronomical and cosmological community invoke that terribly unscientific bogey - L.G.M. (Little Green Men). In these rare and lofty moments of utter disbelief, when the orthodox savant is confronted by the unbelievable, it may well be a fruitful exercise to reflect Arthur Clarke's Third Law, which says, "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."

Those who are prepared to spend their free time searching for the fruit of the tree of knowledge will reap a rich harvest, thus bridging the credibility gap. Alas, most of us are too pre-occupied with mundane things to be able to explore abstruse fields. But there already exist a number of abstruse mathematical theories which hint that Einstein's speed limit may one day be surmounted and incredible undreamed of shortcuts discovered for getting from here to there in the universe.

In our field of interest we have two groups of "exponents of the truth," those who know, because they were at the right place at the right time, and saw for themselves; and those who know (as a result of their researches) that what the first group saw, could be true.

It should be our aim to bring the two groups together, and to convince those who saw, that it is scientifically possible that they saw something out of this world. And secondly, to persuade those who have the knowledge to understand and interpret the sightings, to give them the credibility they deserve.

Editorial Feature

"Colorado Catastrophe"

Another 'official scientific investigation' into the UFO phenomenon draws towards its completion, and before the end of the year the report of the 'Condon Committee' from the University of Colorado will probably be given great publicity.

Like so many 'authoritative investigation projects' of the past, the current one also shows a marked tendency not to get to grips with the subject. Dr. James E. McDonald, a leading physicist at Arizona University and independent UFO researcher, has this to say about past UFO investigation projects, "Only abysmally limited scientific competence has been brought to the study of UFOs within Air Force circles in the past 15 years. Unfortunately during all this time, the scientific community and the public were repeatedly assured that substantial scientific talent was being used..."

Strong words perhaps, "but you ain't heard nothing yet", as our friends across the Atlantic might say. "Look" Magazine, in the May 14th issue, called the Colorado project a "Flying Saucer Fiasco." In a detailed expose, John G. Fuller, author and UFO investigator took the lid off the Colorado cauldron, and clearly exposed the 'half a million dollar trick.'

Some pundits called the Project Co-ordinator, Dr. Robert Low, assistant dean of C.U's Graduate School, 'the great pretender,' and the revelation of his opinions on the projected investigation seem to fully justify this label. His memo to university officials, dated August 9, 1966, and titled, "Some Thoughts on the UFO Project" states, "Our study would be conducted almost exclusively by non-believers who, although they couldn't possibly prove a negative result, could and probably would add an impressive body of evidence that there is no reality to the observations. The trick would be, I think, to describe the project so that, to the public, it would appear a totally objective study but, to the scientific community, would present the image of a group of non-believers trying their best to be objective but having an almost zero expectation of finding a saucer. One way to do this would be to stress investigation, not of the physical phenomena, but rather of the people who do the observing - the psychology and sociology of persons and groups who report seeing UFOs. If the emphasis were put here, rather than on examination of the old question of physical reality of the saucer, I think the scientific community would quickly get the message ...I'm inclined to feel at this early stage that, if we set up the thing right and take pains to get proper people involved and have success in presenting the image we want to present to the scientific community, we could carry the job off to our benefit..."

However, the expose in LOOK has not been retracted, and it shows that Dr.Low underestimated the amount of research that would be done by his scientific "group of non-believers."

Unfortunately too, the Colorado project's chairman, Dr.Edward U. Condon, a distinguished theoretical physicist, has expressed similarly incompatible opinions. In an interview for the April 1968 edition of ESCORT magazine, he had this to say about his work on the committee, "This is like being chief of a fire department that only answers false alarms."

"We have not seen a damn thing," stated Dr.Condon, and then related and discussed in detail a number of lunatic fringe and hoax cases. The report of the interview is then concluded with these pearls of wisdom, "You see" said Condon, "The whole business is crazy."

Far be it for me a 'crazy amateur' to give the professional investigator advice, but if Doctor Condon is sincerely interested in seeing something, he should go into the open and do a bit of sky-watching; then he may see one of those "damned things". However, to see something truly inexplicable would be unscientific and that would never do?

E.H.



CONDON

The article in LOOK caught the attention of a number of influential persons including Rep. J.Edward Roush, a Democrat from Indiana, who called for a congressional probe into the UFO phenomenon and asked that Congress take over the investigation from the U.S. Air Force.

The "National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena" of Washington, D.C., a leading U.S. UFO research association, has broken its ties with the Colorado UFO project, as they found that only a half percent of their weighty evidence, which they willingly loaned, was being investigated by the Project.

It now seems that the 'Condon Committee' is heading the same way as the 'Robertson Panel' did in 1953. It seems that they felt it was in the public interest not to give the full facts about UFOs.

L.B.

COMMENTS ON THE SOVIET SCENE

Many readers are probably aware that the Soviet UFO Commission announced last November, was squashed by the Soviet Academy of Sciences in February, about a week or so it seems, after Dr.Condon wrote to them asking for co-operation in this field. One of the reasons given for this action was that UFO reports are "anti-scientific sensations with no scientific basis."

Readers may be interested in the comments of a correspondent who was in Moscow at the time.

"I spoke to Felix Y. Zigel in Moscow just as the news broke about the Soviet Academy's condemning the subject, and Dr.Zigel told me that under the circumstances, he was not in a position even to participate in any exchange of information. So for a while at least, the subject is taboo in Russia.

My personal opinion is that because of a certain agitation which was caused in the U.S.S.R. by the publication of flying saucer reports the government found it necessary to put a stop to any unauthorised investigation. It does not mean, however, that some serious investigation is not going on by some governmental agencies, but this is no longer a subject for public discussion there. My reasoning - and it is not supported by any evidence, is that should the whole matter be adjudged nothing but science fiction nonsense, the government would not have reacted in this way. The Soviet magazines do publish science fiction stories involving inter-planetary travel, etc. and no one seems to object. But we must await the official clarification of this matter before drawing any conclusions.



LATE NEWS THE NEW YEAR SHOW

28th December 1968 - 11th January
1969 Empire Hall, Olympia, London

BUFORA ARE ACTING AS CONSULTANTS to the DAILY MAIL organisers in connection with a proposed U.F.O. information stand. The focal point of the stand will be a UFO diorama, showing a model UFO in flight. This will be backed up with photos and captions, and it is hoped to have the BUFORA Mobile Field Unit on the stand with supporting equipment.

As representatives of BUFORA, the editors of SPACELINK will be periodically manning the stand to answer visitors' questions. In former years the show was known as the 'Schoolboys and School-girls Exhibition,' but has now been upgraded to attract a higher age group. Estimated attendance at the show is in the quarter million range. This could be a great opportunity to promote UFO research in the United Kingdom, so please all keep your fingers crossed!

Readers Letters

MORE PRAISE FOR SPACELINK!

Thank you for the first edition of SPACELINK in its new format and under your editorship, and I would like to congratulate you on an excellent publication, with its glossy cover and interesting informative contents, and I look forward to receiving future issues in exchange for TOPSIDE.

Carol Halford-Watkins, Editor of TOPSIDE,
OTTAWA NEW SCIENCES CLUB, 95 Centre Street,
Aylmer East, Quebec, Canada.

Thank you for the copy of SPACELINK, I found it very good indeed and really enjoyed it.

Kathleen Smith, Editor of UFOLOG, I. of Wight.

I have just received my first edition of SPACELINK which is one of the best I have read, especially your 'contact section' and the page on magazines and books.

Also please send me as many envelope stickers as possible as I would gladly help promote the SPACELINK magazine.

Looking forward to your next issue.

Nigel Leyson, Neath, Glamorganshire.

I read with great interest the new SPACELINK and I congratulate you for the presentation of the entries and subjects as well as the front-page which is up to date and may become a reality soon, and my best wishes for success for the forthcoming issues.

A.E. de Muylder, Brussels, Belgium.

I was very pleased with your second edition of SPACELINK, and it makes good reading.

John Parkinson, AURO, Liverpool.

I was very satisfied with the March edition of SPACELINK, especially with the historical and contact sections. If you keep it up you will be rivalling FLYING SAUCER REVIEW.

P. Gregory, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs.
(Ed: We do not seek to rival but to supplement)

I have just read SPACELINK No.2 March issue, this is a first class issue, lot of interesting items. I think this is one of the best UFO magazines to have come out. I'm sure SK will grow into a worldwide known magazine. I'm looking forward to the next issue. I wish you and your staff the best for the future.

G. D. Sharpe, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.
(Ed: A quarter of our production goes overseas.)

Received a copy of SPACELINK recently. Congratulations on a fine looking and informative magazine. I wish you continued success in this venture and trust that it will grow with each passing issue.

Armand Laprade, Editor of PHENOMENA MAGAZINE
48 Great Brook Valley Avenue, Worcester,
Massachusetts 01605, U.S.A.

(Ed: Another magazine called PHENOMENA is published from P.O.Box 3303, Vancouver 3, Canada.)

I was very interested in the SPACELINKS I had from you. I have talked to lots of people who knew Bryant and they all felt that as a man he was entirely genuine. I think his wife wished to be disassociated with the whole saucer thing, having to live in a small village.

