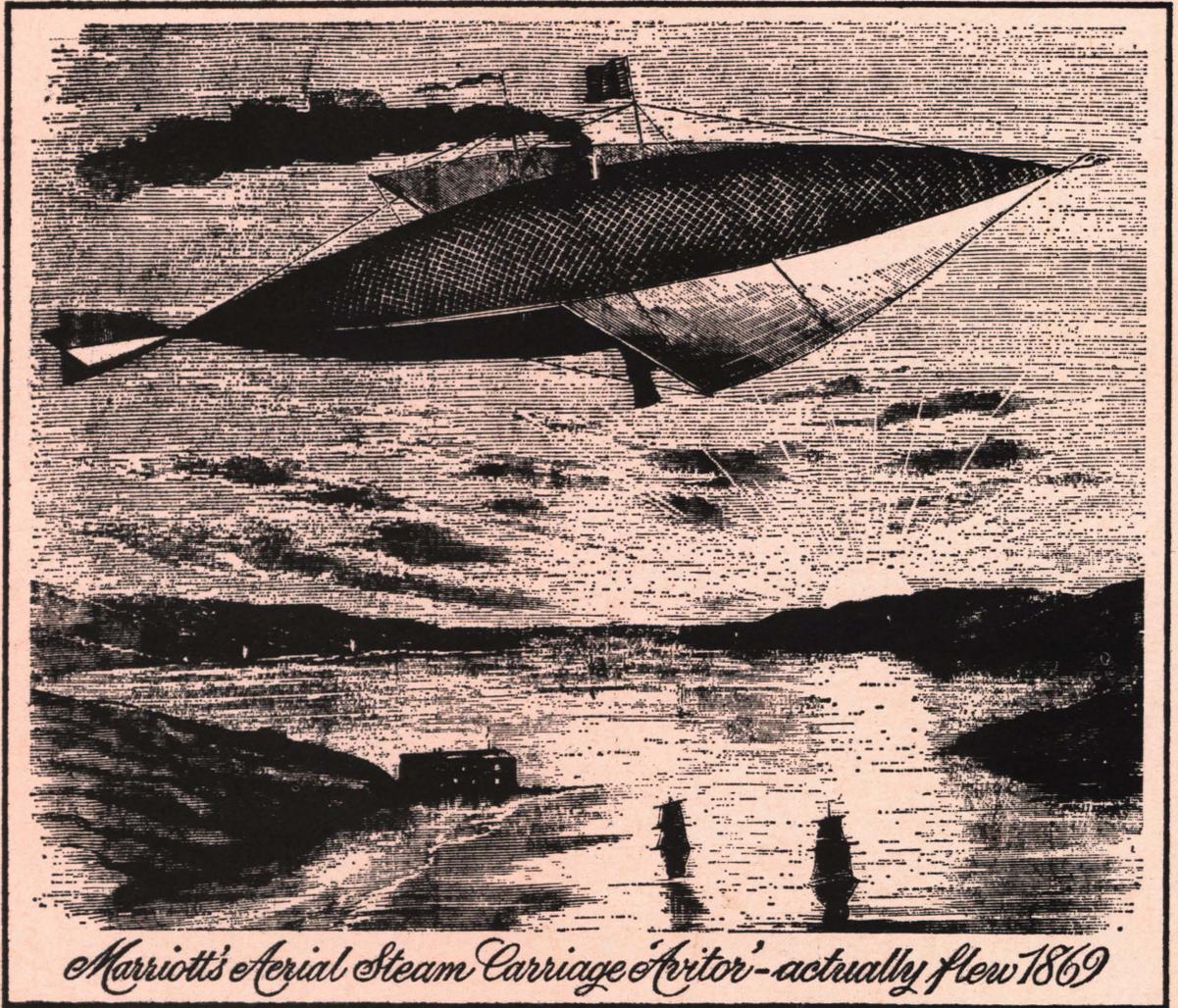


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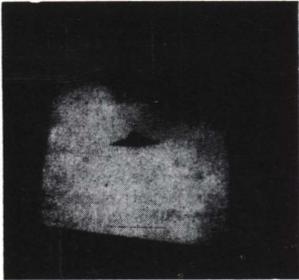


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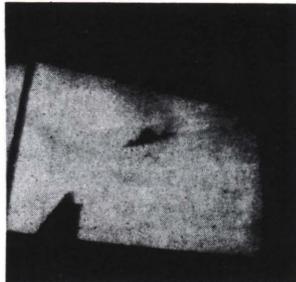


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These two unusual photographs were taken by a Mr Chalois, aged 48 and employed at the Paris Police Headquarters, and he tells the following story concerning them.

'On 27 or 28 July 1965, we returned to our third-floor flat after our holiday. It was about 17.30 hours and the weather was fine. Our luggage was on the table, along with our camera, a simple Kodak Brownie-Flash. My son went over to the window, opened it, and called out, "Dad, come and look!" We saw an unusual object, motionless in the sky above the rooftops opposite. I grabbed the camera and, realising there were three shots left, I began to photograph the object straightaway. I had enough time for two pictures, but as I took the third, the object disappeared at an incredible speed.'

The total observation lasted about 3-4 minutes. The object appeared to be metallic, and of a greyish metallic colour. It was motionless, and turned towards the north-north-east, about 19° azimuth and at an angular height of 35° above the horizon. Then it moved slightly towards north in a slow rotating movement from left to right, made a complete circle round itself and inclined towards the left. At this moment the second picture was taken, showing this position. Shortly afterwards the UFO disappeared.

The object was silent throughout the sighting. The 'spur' visible on the second picture appeared during the object's rotation. On the same picture can be seen a chimney and part of a TV aerial.



Enlargement of photo at top left No.1.

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It is not possible accurately to establish the distance of the craft from the data supplied, but presumably the vertical structures would not be visible at a distance of more than 500 metres. At a distance of 400 metres, the diameter of the craft would be approximately 50 metres. Its distance from the ground has been calculated at 390 metres.

Condensed from a report in the April 1970 issue of LUMIERES DANS LA NUIT, translated by Dagmar Sarkar. Our thanks go to R Veillith (LUMIERES DANS LA NUIT, Les Pins, 43-Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, France) for permission to use this material and reproduce the photographs.

ODD LIGHTS OVER CANADIAN NAVAL BASE

Hermanus Voorsluys, an amateur astronomer, lives in a section of Victoria, Canada, where the southern vista faces directly over the Canadian Forces Base at Esquimalt. Inclined by habit to look up at the night sky, he remembers a September evening in 1968 when he noticed a strange light high over the Esquimalt harbour.

'It was an orange glow about 20 degrees above the horizon,' he told us. 'It moved up slowly from the south and hovered for a while, then it turned a fiery red-orange and pieces of what looked like waste material fell from it and floated toward the ground. After this happened the glow became much duller and suddenly went out as if turned off like a light bulb.'

On other evenings after that he saw the same odd performance which usually lasted several minutes and, becoming deeply curious, he mentioned it to his neighbour, Reginald Neal, a retired senior officer of the police force in India, who joined him in keeping watch.

Soon Neal was also a witness to the mystery - and so later were other members of their families and neighbourhood friends - with the result they decided to record it on film. On September 29 between 8 and 8.30 pm, with cameras in readiness, they were rewarded with a clear sighting of the object and took their pictures. Neal used a telephoto lens. (Continued on inside back cover)

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This air-ship which flew in 1869 illustrates the theory that it is well within the grounds of probability that the American 1897 sightings were mainly attributable to a man-made dirigible. (See page 20 - 1897 Controversy)

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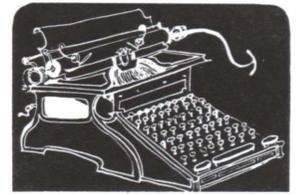
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Readers' Letters

YOU WRITE TO US....



ENCOURAGEMENT

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you how much I like SPACELINK magazine. It is only recently that I have managed to acquire two issues (Oct '68, July '69). It is well produced, extremely informative and is way ahead of the majority of publications dealing with UFOs and allied subjects. Keep up the good work and I will be sending off my subscription in the near future.

A. O. Warden - 12 Binden Road, London W.12.

I received some days ago SPACELINK. Let me congratulate you for the efforts in this number (Vol.6 No.2). It was a very interesting and useful one. Keep up the good work! It will be excellent if you get scientific articles: statistical data, catalogues, examination-in-depth of some UFO reports, etc.

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, Presidente, CIRCULO DE ESTUDIOS SOBRE OBJETOS NO IDENTIFICADOS (CEONI), Erudito Orellana 14, Valencia - 8, Spain

I have just recently acquired your magazine. Let me compliment you on an excellent publication. It's publications like yours that keep the serious ufologists in touch with the latest developments. The layout is great and uncluttered, and the articles certainly give food for serious thought.

Your books for sale section is marvellous. I have found regrettably that even the larger bookshops cannot always obtain what I want. Anyway keep up the good work, and here's hoping for a long life for your magazine.

C Brewer - 35 Ferry Hill Road, Higher Irlam, Lancs

I'm pleased with the Vol.6 No.2 SPACELINK. Its layout is first-rate: more material is packed into a single page than most magazines of comparable size pack into two. Keep up the good work. I also like your new cover design - that UFO photo-wheel. I'm reminded of Carl Jung's writings on the 'mandala' and its significance in the psychological interpretation of UFOs.

Hal Crawford - 3537 Ridgebriar, Dallas, Texas 75234 U.S.A.

I very much enjoy your publication, SPACELINK. It's informative and interesting and I look forward to each issue.

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I regard SPACELINK as one of the best UFO journals that I have read and I wish you every success with its continuation.

Robin Collins - 22 Rarangi Road, St. Heliers, Auckland 5, New Zealand

SUGGESTIONS

I think the quality of SPACELINK is still very good and interesting. I would like to make a suggestion for SPACELINK: I think it would be interesting to have a 'Who's Who' on ufologists as a regular feature. It could be done on similar lines to the articles on Nigel Stephenson and Dr Miran Lindtner, with a photo and about half a page of print. I would like to see articles on ufologists like Bowen, Creighton, Le Poer Trench, Vallee, Michel, etc.

Richard Farrow - Norsk Caravan Industri, Ski, Norway

One is very impressed with the production and content of SPACELINK. It is hoped that this high standard will continue. Although it has a broader content than FSR, I feel that it is this which makes the journal very readable. Is it possible to include articles from other magazines for often it is impossible to obtain copies of many of them and even more difficult to read if they are in an unfamiliar language? I'm sure many excellent articles go unnoticed due to this.

Book reviews are an important part of 'ufology', especially as so many are 'takes' trying to cash in on the more sensational aspects of UFOs. Critical and constructive reviews are necessary and those of the better books could well be longer in length than others. SPACELINK's review section has few rivals in the UFO field.

Owen Davis - 25 Hyland Terrace, Rosslyn Park, South Australia 5072

Contact reports are all very well, but they are irrelevant compared with the pattern that I assume can be found from correlating them. Coral Lorenzen did so in her book, that is what made me understand the importance of the subject.

SPACELINK should publish well-thought-out theories concerning the pattern, invasion threat, etc. What are the aliens up to? Why are they here? These are the questions that are important, not 'Fred Bloggs saw a pretty light in the sky' which is only incidental.

I am not saying that you should not publish contact reports, I expect that is what most readers want, but it avoids the problem.

It surprises me that after twenty years of research little more is known than when the UFO societies began. Do the serious UFO societies all disagree? I propose the following points and ask if you agree.

1. The Earth is being continually surveyed by alien life forms.

GUEST EDITORIAL

2. The aliens are capable of eliminating us when they choose.
3. Aliens have come and gone as they please for thousands of years.
4. Invasion has no meaning to them or they would have come to stay long ago.
5. As long as we recognise their potential we need not worry.

You may care to publish this letter. I have paid an annual subscription for SPACELINK. I find it an independent magazine that will enable me to keep in contact with the latest UFO developments. To my mind the only purpose of the aliens is to gather knowledge, if humans get in the way the aliens' excuse is 'It's in the interest of science'. I do not blame them.

Peter Challis, 6 Wagstaff Drive, Failsworth, Manchester, M35 7GH, England.

(Ed: We would welcome some "well-thought-out theories", and are always pleased to hear readers' opinions, theories, suggestions and criticisms etc. Even though we are not going to solve the enigma quickly, we have learnt a great deal in 20 years. The term "UFO" has included sundogs, moondogs, temperature inversions giant meteor trails and even lens flares etc, but these have been eliminated. As the field is narrowed down, the evidence for or against the extra-terrestrial hypothesis should become stronger. The number of "occupant" reports continues to grow, but their variety will only lead to a variety of theories, and it does not follow that they are necessarily related to the "lights in the sky" reports.)

Consultants

The last issue of SPACELINK incorrectly stated that Norman Hardy was "an Associate Member of the Institute of Technical Artists and Illustrators." This should have read "an Associate Member of the Institution of Technical Authors and Illustrators". We apologise for this error.

Allen Benz is a graduate student in the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Missouri. He is an APRO Field Investigator and contributes to several UFO publications. From APRO BULLETIN he has extracted and encoded 137 North American cases from July 1967 to October 1969. From Vallee's book, PASSPORT TO MAGONIA, he has encoded 318 cases. As his work is a valuable source for researching North American sightings, would readers like to see the coded data published in SPACELINK?

Gilbert L. Bernier (Gil to friends) lives in Seattle and periodically publishes UFO-INFO LIAISON EXPEDITE started in 1967. He first became interested in UFOs in 1947, and conducts local field investigations. For about a year he maintained a UFO-INFO centre open to the general public. His attitude is: "I do not attribute their identity to any esoteric nor parapsychological cause nor reason. Until scientific evidence accrued by unquestioned authorities determines UFO is a unique and currently unknown physical manifestation of

SCOPE FOR THE AMATEUR by John Harney

One of the greatest irritations to the ufologist is the astronomer who pontificates about UFOs and dismisses them as nonsense. The astronomer, of course, inevitably regards the UFO as an astronomical problem and sees it only in the context of current cosmology and astronomical knowledge. Because he can find no evidence of intelligent life elsewhere in the solar system and because he is aware of the vast distances that separate the stars, he refuses to entertain the idea that alien intelligences could be visiting Earth. Other possible explanations, apart from the extra-terrestrial one, are beyond the range of his specialized knowledge, so he is unable or unwilling to consider them.

Some people have pointed to apparent psychic phenomena in connection with some UFO events. But when they turn to the psychic researcher they find that he is too busy ghost-hunting or unmasking fraudulent mediums to spare the time to look at anything so frivolous as a UFO report.

Many other specialists adopt the same negative attitudes when invited to assist in UFO investigations. This is because their specializations enable them to see only one aspect of the vast and complex UFO problem, which must be viewed as a whole if its importance is to be appreciated.

It is largely due to non-specialists, open-minded people with a wide range of interests, that the subject is at last beginning to receive recognition in some sections of the scientific community.

Ufology, then, provides one field in which the amateur can still make a potentially useful contribution to the fund of scientific knowledge, either by devising interesting new hypotheses, or, more usually, collecting the raw data upon which serious research can be based.

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natural origin, I maintain the position that they are extraterrestrial devices. I am concerned solely with the physical aspects of the UFO problem, and maintain instrumentated research and not wishful thinking will resolve the UFO problem. A co-ordinated effort by the numerous UFO study groups aligned to instrumentated research as well as a "no obligation" 'UFOtography' association could assist senior level academicians and physicists in obtaining reliable photographic evidence and technical information." Details of some of Gil's UFO detection and camera equipment appeared in the last issue of SK.

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8 May 1970

Dear Mr Beer,

I am writing to thank you for your letter of 2 May 1970 asking for information about unidentified flying objects.

The attitude of the Ministry of Defence towards reports of unidentified flying objects is quite straightforward. The Department investigates reports of unidentified flying objects because of their possible air defence implications.

Unidentified flying objects reports are examined in the Ministry of Defence by experienced staff. They do this with open minds. They have access to all information available to the Ministry of Defence. They call on the full scientific and professional resources of the Ministry of Defence and may call in expert advice as necessary from other Government and non-Government bodies.

The vast majority of UFO reports turn out to have mundane explanations and we have found no evidence that they represent an air defence threat to the United Kingdom. I think you may be interested to read the enclosed analysis of the UFO reports we have received since 1959. You will see that the incidents which give rise to UFO reports are varied. The most common single source is aircraft. Satellites and 'space junk' reports come a close second. Balloons and various meteorological and natural phenomena account for a fair number of reports and some reports originate from unusual sighting of celestial objects; and finally there is a range of miscellaneous sightings, covering a wide variety of events, including hoaxes.

The relatively small number of reports which remain unexplained contained insufficient information to enable the occurrence concerned to be positively identified. Although we are unable to make positive identification in these cases, there was nothing in the reports even to suggest that the incidents to which they refer were any different from the incidents mentioned in reports which were identified.

People who submit reports are advised of our findings, but correspondence between members of the public and the Department on any subject is regarded by this Department as a private matter between the person concerned and the Department. In accordance with this principle full details of UFO reports received by the Department cannot be released. Access to public records is governed by the Public Records Acts which, as a general rule, provide for records to be opened to public scrutiny after thirty years.

Yours sincerely

(L. W. AKHURST)

The Ministry of Defence receives reports from many sources, including members of the public, the Police, and Service units.