H.G. Clark, Waterleat, Ashburton, Devon.

Having just finished reading SPACELINK Vol.5 No.2, I have found it is the best UFO magazine for news and stories, and am looking forward to receiving my future editions.

P. Harrison, Leeds 9, Yorkshire.

Just a line to congratulate you on the first two issues of SPACELINK. Keep up the good work!

Peter Johnson, Norwich, Norfolk.

All good wishes for SPACELINK which everyone likes very much.

Joan Nelstrop, Hon. Secretary, D.I.G.A.P.

Yes, I have read SPACELINK and found it most interesting - good unbiased reporting.

Rodney Higgins, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Ed: We would also like to thank the many other readers for their compliments and support. In view of the world-wide encouragement and support we have received, we have done our best to produce a really good third issue. By the way, we welcome suggestions and constructive criticisms!

I was disturbed to read Wm. Moser's allegation in his article in your December issue that the magazine formerly jointly published by his and my societies under the title "Flying Saucer Review" was wound up owing to "withdrawal" by VUFORS.

The fact is that "Australian Flying Saucer Review" was published for some 3 years by the 2 societies on the understanding that UFOIC would be responsible for publication, and VUFORS for circulation and administration. This arrangement worked admirably until 1962 when, for obscure reasons, UFOIC failed to complete publication of the projected No.8 issue.

In order to honour obligations to members, VUFORS was obliged to "go it alone", and assume sole responsibility for the Review which commenced publication in its new form in May 1964.

After re-organisation, UFOIC also resumed publication under the same name, but not until June 1965.

Peter E. Norris LL.B, President, Victorian U.F.O. Research Society, Melbourne, Australia.

(Ed: On your notepaper you are the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society, but in the Review you are the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society. Both Australian F.S. Reviews are good magazines and we feel that contents are more important than names. (See Ref. Section)



Review by OSCAR INGHAM

Captain Jim gallops off with TV probe

ON Thursday of last week BBC 1 screened Dr Stephen Black's 75-minute programme in which he investigated Flying Saucers—and the people who see them.

It was in a sense maddeningly inconclusive. Just as it seemed that some tangible piece of evidence was about to drop into your lap it was snatched away.

Like the woman and her husband who were taken aboard a spacecraft — "They stuck a needle into my navel"—the deputy sheriff in Wisconsin who had a saucer drop on to his front doorstep to pick up some water in exchange for four pancakes, one of which he still had in his possession.

The assiduous Dr Black probed and delved, visiting the sighting-spots himself, and however manfully the witnesses stuck to their stories, most of them slowly came apart in his hands and dissolved into dreams, trance-states, and wish-fulfilment.

Group

But there were exceptions enough to leave the question wide open, and of these by far the most impressive was Captain Jim Howard of BOAC's Flight Development Unit.

On June 29, 1954, he was in command of a Stratocruiser three hours out of New York en route to Goose Bay, when he spotted out of the window on the left-hand side a group of flying objects about five miles away.

There were six small ones and one larger one, and they kept station with the Strat for about twenty minutes, disappearing into the distance just before a prowling fighter, called up by the ground, came roving along to investigate.

Humour

It was perhaps Jim's very willingness to have the phenomenon explained in mundane terms, if it were possible, that lent his account such conviction, but even Dr Black admitted that it was difficult to get around the fact that the objects were observed independently by the front-end crew, and by the cabin crew and passengers.

And how well Jim Howard exemplified the qualities of a real airline captain.

After all those hysterical mummies gripping a dummy wheel with white knuckles, and wearing foolish uniform hats under their headsets, his good humour and quiet authority gave as big a boost to the profession and in-

HAVE YOU SEEN SOMETHING ODD?

identally to BOAC—as has been seen in years.

He absolutely galloped off with the programme tucked under his arm.

But the question mark still hangs in the skies. Maybe somebody's actually sitting on the incontrovertible evidence needed for want of knowing who to send it to.

Have you seen something odd in the sky, heard something odd, perhaps even photographed something odd? If so why not send it to *BOAC News*? Why not in fact get the thing systematized—why not a *BOAC Skywatch*?

Next time Dr Black makes a programme on this subject perhaps it'll be an *all-BOAC* one.



SPACELINK is grateful to the editor BOAC NEWS for kind permission to reprint the above lead story.



"Old Jim came over well on the telly."
"Yes, but I'm told he was a bit uneasy about being grouped with that bunch of nuts."

Editorial comment: To those viewers without much knowledge of ufology, this T.V. programme must have appeared to be unbiased. However a number of red herrings were slipped in & we were spoon-fed with 'possible' explanations. For example, the explanation of Mrs. Joan Oldsfield's movie film of an aircraft tailplane was immaterial when there is so much hard evidence to draw from. Full weight was not given to the important Socorro landing case, because at that time Dr. Allen Hynek was more interested in examining the witness from the psychological point of view than of examining the physical evidence. Dr. Black (it is rumoured that Black is not his real name) also tried to blind viewers with science by inferring that witnesses might be deep trance hypnotic subjects; and threw in a red herring about stationary lights in dark rooms appearing to move. In fairness, the film contained some interesting material, and some of the 'UFO' personalities appeared on the U.K. screens for the first time. Fortunately the film ended with a "?" mark.



Antoni W. Szachnowski, Chairman of the Anglo-Polish UFO Research Club, has recently informed us that his petition is still being circulated in several countries.

Mr.Szachnowski was born in the South-east of Poland. He joined the Polish Army in 1942, and came to England after being wounded in the North African campaign. He founded the A.P.U.F.O.R.C. in 1955, but this originally started as a Polish correspondence club in 1947. His UFO interest stems from the time he saw an egg-shaped object, glistening metallicly during the war, over Italy. "The object, which I saw shelled by our artillery, was shelled also by the Germans..." It was not hit and tilted about 50 degrees, suddenly disappearing into the blue Italian sky. In his spare time he broadcasts on the B.B.C. Foreign Service and Radio Free Europe.

The UFO questionnaires have been translated into Danish, French, German, Polish, Spanish and Swedish etc, and are said to be circulating in about 20 countries. The questionnaire, which requires 26 answers is aimed at discovering if people would like to see UFOs investigated on a global scale, either under the patronage of the United Nations or U.N.E.S.C.O.

Here are example questions: 3a. Do you think U.F.O's are a global psychological phenomenon?

9 What do you think would be the likely outcome of extensive contact of the human race with a highly developed cosmic and alien civilisation?

In the U.K. several hundred forms have been returned, mostly giving a yes to the important questions. Of these forms, four came back with abusive remarks, one threatened "dire consequences" and one had an indecent suggestion. Finally the questionnaires will be compounded in to a petition and memorandum, and presented to the United Nations Organisation.

For further details write to:

Mr.Antoni Szachnowski,
75 Oakfield Road,
London, S.E.20.

UFO MEN SEEK A PLACE ON THE UN AGENDA

The above headline appeared in the London EVENING STANDARD on August 6th, 1968 and says that a "group of scientists", The Intercontinental UFO Research and Analytic Network (ICUFON) has urged all the 124 member nations to put the UFO problem before the Security Council. The group asked that UFOs be given emergency classification and placed on the agenda of the U.Ns. conference on the peaceful uses of outer space in Vienna on August 14-27th.

They said that factual evidence over the past 25 years of the activity on and around the globe by unknown aerial vehicles, official governmental investigation by several nations and the lack of an authorised international research body, motivate the emergency classification. ICUFON wants a state or private person to offer a restricted area to the U.N for an international UFO research institute.

Congress told of flying objects

The above headline appeared in THE TIMES of 30th July, 1968 and reads:

"The science and astronautics committee of the House of Representatives was told today (July 29th) that there were too many UFOs to rule out the possibility that Earth might be under surveillance by creatures from outer space. Dr. James McDonald, of the Institute of Atmospheric Physics at Arizona University, said that he took this possibility very seriously. Recalling the many sightings of objects during the power blackout in the United States in 1965, Dr.McDonald said there had also been a series of impressive British sightings last autumn in Staffordshire."

(Ed. The reference to Staffordshire indicates that Dr.McDonald has seen a copy of the Stanway and Pace "Flying Saucer Report."

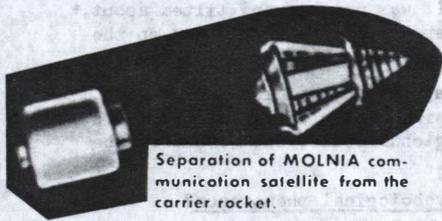
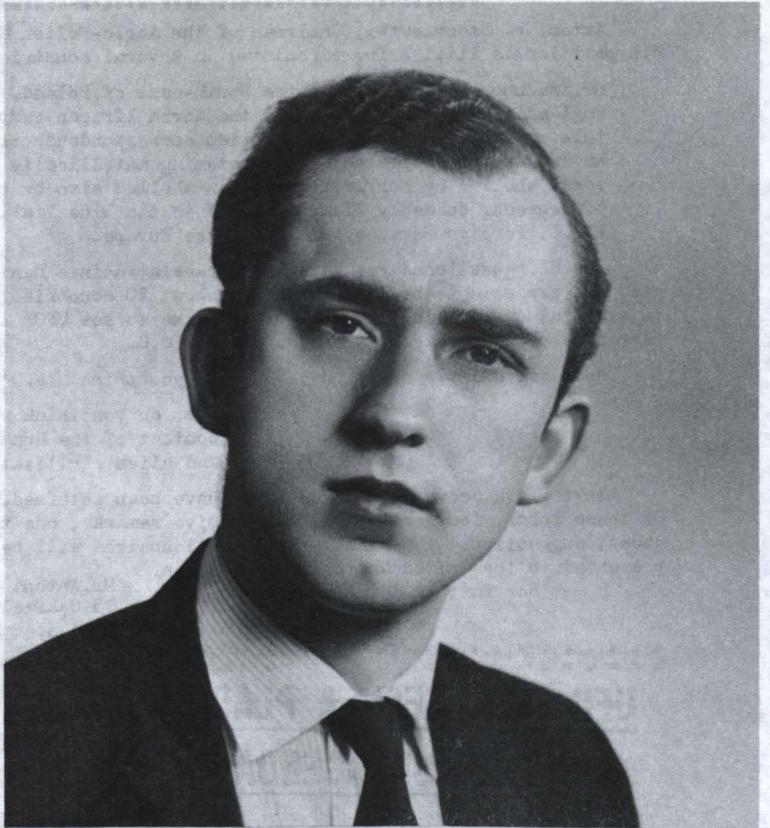
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"It looks like your mother has just arrived Dear!"

NIGEL STEPHENSON

See: "Tribute to Nigel Stephenson."



Separation of MOLNIA communication satellite from the carrier rocket.



BUFORA SKY-WATCH DAY - 15th June 1968

Left: David Rowe and David Atkins, Right: Mark McCamm and Dan Butcher take the first watching shift at Pewley Downs, Guildford, Surrey. The BUFORA Field Unit poses in the background, also co-ordinating map and astro-compass. June 15th was chosen to co-incide with the relatively close convergence of the asteroid, Icarus with Earth.

PHOTO CREDIT: Omar Fowler.



TRIBUTE to Nigel Stephenson

In 1959, four young people got together to found the London U.F.O. Research Organisation on July 11th. They were Roy Stemman, Nigel Stephenson, Miss Susanne Stebbing and Paul Teugels. The original idea probably came from Roy, but it was Nigel who established the far-sighted aims of LUFORO. Born on 4th December, 1938, Nigel was 20 and the other founders of similar ages. Roy Stemman was LUFORO's first president and edited LUFORO BULLETIN until he resigned in 1961. Susanne Stebbing, the third founder, acted as secretary until late 1961. She resigned when her family moved out of London to Frimley, but still retains her interest and distributes UFO literature. At the inception of LUFORO, Nigel was the Director of Research and also put in a lot of effort publicising the Organisation. Early editions of the BULLETIN and correspondence show that Nigel was sounding out opinion for a national and international federation of societies as early as 1959.

On September 10th, 1960, he became chairman of LUFORO and carried this office in the British U.F.O. Research Association until late in 1964, when Dr. Geoffrey Doel took over. During the early '60s. we were trying to run LUFORO on a shoe-string and frequently had difficulty in finding people with sufficient willingness to run the administrative side. LUFORO went through some black days, but Nigel kept doggedly on. His lone pioneering spirit carried us through. At one point in 1962, things looked desperate, and Nigel was running the club almost single handed. He was chairman, treasurer, editor and research director all at the same time, and even he nearly gave up!

The formation of a national federation of UFO societies was one of the original aims of LUFORO. At a committee meeting in my Baker Street flat in 1962, he once again brought up the matter of a national association, and this time the committee gave their belated approval. I must emphasise that it was Nigel and he alone who initiated the inception of the British UFO Research Association. He produced all the application forms, introductory letters, sighting forms, investigators forms and worked with Lawrence Moore in producing some distinctive note-paper. At that time I was secretary of LUFORO and told Nigel that we should launch the Association with a 'full-blown' convention. "You organise the platform and I'll organise the meeting," I said to Nigel. The result was that I had to return about 50 ticket applications. Even so we had crowds of non-ticket holders demanding admission who had come on the off-chance. When the meeting started, the theatre of Kensington Library was packed with people standing right down the aisles. Nigel welcomed everyone and introduced the Association's president Graham Knewstubb, (of British F.S.Bureau, f'd.1952), who in turn introduced delegates from the founder societies. The success of this meeting enabled the Association to go from strength to strength over the years. (continued at top of 2nd column)

CONTACT (U.K.) held their sky-watch during the week-end of 22nd-24th June to mark the 21st anniversary of Kenneth Arnold's classic sighting of June 24th, 1947. Their country-wide watch in the U.K. was also spoilt in many places by cloud cover and Brinsley Le Poer Trench, their founder, had not heard of any outstanding sightings when consulted in mid-July.

As BUFORA increased in stature it became noticeable that Nigel's lone approach was becoming out of place. Small differences of opinion became irreconcilable stumbling blocks. Eventually, after long hours of discussion, officers reluctantly were obliged to ask Nigel to leave the BUFORA executive in April this year. A spontaneous vote of thanks for his outstanding services to ufology was unanimously expressed by all committee members.

The staff of SPACELINK hope that he will continue his UFO research and wish him success with his studies in the field of psychology.

Lionel Beer.

BUFORA Sky-Watch Report

Your editor, Edgar Hatvany, acted as national organiser, and about 30 watching points were established in the U.K. including Cornwall, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The Benelux UFO Co-operation run by Jacques Bonabot asked European ufologists to co-operate. Newchapel Observatory kept watch, where they have an 18" reflecting telescope. The Irish sea was covered by radar surveillance. My flat in London was used as the phoning-in H.Q. and several radio 'hams' including Australian, Colin McCarthy at the no.1 site and Roy Winstanley in Lancashire also co-operated. Colin McCarthy boosted reception with the use of a 200 ft. aerial suspended by 3 red helium filled balloons.

The watch took place on June 15/16th to co-incide with the relatively close approach of the asteroid, Icarus. Unfortunately, although details of 42 visible satellites were obtained from the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, most posts reported almost complete cloud coverage.

Omar Fowler and Graham Paine, chairman and treasurer of the Surrey Investigation Group (SIGAP), were in charge of the No.1. post on Pewley Downs at Guildford in Surrey, to which about 18 vehicles came bringing about 40 people. This post logged the 1st sighting at 8.06 pm.BST., when a balloon-shaped red object with a hanging appendage was seen descending rapidly and quickly disappeared.

At 8.58 pm. the Astral group near Stoke Mandeville in the Chiltern hills, reported that their McCarthy detector started buzzing and continued for some minutes despite resetting; cloud cover prevented them from observing anything.

At 11.55 pm. watchers at Guildford (No.1 site) including myself, saw a red light near the horizon and watched it for about 15 seconds. David Simpson, of SIUFOP, already had his KODAK Retinette camera on a tripod and took a time exposure for the record. About the same time the South Herts Group saw a white light at Chorley Wood, and the Slough Group at Black-bush Airport saw a similar light. (Photo: P.17)

The Northants Group at Barrington Airfield saw flashing lights on the horizon, and kept a respectful distance as they appeared to be part of a black magic orgy! A group of young watchers at Chanctonbury Ring, 7 miles from Worthing, Sussex, claimed they experienced a 'strange presence' when they wandered towards the Ring. "We suddenly felt cold and the cold came at us in waves, affecting our feet first." "One of us felt a pain in the stomach and others had difficulty in breathing." However when SIGAP members visited the Ring for a night-watch on June 29th, nothing 'psychic' was experienced. - L.B.

By G.J.Kok, Editor of VLIEGENDE SCHOTEL NIEUWS and
Chairman of NOBOVO-IUFOB, Moleneind Z.z. 69,
Drachten, Holland.

The Dutch Scene

It is undeniable that many UFOs have been seen over Holland, and some very good cases have been investigated by Dutch U.F.O. organisations. In fact Holland has eight UFO societies including "Nederlands Onderzoek Bureau voor Ongeidentificeerde Vliegende Objecten - NOBOVO." which translates as "Dutch UFO Investigation Bureau."

In 1967 NOBOVO investigated a very interesting sighting over the little village of Gorredijk. On 7th September 1967, at about 4.30 a.m., Mrs."X" had a strange vision. She was in bed (and does not sleep very well) when the light near the steps suddenly went out. She was astonished and wondered what could have happened. Suddenly she saw a big ORANGE-coloured object, which flew very slowly near the house. After some time the object disappeared and - the lights came on.