YEAR	SATELLITES and DEBRIS	BALLOONS	CELESTIAL OBJECTS	METEOROLOGICAL and NATURAL PHENOMENA	AIRCRAFT	*MISCEL- LANEOUS	UNEXPLAINED (INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION)	TOTAL
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
1967	57	42	26	19	150	22	46	362
1968	65	10	36	3	114	30	22	280
1969	37	9	27	19	101	17	18	228
TOTAL	313	111	123	94	441	110	124	1316

*MISCELLANEOUS reports include: hoaxes, reflection of lights on cloud, flares, fireworks, kites, lights on tall structures and photographic aberrations.

(Ed: Readers are reminded that this is a continuation of the table published on page 24, volume 5 number 2 of SPACELINK and may care to re-read that text. Food for thought in that same issue is the story of the way the Ministry of Defence, R.A.F., Police and even the Yanks reacted to Britain's "great flying saucer hoax". Volume 5 number 4 carried an article entitled "When the Ministry of Defence "Front Men" came out into the open", which mentions Mr. Akhurst's letter to Angus Brooks 'explaining' his famous 'flying cross' sighting of 26th October 1967.)

ARE WE PREPARED FOR INVASION ?

THE OBSERVER REVIEW of 15 June 1969 gives details of what happened when they phoned the 'key authorities' to find out if we are 'prepared for a belligerent planet armed with interplanetary ballistic missiles which might be used in an attack on Earth'.

The Russian Embassy replied, 'It's a hard question to answer: we've no immediate information or policy. But it's an interesting question, which will be referred to Major-General Leonid D. Nemtchenko.'

The American Embassy: 'There are no plans for fighting an unfriendly planet, but the University of Colorado report on UFOs includes comments from the Pentagon in which they thought there was no chance of friendly or unfriendly planets for 1,000 years. But I'm sure that if there was an invasion, we'd help defend everybody else, especially if the invasion affected America's safety.'

The Chinese Legation replied, 'I don't know whether our People's Government would help defend the imperialist countries.'

The Ministry of Defence spokesman was fatalistic. He said, 'We haven't made any preparations. I think the Americans take such things much more seriously. But if we were attacked from another planet, there's not much you can do about it. After all, they might use atomic rays or something and we couldn't do much against that. In any case, if an attack started, we probably wouldn't know from which planet it actually came. Maybe the Navy could help because they've got Polaris. But they haven't got an anti-anti-missile system. I don't think the Army

would be able to help either - they're more concerned with local matters.'

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GOVERNMENTS WITH UFO DEPARTMENTS

The list on the right from APRO BULLETIN seems to agree with our own records

We also agree with their observation that, "In most cases, funds for further investigations are not available." Our own Ministry of Defence have admitted that "no staff are employed whole-time on the task of dealing with them."

With the closure of Project Blue Book, which operated within the Air Force's elite Foreign Technology Division (formerly Air Technical Intelligence Center), the governments known to maintain token UFO study projects are Argentina (Research and Development Division, Air Force and Intelligence Service, Navy); Australia (Intelligence Department, Air Force); Britain (Ministry of Defense); Canada (Upper Atmosphere Research Section, National Research Council); Chile (Department of Meteorology, Air Force); Greece (National Meteor Service, Ministry of Defense); New Zealand (Meteorological Service, Air Force and Department of Scientific and Industrial Research); and Sweden (Research Institute of National Defense). Most of these UFO "projects" merely maintain statistical files on observations reported to the respective governments and few investigations are actually conducted. In most cases, funds for further investigations are not available from these governments and the UFO sections are run on a part time basis within some other department.

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AAAS Symposium

During its annual meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, held from 26-31 December 1969, the American Association for the Advancement of Science held a two-day symposium on the scientific merits of the UFO phenomenon. The symposium had been organised a year before by the astronomer Dr Thornton Page, Director of the Van Vleck Observatory at Wesleyan University and currently advisor to NASA, with the backing of the retiring president of AAAS Dr Walter Orr Roberts, President of University Corporation for Atmospheric Research. The symposium very nearly didn't take place, the heaviest snowstorm on record for parts of New England causing general chaos including the late arrival of some of the participants.

During the two days, fourteen papers were presented by leading scientists: Dr Thornton Page, who outlined the science course on UFOs which he offered at Wesleyan University; Dr Franklin Roach, visiting professor of Astronomy at the University of Hawaii and former member of the Condon Committee, who talked on life in space; Dr William K Hartmann of the University of Arizona's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory and member of the Condon Committee, who felt that UFO reports were a sociological problem; Dr Robert Hall, Head of the Department of Sociology at the University of Illinois, who spoke on UFO witnesses and the validity of their reports; Dr Douglass Price-Williams, Head of the Psychology Department at Rice University, who gave a progress report on statistical work now being done; Dr Lester Grinspoon, Harvard psychiatrist who found psychological reasons for the existence of UFO reports; Dr J Allen Hynek, Head of the Astronomy Department at Northwestern University, Director of Dearborn Observatory, and for 21 years Civilian Scientific Consultant on UFOs to the US Air Force Project Blue Book, which closed down only a few days before the AAAS Symposium - who spoke on investigating UFO sighting reports scientifically; Dr James E McDonald, Professor of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona, who also spoke on investigation; Dr Donald H Menzel, Professor of Astronomy at Harvard University (in Dr Menzel's absence, his paper was read by Dr Roberts), who endorses the Condon Report and whose paper stated that UFOs came into existence as a myth; Dr R M L Baker of Computer Sciences Corporation, who prefers the term 'anomalous observational phenomena' (AOP) and showed and analysed four motion pictures of UFOs; Dr Kenneth R Hardy, Chief of the Weather Radar Branch, Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories, Bedford, Massachusetts, who talked on radar; Dr Carl Sagan, Associate Professor of Astronomy at Cornell University, who discussed the extra-terrestrial hypothesis; Walter Sullivan, Science Editor of THE NEW YORK TIMES, who explained the reporter's attitude towards UFO reports; Dr Philip Morrison, Professor of Physics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology who set some guidelines for UFO investigators.

Reports by people who were present at the symposium - Dr J Allen Hynek in FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, Dr John S Derr (Research Associate in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Massachusetts Institute of Technology) in THE APRO BULLETIN, and Ivan T Sanderson (Vice-President and Administrative Director of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained) in PURSUIT - confirm the value of the meeting. Dr Hynek says, 'All in all, the AAAS symposium served its purpose: to inform the scientific public of the status of the UFO problem and give them a chance to note and to examine quite opposing viewpoints; indeed to inform them that there are valid points of disagreement with the Condon Report which has been taken as the "last word" by most of the scientific community.' The final comment of Dr Derr's report was, 'Participants seemed to feel that the symposium had accomplished its purpose, demonstrating the application of scientific methodology to a contemporary controversy and acquainting scientists with the wide variety of facts and interpretations.'

APRO and SITU together plan to produce a bound volume containing the material presented at the symposium.

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Drs Hynek and McDonald presented selected UFO sighting reports to the symposium, and one which will be of particular interest to British readers concerns UFOs over Lakenheath in East Anglia during the night of 13/14 August 1956. A summary of the case, prepared by Dr Thornton Page, is as follows:

Two RAF ground radar stations detected several objects moving at high speed on a clear moonlit night. One was tracked by the first radar going at about 3,000 mph westward at 4,000 feet altitude; simultaneously, tower operators reported a bright light passing overhead toward the west and the pilot of a C-47 aircraft at 4,000 feet over the airfield saw the bright light streak westward underneath him. The second radar station, alerted by the first, detected a stationary target at about 20,000 feet altitude that suddenly went north at 600 mph. It made several sudden stops and turns. After 30 minutes an RAF fighter was called in and made airborne-radar contacts with the object over Bedford (just north of Cambridge). Suddenly the object moved around behind the fighter plane both being tracked by ground radar. The fighter pilot could not 'shake' the object. A second plane was called in but never made contact and all radar contacts were lost. Several other radar targets were tracked in the same area and several other small moving lights were seen; all disappeared at 3.30 am, by which time a few clouds appeared in the sky.

Nothing was known publicly of these events until details appeared in the Condon Report, where the Lakenheath case is called 'the most puzzling and unusual case in the radar-visual files'. A full report by Dr McDonald on this case appears in the March/April 1970 issue of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW.



An eight-page article on the AAAS Boston Symposium, by Walter McGraw appears in the June issue of FATE magazine published in the USA.

Project Blue Book Closes

After 22 years, during which time it looked into 12,618 UFO sightings, Project Blue Book has been ended by the US Air Force. Air Force Secretary Robert C Seamans Jr explained that the programme 'cannot be justified either on the ground of national security or in the interest of science.' The following is the text of a letter from the Office of the Secretary, Department of the Air Force, Washington 20330, which appeared in GEOS INTERNATIONAL No.5 (Saint-Denis-les-Rebais, 77-Rebais, France) and which explains in their own words the reasons for this decision.