Next day the son of Mrs.X called at NOBOVO headquarters, and asked us to come and investigate the sighting. We found Mrs.X to be a reliable person and interested in the outcome of the investigations. This was easy as it was not a 'plane, balloon, November-fire-balls, Marsh gas, etc.; it was definitely a UFO.

person and interested in balloon, November-fire-

We investigated very thoroughly before reaching this conclusion and called on the Air Force base at Leeuwarden. They told us that the object could not have been a plane or a balloon. As there was also a blackout, we called on and wrote to the Electricity-Center (P.E.B.). They said that the power failure was a very strange one, as a normal failure does not last about 2 to 3 minutes, as at Gorredijk. It either lasts about 5 seconds, or much longer than 3 minutes. They tried to reconstruct the blackout but were unable to do it. We received a letter later on which stated: "It is unknown to us that there has been a power failure at Gorredijk. We did not receive other reports from other witnesses." (...!)

Yet the Laboratory for Space Research at Utrecht came up with the following 'solution': "probably Mrs.X saw a balloon or high flying plane..." (...!)

Mrs.X described the object as about 40 cm. Ø. (So it was much larger, but she saw it as a round object of about 40 cm. Ø.)

We wrote to the Secretary of Defence in Holland about UFOs. We asked for a thorough investigation but we received a long two-page letter stating: "it is not necessary to conduct UFO investigation in Holland, as there is already some form of investigation, viz: NATO Radar..."

Recently a Dutch astronomer, Prof.Dr.C. de Jager (Utrecht) made a speech on Dutch Radio. He stated that astronomers have never seen UFOs. We wrote and told him that many astronomers had seen UFOs, and even photographed them. We did not receive a good answer from him. However we must admit that the Laboratory for Space Research at Utrecht, has helped us a great deal in the past. We also comment, that if Prof.Dr. C. de Jager, c.s. investigated the problem of UFOs for a joke, (which is what he said in a letter to NOBOVO), then it is very discouraging for a part of Dutch Science. Fortunately we recently received a very kind letter from Prof.Dr. R. Bakker, Ph.D., Psy.D., (at another University) in which he stated he was glad that NOBOVO carries out UFO investigation. //

In the December issue of SPACELINK we reported a mysterious failure in the high tension power circuit in Arnhem on November 13th, 1967. A reader writing into the ARNHEMSE COURANT of 25/NOV/67 said that she had seen the object, which had the same colour and intensity as a medium sized star. It moved in a northerly direction, then for a moment to the east, after that to the west, and from there proceeded to the north again. The paper reported that several other people saw a luminous object during the blackout, which moved slowly to the north. Also people reported unusual interference to their television sets (the blackout started about 6.30 p.m. but did not affect all areas simultaneously). The managing director of the municipal electricity supply plant, H.L.ten Cate, an electrical engineer, offered theoretical explanations, e.g. a relay opened by rumbling of heavy traffic, but was unable to pin-point the reason for the failure.

TRANSLATOR WANTED. SK. receives a journal from Finland called VIMANA and would be grateful if a reader who understands Finnish would volunteer to scan it for UFO news and translate same.

UFO BIBLIOGRAPHY. The Library of Congress's UFO bibliography is scheduled for publication in September and will contain about 1500 items. It will be issued by the Gov't. Printing Office.

With the aim of making SPACELINK more interesting, we tried this experiment with colour duplicating. Unfortunately we do not rate the experiment a success as the sketches are far from as good as David Thompsons neat original. However we decided to include the guide as we want to know what you think about it. In our next issue we will be including some of David's detailed black and white sketches of different UFO types, and assure you that their reproduction will be of a far higher quality.

KEY TO NUMBERS.

- (1) Sighting made by Mr.A.E.Harvey of Curlieu Road Oakdale, Poole, Dorset, at 00.25 a.m. on September 11th, 1965. He had just locked his garden shed and looked up to see a bright light approaching about 5,000 ft. up and moving East to South-West. Next a blue-white ring or halo was observed with a ring of red spots, or lights around the centre (equator) of the object. (Ref: Flying Saucer Review Vol.12 No.2)
- (2) Charlotte Nipper, a telephone operator in the Valdosta, Georgia, was going to work in her car, when at 5.15 a.m. she saw an object in the road. To pass she drove off the highway onto the pavement. With this close-up inspection she saw the object was round. The string of white lights around its middle made it look like two plates with their rims turned together, and it was as high as a large truck. (Ref: FATE Magazine)
- (3) Taken from photo in LOOK magazine. Cone-shaped object was the third of three sighted by a Terryville, Connecticut, housewife on October 14th, 1966. Seen for about half-hour moving silently.
- (4) Taken from "Incident At Exeter" by John Fuller. Sighted by Mr.Strauch. (Ref: Flying Saucer Review Vol.12 No.6)
- (5) Seen from a fighter-bomber, in September, 1950, by six airmen. UFO's speed estimated at 1,000 to 1,200 m.p.h. (Ref: Flying Saucer Hoax by Lorenzen)
- (6) Cigar-shaped UFO seen numerous times especially in the late forties and early fifties. This type has been reported all over the world.
- (7) At 10.05 p.m. on August 13th, 1960, Clarence Fry, deputy sheriff at the Red Bluff prison in California, saw an oval, pale yellow, glowing object, with a flashing red light on each end and squarish white lights along the side, coming from the south-west. (Ref: Great Flying Saucer Hoax by Lorenzen.)
- (8) On June 29th, 1964, shortly before midnight, a man from Wellford was driving on Route 59, in Georgia, between Gainesville and Lavonia. An amber coloured object flew over the car and leaped in the air over it, and came back twice as though observing the headlights. It made a noise like a million "hissing snakes" and left a smell like embalming fluid. it was about the size of the car 6 ft.high and spinning. (Ref: Challenge to Science by Jacques and Janine Vallee.)

The UFOs illustrated opposite could be related to many more sightings other than those specifically mentioned above.

DATELINE CANADA by Allan K. Vezina (He was until recently running C.A.P.I.C. in Ontario, Canada.)

Steven Michalak, the Winnipeg, Manitoba mechanic, who had an encounter with a UFO in May 1967 near Falcon Lake returned to the location of the incident a year later and uncovered several pieces of radio-active metal, shaped in the identical pattern of an elongated "S", each piece 4½ inches in length.

Mr.Michalak said he and a friend, Martin McGregor, dug the S-shaped metal out of a natural fissure in a rock located in the area he claims the UFO landed. He feels these pieces substantiate his story that he was severely burned by a low-hovering, saucer-shaped craft last year. He described the craft as being the colour of hot stainless steel and about 40 feet in diameter. As he approached the object, it tilted back slightly and he felt a scorching pain about his chest. He found his shirt and undershirt on fire. He attempted to speak through an open hatch in several languages, but the hatch finally snapped shut. The UFO then rose to tree-top level and disappeared at extremely high speed. The burns he suffered, in the definite shape of a grid (several of which rimmed the object) have not as yet been explained and have recurred a number of times in the past year. The marks re-appear, cause great discomfort, vomiting etc., and then, just as mysteriously as they appeared, they disappear.

Michalak and his friend were equipped with geiger-counters as they entered the bush this year and they noted that after the pieces of metal had been removed from the fissure in the rock, the radioactivity count in the general area diminished.

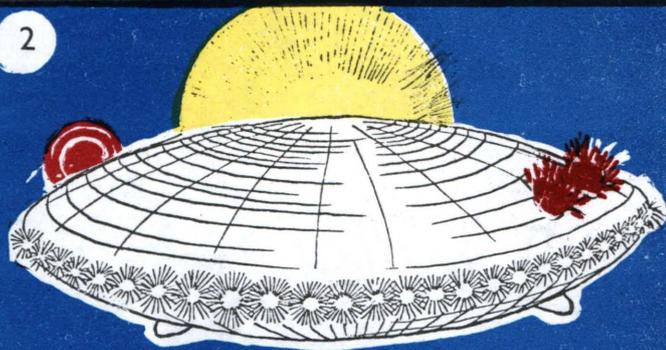
Canadian Armed Forces officials have expressed extreme interest in analysing the pieces and picked a few samples up at Michalak's home in late May. Also Mr.Michalak decided some independent analysis was in order and has contacted the University of Manitoba and mailed pieces to A.P.R.O., Tucson, Arizona, the group which originally investigated his experience.

Ed: The Steven Michalak case was reported in reasonable detail in our December 1967 edition.