'On December 17, 1969 the Secretary of the Air Force announced the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force Program for the investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

'The decision to discontinue UFO investigations was based on an evaluation of a report prepared by the University of Colorado entitled, 'Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects'; a review of the University of Colorado's report by the National Academy of Sciences; past UFO studies; and Air Force experience investigating UFO reports during the past two decades.

'As a result of these investigations and studies, and experience gained from investigating UFO reports since 1948, the conclusions of Project Blue Book are: (1) no UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security; (2)

there has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of presentday scientific knowledge and (3) there has been no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as "unidentified" are extraterrestrial vehicles.

'With the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for investigating and analyzing UFOs has been rescinded, and Project Blue Book records have been transferred to the Air Force Archives.

'Attached for your information is the Project Blue Book sighting summary for the period 1947-1969. Also included is a listing of UFO-related materials currently available through publication outlets of the federal government.

'Your interest in the United States Air Force is appreciated.

'Sincerely, (signed) James H Aikman, Lt Colonel, USAF, Chief, Civil Branch, Community Relations Division, Office of Information.'

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## Mini flying saucers?

UFO reports can usually be divided into two categories - lights in the sky, and sightings of large, unidentifiable craft. Mini UFOs are rarely heard of, except for the Second World War 'foo fighters', but the following reports, collected together without much searching, perhaps highlight a new phenomenon - small round objects which are appearing fairly frequently. The five sighting reports quoted cover a period of 15 months; probably other similar incidents have also taken place.

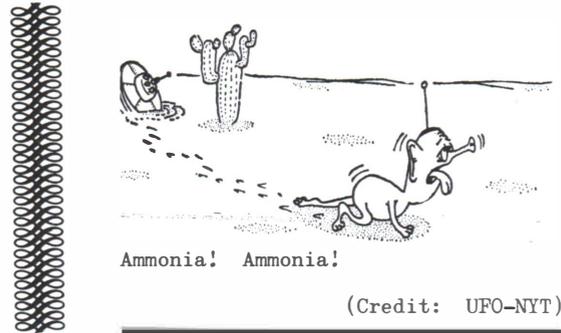
Three sightings from Scandinavia...

The first report comes from Lene Nielsen, who saw the object at Charlottenlund (north of Copenhagen, Denmark) at 6.15 - 6.22 pm on 7 July 1968.

'When I was looking out of my window from my first-floor flat, I accidentally caught sight of a small white ball - at the same size as a tennis ball. It drifted a few metres from my window. The tennis ball moved very slowly through the air. It probably was drifting with the wind, but I think that if this was the fact, it would have "danced" a little more than it actually did. It rose slowly going toward north-west. Because of the fact that it disappeared so quickly I presume that it speeded up. Something strange which I can only describe as a "tongue" darted at intervals out of the ball. It might have been reflections but the material which the ball was made of did not look like anything reflectable because most of all it looked like the material of which a tennis ball is made. When the ball disappeared behind the house I ran down into the garden but I couldn't see it any more. I looked at the object for about 7 minutes I think.'

The second sighting took place in Frederikstad, Norway, on 18 September 1968, when Peter Otto Rød was lucky enough to see a 3-inch ball-shaped object very close at hand.

'I was walking along Hans Nielsens Hauge's Street up the hill from the fire-station towards the railway when I heard the sound of a regular



Ammonia! Ammonia!

(Credit: UFO-NYT)

jumping behind me. The sound was like a smash from a metal object hitting the street. Suddenly I saw the object under a street lamp. It was grey-white and as big as a ping-pong ball. There was nobody on the street and I started to pursue the object but I was delayed by a car. However when I was right behind the object it disappeared completely! I was looking around in the area but I couldn't find anything. The object was jumping in jumps about 2.5 feet long. At all it jumped about 200 yards before it disappeared - probably straight up.'

Report number three comes from Sweden. Mrs S H from Slemmestad had a strange experience on the night of 4/5 December 1968. She was sitting by her window at 0.35 am. The night was dark and the sky cloudy, but the garden was lit up by street lamps.

When she looked out of the window, her attention was drawn to the little luminous 'thing' hovering in the garden only one metre from the window. It was like a flattened ball, and the diameter was only 2 - 3 centimetres. The light was constant.

'For about one or two minutes I sat and watched the "thing" while it hovered quite slowly at about 1½ metres from the ground,' said Mrs S H. Suddenly the 'thing' changed colour to red at the edge, and then disappeared in a way the witness couldn't explain.

Source: SUFOI REPORTER, Odinsgade 2, -4, DK 2200 Copenhagen N, Denmark

A similar case from Brazil...

Ermelinde Mascimento, primary school-teacher, was standing at the window of her house in Manaus, Brazil, when she noticed something very bright above a tree on the other side of the street. It was 6 July 1969, about 8 o'clock in the evening, and there were stars in a cloudless sky. The object moved quickly directly towards Ermelinde, and she rubbed her eyes to make sure that it wasn't an optical illusion, because she had no idea what it was. She tried to catch the thing in her hand, but it always avoided her.

In order to make sure that she wasn't seeing things, she called her husband Nicodemos (aged 30, an electrician in Belo Horizonte). When he came into the room, he saw not one but two objects moving around. Ermelinde could not explain where the second one had come from. The couple

### THOSE WOMEN DRIVERS!

## Canada

The BROCKVILLE RECORDER AND TIMES (Ontario, Canada) of 24 January 1969 reports that a woman who claimed 'some unforeseen force' picked up her car was convicted on 23 January 1969 of careless driving in connection with a two-car collision that killed a Sudbury woman. Judge Anthony Falzetta said, 'We don't get this type of explanation very often.' Mrs Legris, charged with the death, told the court that the force picked up the car and violently threw it into the wrong lane just before the head-on collision.

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Where the object had touched Nicodemus' forehead could be seen a mark in the shape of a large twisted M, which disappeared after about 3 weeks. The couple dreamed the same dreams the following night, but would not describe them, saying that people would not believe them.

Source: UFO NACHRICHTEN No.161 - Postfach 17185, 62 Wiesbaden-Schierstein, West Germany. Translation by Janet Gregory.

And one in England...

Alastair Mackenzie, a Lt.-Cmdr. in the Royal Navy, living in Bournemouth, had a letter printed in the BOURNEMOUTH ECHO, describing his family's sighting of a UFO at 7.45 pm on 21 October 1969.

'The object, 6 - 9 inches in diameter, was seen by us hovering at a height of about 30 feet and 8 feet from the south-facing wall of my hotel. It was translucent, greyish-white in colour, eerie-looking and pulsating at its centre. We observed it closely for about 30 seconds before it silently and positively moved off, first slowly, then very rapidly, in a southerly direction. My family and I swear that the description of the object and its movements is true - it was most positively NOT an illusion.'

(Lt.-Cmdr. Mackenzie's letter to the paper was apparently prompted by a report describing the sighting and entitled 'When a flying jellyfish dropped in for coffee!')

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THE WASHINGTON POST of 27th December 1969 reported that NICAP, the world's largest UFO organisation, is nearly bankrupt and leaderless. Their founder, Major Donald Keyhoe, has been "pushed into retirement", though he is still a member of the Board of Governors and Director Emeritus. His chief aide Gordon Lore Jr., has been placed on an "indefinite leave of absence."

Unlike other UFO organisations, NICAP supported an office in Washington and a salaried staff. This respected organisation has a long history of financial difficulties, and a letter sent out in August 1969 to all members, requested donations to help pay off outstanding bills and indicated that all was not well.

Further details on the current situation revealed:- Major Keyhoe has retired and the title, 'Director' has been deleted from the organisation. NICAP will continue to function as before. Col. Joseph Bryan is now the acting President and Chairman of the Board. Stuart Nixon is the acting Secretary-Treasurer, and NICAP now operates on an annual dues system. The UFO INVESTIGATOR will be published monthly and will contain more 'flare' and be more 'newsy' but still conservative. The Board of advisors and consultants remains essentially the same.

We have just received a copy of the new format UFO INVESTIGATOR for May 1970, with its four pages neatly printed on olive paper. Accompanying it was a letter from Joseph Bryan III (acting President of NICAP) to say that "NICAP's administrative affairs have been thoroughly overhauled" and mailings have been computerised. Now that both administrative and editorial reforms have been completed, all appears to augur well for NICAP in the future, and one may join or rejoin with confidence. SPACELINK is honoured to have been placed on the non-expiring membership list and our registration number is 05350. North American dues are \$10 and \$12 for other countries. NICAP's address is still:- 1536 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20036. Another event we must commend is that NICAP and APRO based in Tucson, Arizona, conferred in April, for the first time, "on ways in which they might work together." Both groups acknowledged their own errors and agreed that "the past 23 years of UFO investigations had seen excesses in representation and interpretation of many events in the UFO field." "Accord was reached on the need for rethinking NICAP-APRO relations, and the possibility of joint co-operation on scientific projects."

We are sorry to have to report the untimely death, after a short illness, of David Rudman, Honorary Secretary of the British Flying Saucer Bureau. David was a founder-member, joining in 1953 and had held the office of Honorary Secretary since 1960.

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BSFB/BUFORA BRISTOL CONFERENCE and AL BENDER

On 16th May 1970, the British Flying Saucer Bureau held a one-day conference in Shirehampton's quaint Public Hall near Bristol, with the theme "UFOs in Antiquity and Pre-History". The main speakers were Graham Knewstubb CEng, MIERE, FBIS, L. G. May CEng, MIEE and Capt. E.L.Plunkett, President of BFSB. The topics covered were, "Myth and Legend in the Light of Archaeology", "How Modern Science Uncovers the Past", "The Unwritten Records of Pre-History" and "Biblical Reference to UFOs and People from Other Worlds." We felt that some of the speakers didn't really do themselves justice. An audience of 40 took part in discussions and enjoyed an excellent buffet tea, when visitors were able to inspect exhibits of equipment, photographs and books etc. The conference was rounded off by an open forum\* including the above named speakers and Lionel Beer, John Cleary-Baker, Harold Cobley (BSFB) and Omar Fowler.

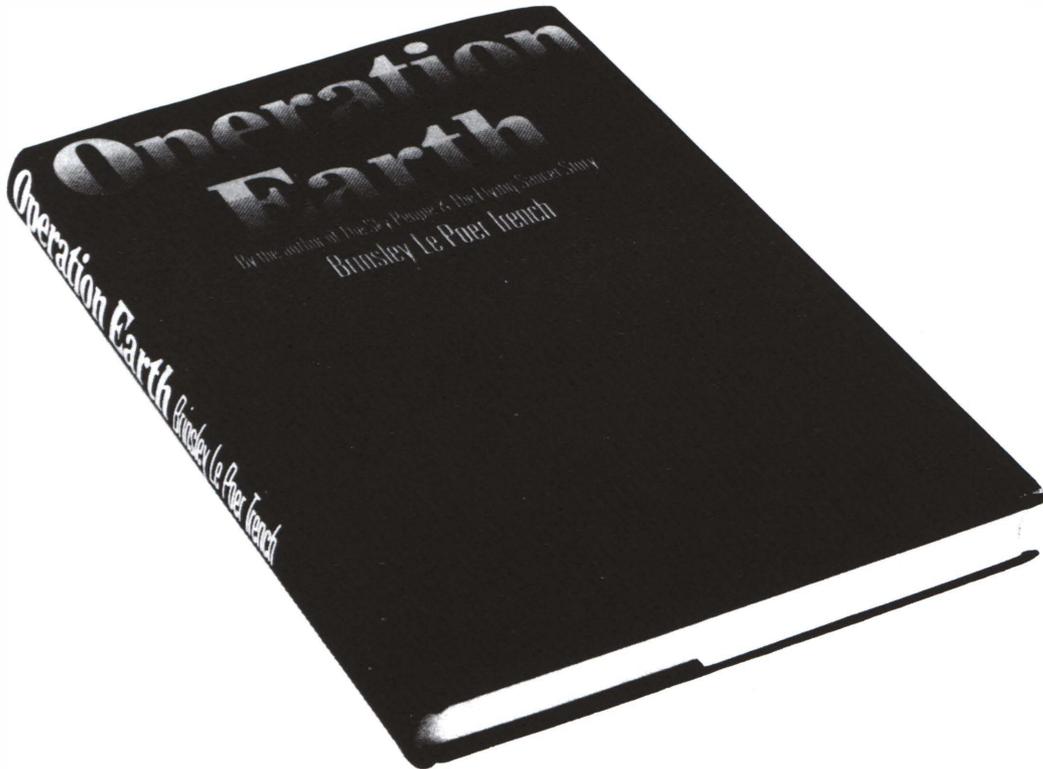
The BFSB started in 1952, as a branch of Bender's INTERNATIONAL FLYING SAUCER BUREAU. About twelve months after Al closed down the Bureau "because of the three men in black" he married Harold Cobley's sister-in-law, Betty Jennett, on 16th October 1954. At the time BFSB members took the "men in black" threat quite seriously after they received a letter from Australia warning them that an MIB was coming to London, and covered their tracks "in case anyone was injured." Graham Knewstubb said, "What has come to light since suggests that Bender's experiences were personal rather than applicable to UFOs generally..." Harold Cobley went further, "Bender did read something of science fiction... He is not a technical man and... There are a lot of technical inaccuracies and other indications of lack of basic physics in his makeup. I happen to know that he dabbled in occult things and it may well be that the experience related in his book is just the outcome of all that went before." "I may be wrong although this is a criticism of it at least from knowing the man and something of his character, - I don't place very much value on Bender's work as a contribution to the flying saucer subject." Capt. Plunkett added: "We read the book and made a tape recording covering all the questions we wanted to ask. He acknowledged it and said he would reply on another tape, but we got no response to any question that arose because of the book." (by Bender) Harold Cobley agreed, and said "Low subscription, printing etc, came to the conclusion that he wanted to finish it, but being Bender, had to be something dramatic, therefore three MIB. came along to tell him he had to leave it alone. That is the conclusion reached by the British Flying Saucer Bureau."

Later in the evening, an uneventful sky-watch took place overlooking the lights of Avonmouth which reflected from a mainly overcast sky.

\*Chaired by Capt. Ivar Mackay, Chairman of BUFORA.

Correction: Thanks go to one of our more sharp-eyed readers for pointing out that the October issue of FATE for 1969 was No.180 and not 181 as given. We also made another error, which requires correction. The address for Symposium tickets is:- 99 Mayday Gardens, London S.E.3. and not SE1 as given.

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### strange creatures at arc-sous-cicon

On Monday 17 July 1967, a group of children went for a walk in the fields between the village of Arc-sous-Cicon in France, and the wood of Clavieres (5-600 metres behind the village). They were Patricia Despoix (6 years old), Remy Ravier (aged 10) and Hubert and Michelle Bailly (aged 10 and 12). Suddenly Patricia called, 'I've seen three Chinese all black.' The other children saw nothing, but all ran back to the village. Patricia said that 'they were small, and talked among themselves in a kind of musical way: RA, RA, LE, TRE, TA...' This happened about 1500 hours. Joëlle Ravier (aged 15) then went to the spot, but saw nothing and so returned home.

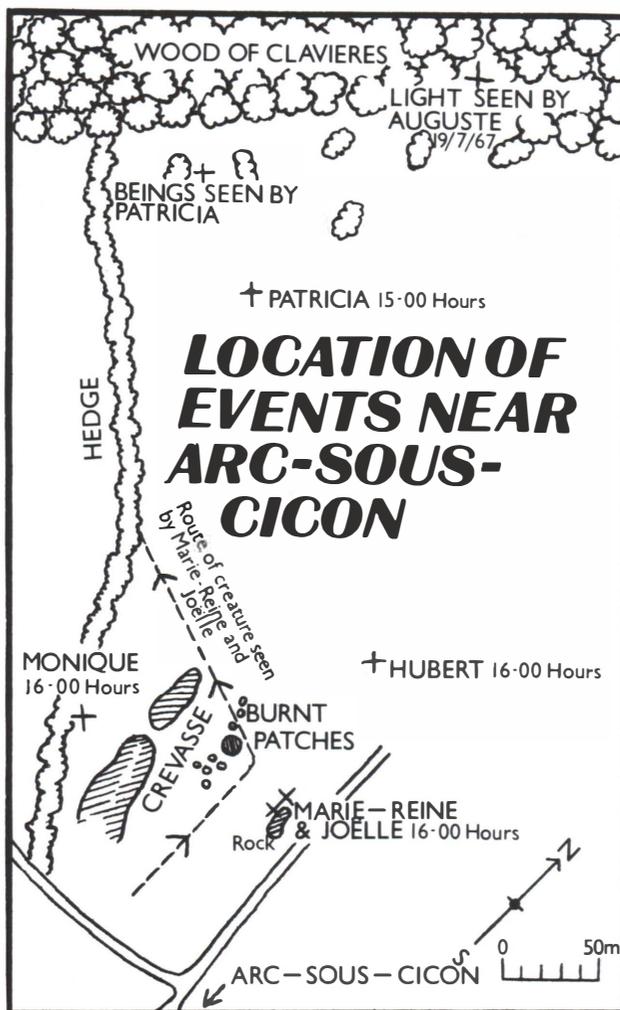
About 1600 hours, she went back again, accompanied this time by several friends, Marie-Reine Mainot (aged 13), Monique Bailly (aged 15) and Hubert Bailly. Joëlle and Marie-Reine sat on a rock about 10 metres from the path. Behind them the ground rose a little, then became almost flat for about 80 metres. Then there was a crevasse 5-10 metres deep. (There are several geological fault lines in the area.) On the other side, the ground rose again to the wood. Hubert climbed on the edge of the crevasse, but saw nothing. Monique was on her bicycle by a hedge on the other side of the crevasse. Suddenly Joëlle and Marie-Reine saw a little black creature running across the plateau, between them and the crevasse. Neither Hubert nor Monique saw this, as they were out of sight.