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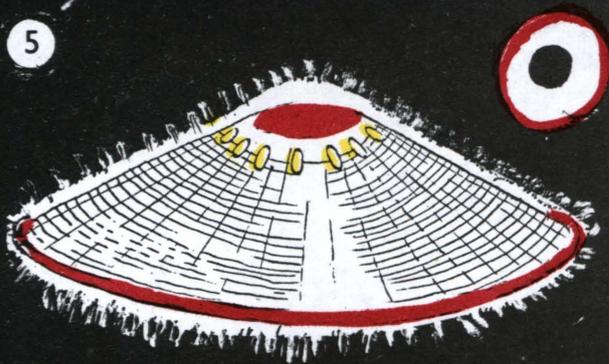
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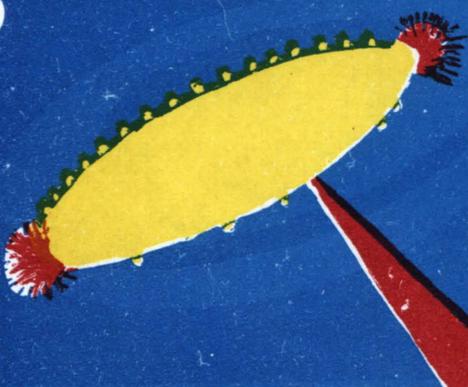
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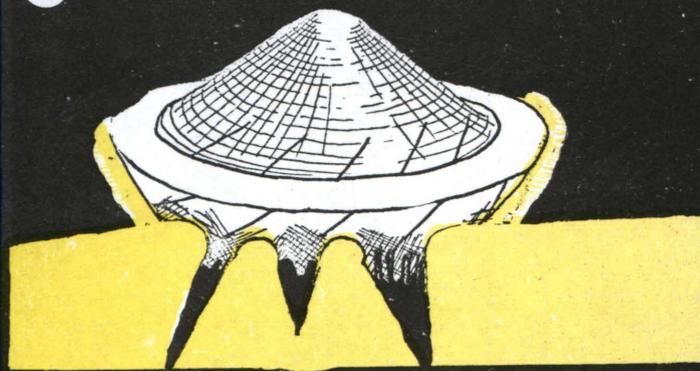
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He told Jane that her world was doomed
In universal war;
Whole countries were to be consumed,
Great nations be no more.
Man's evil would eclipse the good,
The East attack the West,
Mankind engulfed in seas of blood
with violence obsessed.
The pall of radiation spread
From bombs of hydrogen,
The stars looked down on countless dead,
Destroyed by fellow-men.

The watching Gods in anger cursed,
The sacrilegious world,
And at mankind in sin immersed
A flaming comet hurled.
The oceans drowned in raging tide
The atom-poisoned land,
Hosts of the unrepentant died
For Doomsday was at hand.
At last the sun broke through the night,
The few who lived began
To build again in wondrous light
Utopia for Man.

In Britain's future golden days
All live in peace and truth,
At beauty's shrine Man homage pays
To seek immortal youth.
A woman's love inspires his quest
New glories to create,
For in this island of the blest
The fair sex dominate.
The sun shines on a tropic clime,
Eternal summer reigns,
There life becomes an art sublime
Which paradise attains.

He gazed into her longing eyes
And stroked her dawn-lit hair,
Soon neither could their urge disguise
Love's ecstasy to share.
He quaffed her loveliness like wine,
Which passion did embroil,
And yearned to seek that hidden shrine
Love's treasure to despoil.
She made a token of protest,
Her lips refused his kiss;
But as he ardently caressed
She yielded to their bliss.

The sun rode o'er those golden hills
And wooed the dew-eyed dawn.
A joyous lark trilled madrigals
To greet the scented morn.
This magic hour of alchemy,
Miraculous suspense
Hushed dreaming Earth in mystery
Transmuting mortal sense.
The lovers woke as sweet sad pain
Lamented in their hearts.
Love's protestations flowed in vain,
Now came the time to part.

Her hand a wondrous ring he gave
And vowed 'You are my wife.
Come with me, Jane! Beyond the grave
We'll find eternal life.'
He led her to the shining sphere,
Then danger caught her breath;
Jane stopped appalled by sudden fear,
To follow John meant death.
She struggled free then gave a sigh
And to love's phantom said
'Alas, I am too young to die,
Today I must be wed.'

The sun smiled down from summer skies
To bless this wedding morn,
But Jane awoke with tearful eyes
Her mind in anguish torn.
She marvelled at that magic night
Her dream had seemed so real,
Yet now in morning's crystal light
Misgivings she could feel.
The vision of her Love was gone,
In grief she knelt in prayer.
Today how could she marry one
For whom she did not care?

Two bridesmaids brought her wedding-dress,
In virgin white arrayed
She strove her torments to suppress
So gaiety displayed.
Deceived by such vivacious charm,
None guessed her grave mistake,
But as she took her father's arm
Jane felt her heart must break.
Before the altar rail she met
Her bridegroom old and bald,
Already she felt keen regret
And now she stood appalled.

Jane scarcely heard the choir sing,
Her desperation grew;
Then on her finger gleamed the ring,
That proved her dream was true.
The country parson mumbled on,
The bridegroom made response;
With forlorn hope she prayed that John
Would come to her at once.
The congregation gasped with awe,
Illumed by dazzling ray,
Which shone through yonder open door,
There stood the Man in grey.

Jane read the question in his eyes,
Her heart leaped to reply.
She'd follow John beyond the skies,
For love would gladly die.
John strode serenely up the aisle,
All stood as turned to stone.
He clasped her hand and with a smile
They left the church alone.
The bridegroom swore and rushed outside,
All searched for them afar.
They lost the phantom and his bride
But saw a shooting-STAR.

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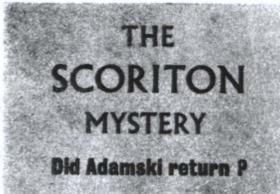
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On 23 April 1965 died the world's most controversial contactee—George Adamski.

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What was the significance of Bryant's experience... the meaning of what he was told? How did his amazing adventure, his sighting some weeks later and the objects he then found link together the names of Adamski and Mantell? Did he actually meet Adamski returned from the dead in a different guise?

Part of the 'blurb' for the book.

Introductory Notes - Lionel Beer

As the person responsible for initiating BUFORA's involvement in this episode, which eventually led to the publication of the Book, I feel morally obligated to keep the story in perspective. I originally became involved when my mother sent me a press-cutting from the MID-DEVON ADVERTISER, in which a misguided reader in Buckfastleigh intimated that the area was radio-active and "enquiry should be

made immediately to protect persons and animals from entering the area." Later I received a copy of the Plymouth INDEPENDANT which had Bryant's story on the front page. Dr. Geoffrey Doel, then chairman of BUFORA, agreed it was worth investigating and we drove down to Devon together, with the object of investigating the possible landing of a UFO on the night of June 7th, 1965. The burnt hedge was impressive, but it could have occurred accidentally as stated by the farmer. At our meeting and visit to Scorriton, Bryant, who seemed pleasant and straight-forward, gave us no hint that he had had a soul-shattering, face-to-face contact only two weeks before the 7th. Although we listened to Arthur Bryant with open minds, as we had no reason to doubt his story at the time, he later told other investigators, that he didn't like "those people from London who tried to 'brain-beat' him."

Now as promised we include Eric Biddle's considered opinions on the case, entitled: SCORITON AGAIN.

After reading Miss Eileen Buckle's very interesting book and having seen a good deal of the correspondence etc. arising out of the case, at Norman Oliver's invitation, I am forced to conclude that there is little, if any, satisfactory evidence to support Bryant's claim that he had entered a material saucer and spoken with material beings who claimed to come from Venus. The "space brothers" myth of benevolent Venusians dies hard but I have before me a cutting from the TIMES of 19.Oct.67 regarding the information sent back by the Russian Venus probe - atmospheric pressure at the surface about 15 times that of our own atmosphere at sea-level; an atmosphere consisting mainly of carbon dioxide, with oxygen and water vapour accounting for only about 1.5%; a very high temperature; no radiation belt corresponding to the Van Allen Belt; only a weak, though definite, magnetic field.

Strange that the "Venusian Brothers" should so closely resemble us, with so different an environment!

But there is another - and not at all reassuring - way of looking at all this. Suppose Bryant, Adamski and the rest were not hoaxers but victims of hoaxes staged by beings outside our race for some aim best known to themselves, with a view to pulling the wool over our eyes and lulling us into a false sense of security. pending ... what? Some of the UFOs may well turn out to be parts of an all-embracing pattern which includes certain psychic manifestations, unexplained disappearances of planes and ships, mysterious fires (see, particularly Vincent Gaddis's book on the latter), perhaps the impinging upon our universe with all this might imply. There is scope for much research here - if it is not too late - and there are those now working on it. The utmost circumspection is necessary to avoid the treacherous paths which lead to the realms of fantasy and to regions from which there is no way out.

Perhaps Eileen Buckle and Norman Oliver have "built better than they know."

As Dr. Cleary-Baker remarked recently in BUFORA JOURNAL, "UFO research is not for those with weak nerves!"

The Editor's Early Investigation and Final Analysis - Edgar Hatvany.

As I was one of the early participants in the investigation, long before the idea of publishing a book on the subject was ever mentioned, it may be appropriate to have the last word. (See Photo of 'piece': P.17)

It is rare indeed, in the annals of contact stories to find any surviving material evidence which could be closely examined and, if need be, analysed. Therefore, when members of the Executive Committee of BUFORA learned of the existence of several pieces with a direct bearing on the story, it seemed worthwhile to brave the January weather, and motor down snowy roads to Devon to investigate. These 'pieces' were supposed to be components of Captain Mantell's Mustang fighter plane, in which he so tragically lost his life pursuing a UFO.

So as not to prejudice the issue, I kept a diplomatic silence about the fact that by trade I was by far the most qualified to make an on the spot judgement about the aircraft components as I am an aircraft maintenance engineer. As it turned out - I did not have to hold my silence for long, for a cursory examination of the pieces did not reveal any part numbers, nor any serial numbers, nor did the coarseness of manufacture and excessive weight (very important in the manufacture of aircraft components) lead me to join the authors of the book in their convenient conviction that these could indeed be pieces of Mantell's Mustang. Actually I was so outspoken about my findings, and about another equally important point - the access, by the story-teller, to ufological information, that Norman Oliver (co-author of the book) and myself found ourselves engaged in a degrading verbal slanging match. May I take now, though belatedly, this opportunity to express my apologies!

Before setting out to meet the contactee - Mr. E.A. Bryant, and examine the 'pieces', I searched for some absolute guidelines by which it may have been possible to judge the veracity of this fantastic contact tale. They were - did Mr. Bryant have any access to an extensive amount of Flying Saucer lore, and were the 'pieces' indeed pieces of Mantell's plane. I considered an answer to these two pre-requisites to be far more important than the psychometric readings, word associations etc., used by the authors to judge the plausibility of the story. * * * * * Continued overleaf:-

THOSE TAPE RECORDINGS Two consultants, G.C. Brown and Roy Winstanley have both suggested technically feasible ways in which Norman's tape-recorder could have produced the strange recordings described in the book. Norman also said that this type of machine was capable of recording on 'play-back' in a specific condition. However the tapes are only 'red herrings' and Norman admits that they gave no help with the investigations.

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SCORRITON - The Editor's Final Analysis

It did not take long to shoot down the first absolute guideline, for at the meeting place in Exeter (in the house of Gerald Aspin's father - who was a friend of Mr. Bryant. This information was given to me, privately, by Mr. Bryant himself in a Scorriton pub.) the awful truth dawned - we had been invited into a ufological sanctuary. On the sideboard was a beautifully constructed Flying Saucer, and equally lavishly modelled cigar-type, 'mother ship'. The books on the shelves contained not only Adamski's stories, but also mythological works like 'Knossos' etc. When a large card-board box was revealed, full of cuttings of flying saucer stories, and an odd copy of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW etc., I knew we could have been duped. But would the would-be authors listen to my down to earth logic...

The result of their stubborn perseverance was a beautifully written book; but how much richer could the ufological world have been, had the fantastic amount of fruitless research been devoted to a more deserving theme.

E. H.

(N.B. See our Personal Column for further reading.)

FIENDISH ENCOUNTER ON THE HILLS OF CUSSAC

by Joel Mesnard and Claude Pavy. Extract from PHENOMENES SPATIAUX, of Paris. June 1968.

At 10.30 a.m. on 29th August 1967, Francois Delpeuch, 13½, and his sister Anne-Marie, 9, were looking after about ten cows with the dog Medor, near the little village on the hill of Cussac, high on the Cantal Plateau, (about 20 km. West-S.W. of St. Flour) in Southern France.

While on watch, Francoise got up and noticed what appeared to be four children on the other side of the road, about 40 metres away. He stood on a heap of stones to see them better, as he could not recognise them. Then he noticed they looked peculiar - they were completely black in their faces and clothing. Both children saw not far from them and partly hidden by a haystack, a large globe, which was so bright that it was painful to look at. One of the little beings had bent down and seemed to be looking for something in the ground. Another, while holding what Francoise thought was a mirror reflecting the sun, apparently made signs to the others with his hands.

When Francois shouted, "Would you like to come and play with us" the little beings took notice and apparently felt watched. Thereupon the first flew up into the air vertically and plunged head first into the top of the globe. The second and third did the same. The fourth, however, lifted himself up too, but before dropping into the globe, he returned to the ground as if looking for something and finding it (probably the 'mirror' thinks Francois) he flew up again and caught up with the globe, which by this time was about 15 metres off the ground after rising in little circles. The being disappeared inside the globe and the globe emitted a soft whizzing sound, and a sharp one, mixed with another kind of whispering sound which the children were unable to describe. The Globe continued to circle and the intensity of the light increased enormously. The noise stopped and it flew off towards the north-west. At that moment a sulphur smell reached the children and the cattle became restless. About 25 cows in the area started mooing and tried to assemble near the children. Medor the dog barked and wanted to follow the object. The children did not watch the object disappear as they had their hands full with the herd.

It seems to have been a perfectly round globe of about 2 metres diameter, and extremely bright. Francois wears glasses and has delicate eyes, so tears impeded his view for about quarter of an hour while the apparition lasted. This also went on for several days.

No details could be given about the globe. In one instance however, the observations of the children varied. Anne-Marie had seen a landing support underneath consisting of either 3 or 4 straight bars with a kind of round skate 10 cms. in diameter. They were no longer visible when the object flew off, but she did not see them being retracted into the object. One moment they were there - the next they were not. The intensity of the light may account for this description.

A question arises as to whether the smell of sulphur might have been ozone, which has been noticed at other landings.

The Little Beings appear to have been between 3 and 4 feet tall, but not all the same height. The one with the 'mirror' was the tallest. They were all black and yet shining - as silk does, said Francois. The children were unable to describe their complexions, as there was no opening in the clothing and it was as though the suits were skin-tight. The limbs do not correspond with our standards and the arms were a little thinner than ours. The children could not see their hands, but the legs were short and thin. Their heads seemed to have normal proportions but the skull is pointed and with a pronounced chin. No eyes or ears could be seen. Anne-Marie saw the profile of the fourth being and said the nose was pointed. They also think they saw beards on both sides of the head and some under the chin.

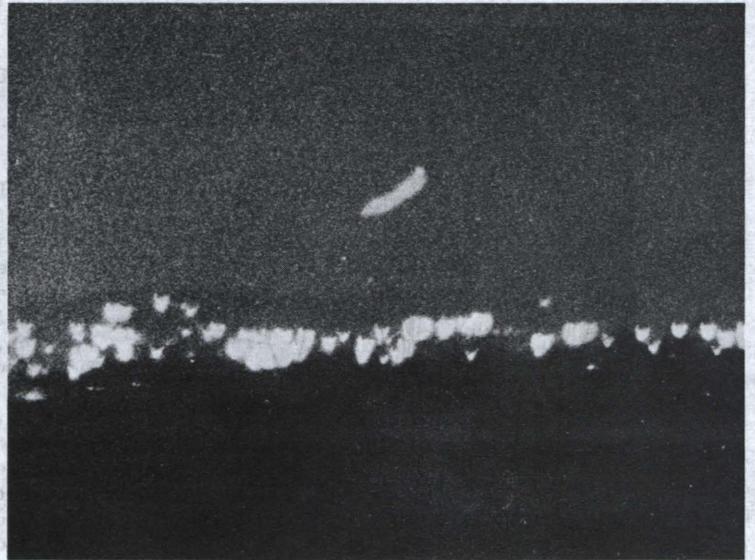
When the investigators arrived, the police confirmed what they had read in reports (e.g. in PARIS JOUR). Police inspectors who went to the site on the same day at 4 p.m. said they could still smell the sulphur. They treated the matter seriously.

Anne-Marie, a timid child, was cross-examined gently, but was never found to contradict herself. Francoise too, was cross-examined and did not contradict himself.

Monsieur Delcher, an inhabitant of Cussac, also heard the whistling noise when the globe took off. The children came home in tears after the event and Francois was unable to sleep the first night after that.

TRANSLATION CREDIT: Mrs. Dagmar Sarkar.

PHENOMENES SPATIAUX is published by G.E.P.A., 69 rue de la Tombe-Issoire, Paris 14^e, France.



NATIONAL SKY-WATCH DAY PHOTOGRAPH

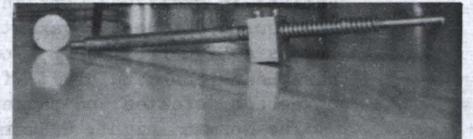
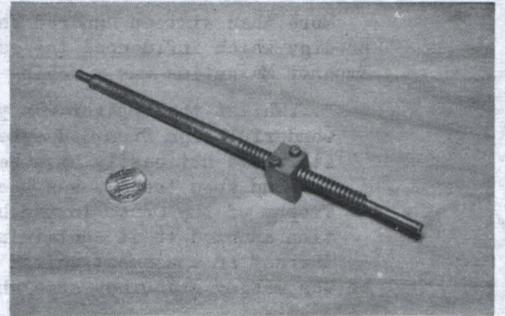
Above photo taken at the BUFORA No.1 watching site at Guildford, Surrey on June 15th at 11.55 p.m. David Simpson of S.I.U.F.O.P. had his KODAK 'Retinette 18' on a tripod and took a 15 second exposure aperture f2.8; focus - infinity, using Ilford HP3 film. This amorphous red light appeared to descend slowly, and was seen by most of the watchers present. Nearby was a red aircraft warning light and although the 'UFO' was larger it was more diffused, so a mirage effect must be considered. L.Beer saw it too and suggested a mirage.

PHOTO CREDIT: David Simpson.