Joëlle gave the following description of the creature she saw from a distance of about 25 metres (30 yards) for 15-20 seconds: He was about 1.10 metres (3'6") tall, and was completely black. His head looked almost normal and not like a potato, as the press said. It looked bulky, but you could not see any features, as if an ordinary head had been covered with something black, a hood, mask or diving helmet. The upper part seemed to shine or reflect the light. He had a neck, shoulders, arms and legs which seemed to be in proportion to his height, but his stomach seemed rather large. He moved very fast, running along the crevasse like a man, but much faster than an ordinary man could do on such ground. (It was later calculated that he was running at 36-48 kilometres per hour, or about 25 mph.) He moved in large jumps, his feet lightly touching the ground, and disappeared into the hedge which was wide and of shrubs. The girls noticed that he seemed to be wearing a close-fitting garment which was looser round the legs. A short piece of material seemed to flap around his bottom. (The interviewers showed Joëlle the drawing of a UFO occupant on p.65 of the Flying Saucer Review special issue 'The Humanoids', but she laughed and said there was no resemblance.)

After the being had disappeared in the hedge, in the direction of the wood, Joëlle tried to follow him but couldn't see him any more. All the children returned to the village and talked about what they had seen. They weren't frightened and even laughed

about it. That same evening, around 19.30 hours, Mr Ravier went to the spot but saw no one. Joëlle says that she then noticed on the plateau in front of the crevasse a patch where the grass looked different, as if burned. However no one took any notice of this, as everybody was out to see the strange little creatures.

Next day, 18 July, a group of people from Arc found, on the plateau in front of the crevasse, an area of 3-4 metres in diameter where the grass appeared burnt. A peculiar smell was noticeable, but it was not the scent of burnt grass because they burned a handful for comparison. To the south-west, several more small patches were found where the grass appeared to have been burned. To the north-east were found small footprints clearly marked in the grass, and other less visible traces leading in the direction of the wood. On 19 July in the wood nearby, 12-year-old Auguste Lechine noticed a glow, which was seen for some time. But nothing unusual was found in the wood.



From left to right, a friend, Monique, Joëlle and Auguste, sitting on the rock from which Joëlle and Marie-Reine watched the being.



(Ed: Although no actual craft was seen on this occasion, too many of the details are familiar to the reader well-versed in UFO landings and occupant sightings for there to be much doubt that a craft was around, if not seen by the witnesses. Also it is of more than passing significance to mention a case which took place in France on 29 August 1967 (ie just over a month later), when four beings about 1-1.20 metres tall, described by one of the two child witnesses as 'completely black but with a shiny look' were seen in a remote country area, together with their spherical UFO. The details of this case appear in *Flying Saucer Review* Vol.14 No.5 & *Spacelink* Vol.5/3)

The details of the Arc-sous-Cicon case were condensed from a report in *LUMIERES DANS LA NUIT* No.95 July 1968 ('Les Pins', 43 - Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, Haute Loire, France), and our thanks go to R. Veillith for permission to use this material, to reproduce the photograph, and adapt the plan.

Translation: Dagmar Sarkar

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#### NURSE SEES UFO AND OCCUPANTS

Canadian nurse Mrs Doreen Kendall saw a circular object hovering only 40 ft away from the Cowichan District Hospital early on New Year's Day, according to a report in the *VICTORIA TIMES* of 5 Jan 1970. She pulled back a curtain and found herself looking at the glowing cockpit of a stationary object, 60ft off the ground and slightly tipped downwards towards her.

She said the vehicle was silvery, metallic, and had a 'necklace of lights' around the middle. The two figures inside the dome had 'strikingly good-looking physiques' and were clothed in tight-fitting uniforms of a soft-looking material. One stood before a glowing, chrome-coloured instrument panel while the other, either shorter or standing in a recessed spot, stood behind him. Both had stools to sit on. The second man turned to look at Mrs Kendall. She said he was wearing a darkish fabric, similar to his uniform and headgear, which obscured his facial features. He touched the pilot with his ungloved hand, which was flesh-toned and humanlike. The pilot pulled back, forward, and then back again on a controllever 'like the joystick of an old aircraft' and the craft tilted sideways. Six other people arrived in time to see the object circle slowly and disappear towards the north.

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## » VIENNA ROLL « FROM THE SKY

From the BELGRADE NEWS for 12 January 1970 comes a report of a strange object falling from the sky.

At about 8.30 am on 18 February 1969 in Sremcica about 18 kilometres from Belgrade in Yugoslavia, Mr Sekula Medenica, proprietor of a restaurant and hunting club, was preparing for the morning chores when he heard a very loud explosion which shattered 17 of his windows, saw a white flash of light, and heard a whistling sound in the sky. Mr Medenica stayed inside for a few minutes, shaken by what had happened. Finally he plucked up courage to go outside, and on doing so he observed a small crater just a short distance from the restaurant. The trees around the crater had been charred by heat, and one of them had been split into four parts down the centre. On venturing closer to the crater, Mr Medenica could see a small object. Not daring to touch it for fear it was radioactive, he fetched a spade, dug out the object and put it in a plastic bag. The object weighed 2,100 grammes.

For nearly 10 months Mr Medenica had the object in his possession, but did not tell anyone for fear of ridicule. The secret finally leaked out to the press, who in turn informed the authorities who wasted no time in contacting the witness. A scientist took possession of the object for examination. It was oval in shape and measured 20-21 centimetres in length. It was found to weigh 1,900 grammes, 200 grammes less than the first time. Its colour was dark grey, and it had a strange rib structure running around it. In between the ribs, it was a light cream colour. Geiger-counter readings showed negative.



Sekula Medenica shows the mystery object to Dr. Eng. Milorad Teofilovic and Magistral Eng. Cvetko Markov.

At first the scientist thought the object might be a meteorite of some kind, and the ribs formed when the object entered the earth's atmosphere, but no final conclusion could be reached until laboratory tests had been carried out. These showed that the object contained no iron, but was made of magnesium. The meteorite theory had to be abandoned, as no object of this composition would survive the burn-up on entering the earth's atmosphere. The scientist is reported to have come to the conclusion that the object must have been made on earth.

Credit: David Thompson/Translation Milan Pantic

## UFOs sent by BUDDHA ?

There is a mountain in northern China, the Sacred Mountain of Wu T'ai, which is said to be the principal earthly dwelling of Manjusri Bodhisattva (Wen Shu, Personification of Divine Wisdom). A small tower is built on the topmost pinnacle of the highest temple, from which there is an uninterrupted view of miles of empty space.

It is to this tower that pilgrims come, to gaze from its windows at the regular manifestation of the Bodhisattva himself. At least, that is their interpretation of what they see. Here is a description of what happened one night when John Blofeld visited the tower.

'There in the great open spaces beyond the window, apparently not more than one or two hundred yards away, innumerable balls of fire floated majestically past. We could not judge their size, for nobody knew how far away they were, but they appeared like the fluffy woollen balls that babies play with seen close up. They seemed to be moving at the stately pace of a large, well-fed fish aimlessly cleaving its way through the water; but, of course, their actual pace could not be determined without a knowledge of the intervening distance. Where they came from, what they were, and where they went after fading from sight in the West, nobody could tell. Fluffy balls of orange-coloured fire, moving through space, unhurried and majestic; truly a fitting manifestation of divinity!'

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# Editorial

BWARE OF THE CHARMERS

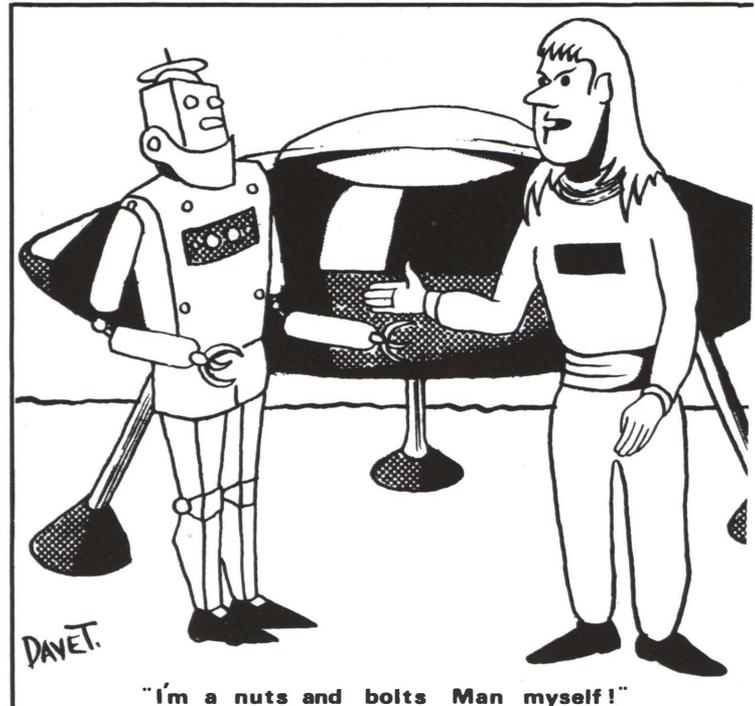
Ufologists can be roughly divided into two groupings. One group appears to accept the majority of the evidence without questioning the reported facts very closely, and sometimes not at all. The second group consider that all evidence should be closely scrutinised and evaluated. Time distorts memory and even the most impeccable sources can err. Details are forgotten, snippets are added and tend to grow with repetition, often quite unwittingly.

Some 'ufologists' are greater than the 'deity'. 'God' can only create history - the record of past events. Some 'ufologists' change past events.

Having regularly attended the London meetings of the three national groups, B, C and C, I have at times been both amused and disturbed. On occasions these groups produce high standard meetings, but sometimes their speakers throw them into disrepute, with garbled fact and fantasy. Certain speakers when intimately questioned on specific details give the impression that their integrity is being questioned, and give evasive or abusive answers. This type of reaction is neither scientific nor democratic. It is an insult to the intelligence of their audience. Meeting chairmen are sometimes equally guilty by refusing to allow pertinent questioning. Members of the audience who interrupt the proceedings in support of 'their' lecturer do themselves grave discredit. However they may not be entirely to blame. Some speakers are remarkably charming and personable, and employ audience manipulation techniques of a high degree of sophistication.

The question is this, do you attend lectures to be charmed and spoon-fed, or do you try to use your personal powers of discrimination to their full intellectual capacity? The latter calls for a little more effort!

L.B.



Are you interested in practical ufology?

Would you enjoy a stimulating meeting?

If your answer is YES, then please attend as this symposium has been arranged for people like you.

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## SPACELINK

Theme: Practical UFO Research

Time: 2-6 pm. Saturday 18th July 1970.

Location: The Lecture Theatre, Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road entrance, London W.8.

This meeting will provide an opportunity for SPACELINK staff, consultants, and readers to meet one another and exchange views. Up till now, much of our work has been conducted by correspondence, and we hope that this meeting will strengthen communications. The occasion provides an ideal opportunity to examine the present state of UFO research, and we anticipate the practical nature of the contributions will define our objectives more clearly, as well as providing a guide for the future. To this end, short papers will be presented as follows.

Chairman of first session: Roger Stanway FRAS.

Defining Ufology: Graham Knewstub CEng, MIERE, FBIS, AInstE; Gerry C. Brown MSHAA, AMRSH.

Detection: Peter Johnson - Possible methods of; David Viewing-Direct observation techniques. Anthony Pace FRAS - UFO photography and sky scan cameras.

History: Graham Knewstub - Does historical research have any value?

Mid-afternoon: Slides followed by break for tea. Chairman of second session: Lionel Beer. Contact: Janet Gregory - Does the investigation of contact claims have any practical value?

The Paranormal: Capt. Ivar Mackay (Chairman of BUFORA) - Do apparent correspondences of paranormal phenomena suggest an additional line of research?

BUFORA Research: Stephen Smith MA. - (absentee paper) Progress report on BUFORA's research section.

The Future: Arnold West - Scheme for a UFO laboratory.

Graham Knewstub - Liaison between the UFO researcher and scientific establishments.

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# VISITORS FROM OUTER SPACE

Science versus Fiction

by Vyacheslav Zaitsev

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## EINSTEIN WAS NOT THE FIRST

To what extent can we trust the knowledge of the ancients and how are we to treat old knowledge in the light of new facts?

It would be logical to assume that mankind's whole body of knowledge could have been formed as a result of the history of the human species. Possibly some facts and ideas are leftovers from previous civilizations, while some were acquired as a result of the earthmen's contacts with the outer world.

The ancient idea about the relativity of time has not been scientifically studied as yet. In ancient and mediaeval times Christian peoples maintained that time passes more slowly in heaven than it does on earth. This is registered in the folk aphorism that God's minute is as long as a man's life. There are variants. Psalm 39 (verse 5) says: 'Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth, and mine age is as nothing before thee...'

A Japanese fairy-tale of the 'Nippon Mukasi Banasi' collection says that a man returned still young from a trip to heaven only to find no descendants in his home. Similar things can be read in a Russian fairy-tale included in the collection of A. N. Afanasyev and in a Ukrainian tale of the Levchenko collection, saying three years for us are like 300 years to God.

Very strange is the apocryphal story of Enoch, who, according to religious books, was taken alive to Heaven: 'Enoch lived prior to the flood and is still alive'.

The same theme is repeated in the well-known apocryphal narrative called The Vision of Isaiah presumed to have been written in the second or



Albert Einstein

1879-1955

German-Swiss physicist, published treatises on Relativity, and was awarded the Nobel prize for physics in 1921.

third century. The Prophet Isaiah, who began to question his faith and the greatness of the Almighty, was, at the bidding of the latter, taken to Heaven. There he saw the greatness of the sempiternal and repented. The angel who brought the prophet to heaven decided to take him back to the Earth. Isaiah was surprised: 'Why so soon? I have only been here two hours.' The angel replied: 'Not two hours, but 32 years.'

These words nearly killed the prophet. He realized that the return would mean either death or very old age, for he had grown 32 years older. He begged: 'Why should I return to my old flesh and bones?' but the angel comforted him: 'Do not be sad, you will not be an old man.'

Early in the twentieth century Albert Einstein's discovery revealed possible caprices of time in case of motion at near-light velocity. So far, this has been checked only on mesons in laboratories, but science-fiction writers have long been taking travellers through adventures like Isaiah's.

Presumably, the ancient idea of man's possible immortality reflects not only a thirst for an 'eternal God' but is also the idea that time, given certain conditions, can change its speed.

## WHAT IS THE HOUSE OF THE LORD?

Religious books speak about the 'House of the Lord'. Commentators on the Scripture usually list it among purely speculative categories, divorced from earthly practices. Meanwhile Judaic and Christian books interpret the nature of the 'House of the Lord' on 'space' lines. John the Apostle linked it up with celestial phenomena, thunder and fire: 'And the temple of God was opened in Heaven ...and there were lightnings and voices, and thunders, and an earthquake, and great hail.' (Revelation 11, 19)

The ancients thought God came down from Heaven in the House of the Lord. Another source says: '...there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud... and Mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly... And all the people saw the thunders and the lightnings and the voice of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking...' (Exodus 19, 16-18, 20, 18)

Next to it are God's words addressed to Moses: 'And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about (Mount Sinai), saying, take heed to yourselves that you go not into the Mount or touch the border of it...' (Exodus 19, 12) '...charge the people lest they break through unto the Lord to gaze, and many of them perish.' (Exodus 19, 21)

There can be no 'volcanic' interpretation of the image, since its celestial nature is clearly indi-

cated. Nor can it be interpreted as a vision.

It might be assumed that the writers of these lines witnessed the descent of a space ship upon the Earth.

The House of the Lord may have been a spaceship seen by humans on Earth. It might even be assumed that the image of the House of the Lord partially accounts for the basic elements of the design of temples.

Ancient sources make it plain that the temples came from the House of the Lord. One of the sources (I Paralipomenon, 28, 6, 1-12) says that King David, obeying the will of God, assigned his son Solomon to build the House of the Lord on earth on the lines of the House of the Lord in Heaven. One apocryphe gives details of a whole story of how David, when ascended, was shown 'a Church image in heaven', which later became the basis of the Jerusalem temple. The construction of a temple on earth was believed to be necessitated by a possible new descent of God: 'If God descends He will stay with us.'

The ancient Mayas of Central America believed that in some distant past gods had descended to them on cobwebs. The legend attracted the attention of N.A. Rynin (Interplanetary Communication. Astro-navigation, Chronicles and Bibliography, Leningrad, pp.110-111)

The vision of a ladder seen by Jacob of the Old Testament, and described in Chapter 28 of Genesis, may be construed as remotely connected with the legend. Jacob saw the House of the Lord on a mountain and a ladder that led to the Heavenly Kingdom.

The Maya legends and the Old Testament subject could also be interpreted from the 'space' angle.

#### YOU CAN'T MAKE SOMETHING OUT OF NOTHING

Hypotheses, whether correct or not, have always set the trend of scientific research. The hypotheses of today are the science of tomorrow. Of course, not all of them stand a chance of becoming theories.