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THE SCORITON MYSTERY

One of the pieces alleged by Arthur Bryant to have been dropped by a flying saucer in 1965. Investigators wasted a great deal of time trying to connect the pieces with the plane in which Capt.Mantell was killed while pursuing a UFO. A threepenny coin is used for comparison of the objects size. (See page 15)



BLACKBURN FAKE UFO PHOTOGRAPH

This photo appeared as the lead story of the BLACKBURN TIMES (a Lancashire evening paper) on October 6th, 1967. It was taken by an amateur photographer, Leslie Duckworth, 43, on October 3, following a flap over East Lancs. An original copy of the photo showed more than the print in the paper. It showed a star-trail (arrowed) the same length and in parallel with the bright object. This showed that Mr. Duckworth had taken a time exposure of the moon, which was in that position on the night of the 3rd. We have included this as a reminder that UFO photos. are easily faked and even newspaper editors are sometimes misled.

RESEARCH CREDIT: Roy Winstanley.



Historical Section

FLYING CROSSES by Raymond Drake
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To our unsophisticated ancestors, the apparition of a Flying Cross shining in the heavens inspired men's souls with the supernatural, a vision of God bringing spiritual comfort; today the same Cross arouses dispute, its manifestation is denied. On October 24th, 1967, Police Constables, Roger Willey and Clifford Waycott on road patrol near Okehampton Devon, were astonished to see in the sky a large luminous cross which they followed for about twelve miles before it suddenly disappeared. Official experts swore that these highly competent Officers, whose evidence is normally accepted without question had actually seen the planet, Venus; when sightings of crosses were reported by many observers all over the south, a spokesman for the Ministry of Defence stated they had all seen American aircraft refueling at night, anything but a cross.

More than sixteen hundred years ago in AD 312, shone the most wonderful UFO in all history, a prodigy which influenced the establishment of Christianity. Constantine rebelling against the Emperor Maxentius was marching on Rome. Eusebius in his "Life Of Constantine" wrote:

"...Whilst the Emperor was putting up those prayers and earnest supplications a most wonderful sign from God appeared, which (sign) had any other person given a relation of it, would not easily have been received as true... ..About the Meridian hours of the Sun when the day was declining, he (Constantine) said he saw with his own eyes the Trophy of the Cross in the heavens, placed over the Sun made up of light, on an inscription annexed to it containing the words 'BY THIS I CONQUER.' And that at the sight thereof an amazement seized both him and all his Military Forces, which followed him as he was making a Journey some whither, and were spectator of the Miracle."

Awed by this Omen, Constantine made a pact with the Christians; they defeated and killed Maxentius; in gratitude Constantine established Christianity as the official religion of the West. The Church does not regard the Cross as the planet, Venus, nor as 'Roman aeroplanes' refuelling, but as a Sign from God. Today we acknowledge the Cross as a UFO; the alleged writing appears to have been phenomena of its force-field. Whatever the truth, without this Cross, Constantine might have been defeated and paganism triumphed as the religion of Rome.

The Norman Knight, Gaimar, in "Le Storie des Engles" wrote that in the year 773, "There was a sign seen from heaven to Earth, it stretched in the likeness of a Cross;" this was confirmed in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle. Tradition dates the Order of the Thistle to AD 787, when a Scots King beheld a bright Cross in the sky on the eve of battle.

William of Newbury, the Mediaeval Chronicler, reported in his "Historia Anglicana" that in AD. 1189, above the village of Dunstable on the London road, an hour after noon:

"...those who looked up at the sky saw in the serene vault of heaven the striking shape of the Emblem of Our Lord with a dazzling milk-like whiteness and the conjoined form of a man crucified..."

In "Historia Anglorum", Matthew of Paris wrote in his scholarly Latin concerning AD.1227:

"In Germany while Master Oliver was preaching (for the crusades) there appeared manifest to all the people a Crucifix in the air..."

Since far Antiquity the Cross has been enhalloved with great religious significance long before its association with Christianity.

Perhaps conventional interpretations are wrong? What if early Man venerated the Cross as symbolising a Spaceship, the Sign of the 'Gods', Teachers from other planets descending to Earth?

"We should welcome Crosses in the sky as heralding the return of the Spacemen!" - W.R. Drake.



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NEWSTAND MAGAZINES CARRYING ARTICLES ON UFOs DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

- EVERYWEEK* 17-21st June. No.9. *(Distributed through U.K. schools) Page of unbiased notes and also drawings from the DAILY MIRROR. "Are you being watched..."
- FATE (USA) March. Vol.21 No.3. "The Great UFO Controversy" and "The Appaloosa from Alamosa" by Coral Lorenzen and Donald Merker. A thorough look at the SNIPPY controversy with 19 illustrated pages.
- FATE (U.K.) May. No.163. Same as U.S.A. edition above but with 17 pages only.
- FATE (U.K.) July. No.165. "Little Men from UFOs." by Coral Lorenzen. 8 pages.
- FATE (USA) July. Vol.21 No.7. "Dr.Hermann Oberth Looks at UFOs."
- LIFE 1st April. Vol.44 No.6. "Flying Saucers and a Dead Mare." by Blanche Hardin. Interesting full page account of the death of SNIPPY and after.
- THE LISTENER 27th June. "Flying Saucers" by John Michell. "Midsummer Nights' Dreams." by Carl Miller. Mixed bag of fact, fantasy and opinion. 4 pages.
- LOOK 14th May. Vol.32 No.10. "Flying Saucer Fiasco." by John Fuller. The Colorado University UFO investigation project revealed as a \$500,000 'trick'.
- MEN MAGAZINE (USA) July. "13 New Flying Saucer Stories the Pentagon Can't Hush Up." by Jacques Vallee A summary of some convincing UFO reports.
- NATIONAL ENQUIRER (USA) July 14th. "Flying Saucer Freezes Pond Near Seattle." July 21st. "Pittsburgh Scientists set up Saucer Alert."
- NEW SCIENTIST 1st August. "UFO was a Zond." by Charles Marwick. One page article in connection with UFO sightings and the Zond satellite re-entry.
- PENTHOUSE May. Vol.3 No.6. "The Humanoids." by Lynn Barber. 4 pages of good familiar data.
- SAGA (USA) June. "Unidentified Underwater Saucers." by Joan Whritenour and Brad Steiger.
- SAGA (USA) July. "Mysterious Gas Attacks." by John A. Keel.
- SAGA (USA) August. "Saucers Panic Major Airlines." by Brad Steiger and Joan Whritenour.
- SEARCH (USA) July. "Saucers from the Earth." by Ray Palmer.
- SCIENCE AND MECHANICS July. Vol.39 No.7. "Ithaca's Terrifying UFO Epidemic." by Lloyd Mallan. The story of Rita Malley's contact with a UFO. 6 pages with photos of witness.
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Although it is impractical to list all the newspapers carrying 'in depth' articles, the following is worthy of note:

THE AUSTRALIAN. Consecutive days - May 14, 15 and 16. "A serious look at an old joke... UFOs." by John Hallows.

FAKE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA (See picture "number one" on the inside back cover.)

The back-cover picture is one of eight taken by "Sonny"Wallace, aged about 24, of Loch Street, South Brisbane, in October 1967. The series were taken in his backyard with his girl-friend. Mr. Wallace tried to get the Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau to authenticate the pictures so that he could sell them to a press agency. (The agency made their own decision not to buy after seeing the negatives.) Mr.Wallace was extremely reluctant to show the original negatives to QFSRB investigators as they showed fine linear alignments extending away from the UFO to the top of the picture. A 3" model was probably used and could have been suspended from a fishing rod or part of their house. Previously investigators had canvassed this densely populated area for other witnesses without success, and tediously examined shadow casts and other evidence, which did not tie in with the 5-10 minute period in which Mr.Wallace said the photos were taken. He also tried to confuse the QFSRB. by claiming that the UFO changed course at about the point it intersected a micro-wave beam from a television station about a mile away. This further example shows that careful research can unmask a fake photo.

FLYING SAUCERS OVER AUSTRALIA James Hолledge.

Horwitz Publications Inc.Pty.Ltd., 2-4 Denison Street,
N.Sydney, N.S.W., Australia. 1965. Price: 50¢ (Aus.)

This book virtually consists of a collection of quite good reports of UFO appearances over Australia between 1951 and 1965. Perhaps the most interesting report being a full description of the unique sightings by Father Gill at the Boainai Mission at Papua in New Guinea.

Mention is made of Dr.Menzel and his views on the subject. The last three chapters are given up to George Adamski, Cedric Allingham and George King.

This is suitable as introductory matter or for those especially interested in Australian activities, but because its first publication was in 1965, it is a little outdated for those looking for new material. It is illustrated with a few well known though poorly reproduced photographs. (Paperback.)

Doreen Whitaker.

FLYING SAUCER REPORT Roger Stanway & Anthony Pace.

Newchapel Observatory, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

The report is partly aimed at getting local people in Staffordshire and its environs, interested in UFOs. To this end, is included some sensible introductory material. The bulk of the report is devoted to 70 UFO reports, which the authors investigated in the latter part of 1967, in an area radiating 20 miles from Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs. A few cases of U.F.Os. seen at close quarters and landings are dealt with in more detail. Clear drawings by witnesses illustrate the types of UFOs seen. Two aerial photos and three others show the type of locality.

Although the report is parochial in nature, it also includes some general supporting material, including famous quotes, comments on the Ministry of Defence (and their statistics), mis-identified UFOs, conclusions and summing up etc.

Its 86 international-size pages (nearly foolscap) are fully lithographed and bound in a contrasting blue and orange printed cover. The report can be particularly recommended to all would-be UFO investigators, and I feel that most UFO researchers will find it worth studying. (Paperback)

Lionel Beer.

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SPACEMEN IN THE ANCIENT EAST W. Raymond Drake.

Neville Spearman Ltd., 112 Whitfield Street, London,
W.1. 1968. Price: 30/Od. (Not illustrated.)

Here is an accumulation of much research into the myths and literature of Eastern antiquity. The author sets out to prove that the Earth was once ruled by Beings from other worlds, and that after all, the planets in our own solar system probably abound with life.

There can be no doubt about some evidence of spacemen and their craft appearing in ancient India, Tibet, China, Japan, Egypt and also in Biblical times, all touched on in the book. Many descriptions of the vehicles and their occupants are echoed in what we are hearing today. Interesting reference is made to eleventh century descriptions of different types of craft used for different purposes.

The account of Ezekiel 'beholding a wondrous apparition' is likened to George Adamski's description of Orthon from Venus, as also a trip to that planet portrayed in a part of the Sanskrit literatures of India, which poses the question, did Adamski read Sanskrit? The spacecraft are often referred to as coming from the North, thus opening up the possibility, suggests Mr.Drake, that they approach Earth through the vent in the Van Allen radiation belts in the sector of the North Pole.

This book should make interesting reading for any UFO enthusiast, and whilst a substantial amount is only speculative and based on mythology and the fanciful creations of the poets of that age, there is nevertheless, much food for thought.

Doreen Whitaker.

UFO GUIDE 1947 - 1967 Martin H. Sable.

Rainbow Press, Beverly Hills, California 90213,
U.S.A. 1967. Price: \$2.95.

This is a collection of bibliographies and directories. The author index of UFO books is comprehensive and may be of value to libraries. A separate author index of books on "Life on other planets" is much longer. Articles on UFOs and "Life on other planets", which have appeared in periodicals are listed separately. The list of publishers' addresses may well be considered a useful item.

The list of 42 flying saucer organisations is grossly out of date. Of the six U.K. entries, one is duplicated, one is a metaphysical group and BUFORA is given a defunct address.

What ought to be the most interesting section, the International Directory of Flying Saucer Periodicals, contains 56 entries - many out of date. Entries include THE HUMANITARIAN, THROUGH THE PORTALS, THY KINGDOM COME and DISCOVERY. DISCOVERY is now incorporated into the respected SCIENCE JOURNAL and never was a flying saucer journal. However, SPACELINK (Isle of Wight) is included!

A number of other lists appear and generally relate to the above. The booklet runs to 100 pages and is printed on art paper. Personally, if compiling a "UFO guide", I would not pad it out with general material on space and related topics as Mr. Sable has done.

Lionel Beer.



LIONEL'S LITTER

NUMBER FIVE SEPTEMBER 1968



ALMAS or ALMASTY is the name given to those anthropoid creatures found in the forests of the Caucasus and eastern regions of the Soviet Union. In other parts of the world they are known as Abominable Snowmen, Sasquatches, Wauk-wauks and Yeti. They have been reported frequently since 1870 and described as having a covering of thick dark hair, small egg-shaped heads with receding brow and broad flat nose. Prominent teeth are noticeable on their large protruding lower jaw and they have reddish slit eyes. A grown male reaches over six feet. They walk about, apparently muttering to themselves, in a pigeon-toed fashion with their long arms dangling. Both males and females have been observed, but despite their pugnacious appearance, they are easily frightened and have not been known to attack anyone.

Professor Kaufman, a member of the Soviet Geographical Society, recently had his investigations published in the Soviet magazine "Science and Religion." Although none of his team which visited the Caucasian valleys had seen one of the Almas, they found evidence including prints made by bare flat inward-turning feet, a small food cache consisting of 2 pumpkins, 8 potatoes, corn cobs, blackberries and apples, and elsewhere, clear teeth marks on bitten corn cobs.

ECHO I responsible for a good many minor UFO reports, re-entered the earth's atmosphere apparently UNSEEN on May 23/24 over the S.E.Pacific Ocean. This familiar artificial star was an 100 foot aluminised Mylar balloon launched on 12th August 1960 - the world's largest passive communications satellite.

HOLES IN THE ICE. The first hole was discovered on April 4th in a frozen lake near Malung, in the Dalarna district of central Sweden. Ice about 3 foot thick had been smashed over an area of about 6000 square feet. Frogmen sent down to the bottom could find nothing because of the thick mud. There were no traces around the hole apart from big blocks of ice which had been thrown up by something incredibly powerful. The second hole found on April 6th in a lake near Serna also in the Dalarna district, was estimated to be twice as big with equally thick ice thrown up. General Stig Loewgren who took over the investigation could offer no immediate explanation. The Swedish defence research institute, FOA, opined that the ice was broken by some material discharging into the lakes, but were not sure what. The Swedish Governments UFO expert is: Dr.Eriksson, Avd. 2, FOA, Stockholm.

INDIA FAMILY PLANS. According to a report from New Delhi issued early in July, over 4 million men and women have been sterilised under the Government Family Planning programme. Nearly 2½ million women are using the loop. India House in London says that the population of India is now 520 million.

NEW PLANET. On June 29th, Professor Raffaele Bendandi, 78, a self-taught scientist, announced in Faenza, Italy, that he had found a new planet between the Sun and Mercury.

RAIN OF LIVE FISH. Fish between 6" and 1' long appeared in several gardens in Harlow, Essex on August 12th 1968. Housewives who found them threshing about on the grass were unable to discover where they had come from. The meteorologists say that the pink rain we had in London on July 1st was Saharan.

JOHN SEARL, 35, of 17 St.Stephens Close, Mortimer, Berkshire, was still in the news at the end of April. The SUN newspaper of April 29th tells us that he unveiled "a 14 ft. circle of metal from which spokes ran to a shiny hub. It rested on a trestle table and was supported from above by string." This was done to the accompaniment of the National Anthem and warbling space music. Mr.Searl explained that the real thing could not be there due to "production difficulties," and two other "existing" saucers could not be seen as they were "out of commission and under repair." About 70 people paid 2/6d each for admission to the church hall in Mortimer, to see this. The article also reminds us that Mr.Searl has a night-shift job with a motor firm and repairs television sets during the day in order to help the project and support his wife and six children.

UNKNOWN INSECTS. Swarms of 1" high brown beetles invaded the village of Armental, in north-west Spain towards the end of July and drove out some of the inhabitants. The beetles had 6" antennae attached to tiny heads. Biologists from Orense were mystified by this unknown species which resisted insecticides and boiling water. Some villagers claimed they came from outer space as several UFOs had been seen over a local reservoir.

WOOLLEY AND THE TITANIC. BUFORA member, Douglas Woolley, 32, has spent the last four years carefully researching the Titanic disaster of 1912. His interest in the ship originates from the time a relative told him of cancelling her ticket at the last minute due to a premonition. He thinks that the impossible task of refloating the 46,000 ton wreck could be done by inflating re-inforced nylon balloons in the cabins. The Titanic is believed to have carried some valuable cargo when 1500 people lost their lives. He estimates the project would cost about £2 million.

In a separate article also in the London EVENING STANDARD of 20th August, entitled £2 MILLION LOOK UNDER THE SEA, it was announced that a company called Ocean Search Inc. has been founded to explore the seabed, using a deep-diving aluminium submarine called "Seaprobe." Will they be able to help Douglas Woolley with his problem?

Books by Scientists

- ANATOMY OF A PHENOMENON by Jacques Vallee. Using factual data, an astronomer and mathematician thoroughly scrutinises all aspects of flying saucers. (Recommended) 26/Od
- CHALLENGE TO SCIENCE by Jacques and Janine Vallee; Foreward by Dr. J. Allen Hynek
Formidable evidence of the global nature of the UFO phenomena. (Recommended) 26/Od
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- THE WARMINSTER MYSTERY by Arthur Shuttlewood. UFO activity in the West Country. 26/Od (\$3.25)

Contact Stories

- FLYING SAUCERS AND THE THREE MEN by Albert K. Bender. "The three men in black." 22/Od
- FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED by G. Adamski; D. Leslie. Up-dated edition. Due early 1969 (26/Od)
- INSIDE THE SPACE SHIPS by George Adamski. His second book with 16 photographs. 26/Od
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- THE SAUCERS SPEAK by George Hunt Williamson. "Communication with space-craft." 19/Od
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Dr. MOLLER'S SAUCER

Dr.Moller's 2nd Saucer.

Canadian-born, Dr.Paul S. Moller, 30, (with microphone) holds the Chair of Aerodynamics at California University. US-2, his second prototype, is powered by an eight-cylinder radial engine using high octane fuel. It has an 8 ft. diameter, weighs 450 lbs. and seats two. It is designed to fly like a helicopter at up to 150 miles per hour. US-1 (not shown) is powered by two 90 horse-power engines and has successfully been flown.

AP Wire-Photo -
20th April 1968.

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FAKE PHOTO FROM BRISBANE

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