But even a refuted hypothesis is useful, because the need to refute as well as prove stimulates expansion of knowledge.

The popular hypothesis about space comers, hinting that the Earth forms part of the sphere of intergalactic, interplanetary ties, may well become theory in time. So far, supported as it is only by legends and archaeological excavations, it may appear unconvincing. But nil posse creari de nihilo - you can't make something out of nothing - is a wise maxim of the ancients.

The Chinese scholar Yuan Ke writes: 'Many people hold that myths are products of human fantasy and have nothing in common with reality. This is a profound error.'

The same thought was stated by Maxim Gorky in a different way: 'Generally speaking, there is nothing fantastic in life. All that seems mysterious has a very definite basis in reality... There is nothing that man has thought up that does not have roots in the real world.'

Science, as it advances, will increasingly develop the ability to interpret ancient puzzles.

In recent years, following travels in space, the 'space comers' hypothesis has gained more and more support. Possibly, the assumption will finally be rejected, but, as Dmitry Mendelejev said, 'It is better to believe in a hypothesis which may eventually prove wrong than not to believe in anything at all.'

#### A LINE OF HUGE DISCS PASSED OVER LONDON IN 1944

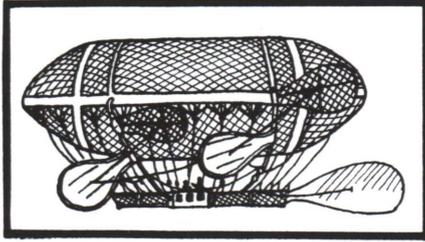
As background, you should know that after working for more than 40 years in Fleet Street, I would doubt any report not signed by the Archangel Gabriel and witnessed. I was in London throughout the war and had some interest in Hitler's so-called 'secret weapons', if only from a news point of view. None of us knew exactly what to expect, and the Press was given only occasional 'classified' tidbits so as to avoid disclosures by accident. The time came when we heard that the first launchings of the secret weapons would be coming 'soon', and thereafter I made a point of getting out of bed when an alert sounded during the comparatively few nights I spent at home.

One night following an alert, I got up, and to the south saw what appeared to be a red object approaching. From our bedroom window it is possible to see some miles from south, through west, to north. I told my wife, 'If you want to see Hitler's secret weapon, here it comes.' She was not interested. After watching the object for some seconds, I remembered that in the next room was my brother, who happened to be on leave. I went to his room but he too was unconcerned, and I then watched from his window. But this time the 'red object' was very much nearer; so much so that I could see there was more than one.

From little red balls the objects became five or six large luminous pink discs, plain and flat from my angle. The night (it was about 2.30 a.m.) was very dark and clear and the discs were 'flying in line astern'. They made no sound that I could hear so that their existence would not be known to anyone not actually seeing them. In the darkness their size, height, speed and distance from me were difficult to estimate, but they could have been from 30 to 50 ft, travelling possibly between 200 and 300 m.p.h. at a height of 300 to 500 ft. They passed maybe a mile in front of me and right across my line of vision and were very close to, if not actually over Wembley Stadium. I followed their flight until they passed out of sight to the north, that is, in the direction of Watford or St Albans.

Apparently they could have been shot down very easily and I concluded no action was taken because, as the objects were so slow, a direct hit might have produced an explosion calculated to terrify a wide area. Nor were aircraft searchlights brought in and I decided the discs were UFOs because, had they had any official connections whatever, there would have been no need for the alert. Actually, the first 'doodlebug' did not come over until some weeks later.

I knew I could never get the story past the censor. H S Harris, 15 Randall Avenue, London N W 2



Count Lennox's air-ship, "The Eagle" of 1835. This machine was on view in London but passed into obscurity.

## THE 1897 CONTROVERSY

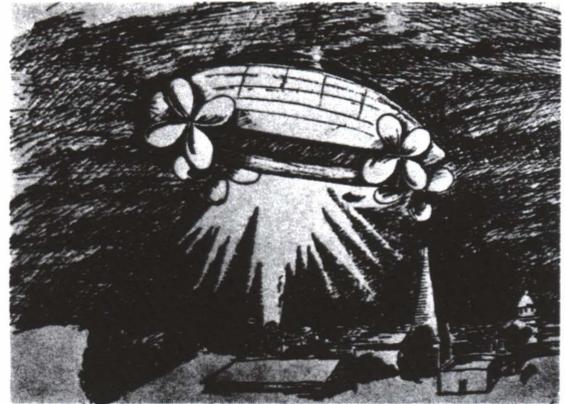
### THE PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE 1897 UFO

by Kenneth Lloyd Larson

During my research I have determined that the 1896-1897 wave must have been the result of an intelligent pattern established by an unidentified flying object. This analysis is based on sensible reasoning and research, with a study of the original newspaper reports. One of the first reports came from the area of San Francisco and Oakland, California. According to the Oakland Tribune, commuters boarding a ferry in San Francisco on the evening of 24 November 1896 said they saw an 'egg-shaped' object moving quickly through the sky. This ferry left San Francisco at 6.15 p.m. and arrived in the Alameda-Oakland area around 6.50 p.m. The witnesses said that the object followed the ferry and hovered over the dock in Alameda. Then it disappeared to the north-east at high speed. Oddly enough, a San Francisco witness said that he could not see any wings or propellers on the craft.

At about 7.00 p.m. on this same evening, a telegram arrived from Red Bluff, with the statement that many residents saw an egg-shaped object pass over that city at high speed. The distance from Red Bluff to San Francisco equals about 162 miles. It is possible that the object traced the course of the Sacramento River between Oakland and the northern city. Witnesses seemed to have described the same object over both cities, with a time interval of about 10 minutes. Simple reasoning seems to make clear that the UFO would have had a velocity of around 1,000 miles per hour. However, the first American plane flight by the Wright brothers was not made until 17 December 1903.

Secondly, the residents of Sistersville, West Virginia, were awakened around 5.00 a.m., 19 April 1897. The witnesses said that a tube-like object, with red and green lights along the sides, hovered over the small town, playing a brilliant searchlight on the ground. One resident was so startled that he pulled the whistle on the main factory, awakening everybody. The reader should note that newspapers said the object hovered over the town around 5.00 a.m. This is very significant, and the date of 19 April is noteworthy. Another object reportedly appeared over Yates Center, Kansas, where it was seen by several witnesses, on the same day



How long has this been going on? The woodcut above appeared in an 1897 newspaper to illustrate the strange "airship" which was seen in many of the southwestern and midwestern states during the Gay Nineties "saucer flap."

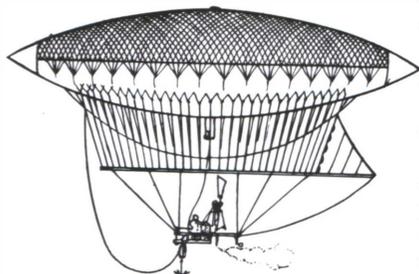
of 19 April 1897. The distance between Sistersville, West Virginia, and Yates Center, Kansas, equals about 800 miles.

A British researcher has claimed that the craft over Yates Center was a man-made dirigible, with a maximum speed of around 40 miles per hour. As the reader can see, the dirigible would have taken about 20 hours to cover the 800 miles between Sistersville and Yates Center. In order to be over Sistersville at 5.00 a.m. on 19 April, a dirigible would have had to have left Yates Center around 9.00 a.m. on 18 April. In the same way, if the object had left Sistersville at 5.00 a.m. on 19 April, it would not have arrived over Yates Center until 20 April, because of the speed of 40 miles per hour. The logical conclusion seems to be that the object had a much higher velocity, so as to be over the two cities on the same day of 19 April. Thus, the vehicle would have been a UFO and not a dirigible.

The weakness of the dirigible theory is that the newspaper reports of that period in America abound with various claims from inventors, all claiming that they had sent up the unidentified aerial object. I should know, I read the original newspaper reports from San Francisco and Oakland, published in thick volumes from the newspaper rooms of libraries. Consequently, these two simple examples show that the UFO researcher has to study the reports and witnesses and then think out the logical conclusions. I can only conclude that the 1896-1897 UFOs must have had a high velocity, much higher than anything manufactured around that period in America. This velocity could have been as high as 1,000 miles per hour. Indeed, it could compare to the estimate made by pilot Kenneth Arnold over Mount Rainier, Washington, 24 June 1947. Arnold checked the sweep-second hand of his plane's clock and arrived at a velocity of around 1,700 miles per hour. He couldn't believe this figure and lowered it to about 1,300 miles per hour. Another example: On 23 April 1897, farmer Daniel Gray said that a UFO had passed over his farm near Flint, Michigan. A dry and preserved newspaper fluttered to the ground, and he discovered that it was from Toronto, Canada, with the date of 5 October 1896. Oddly enough, the length of time between these two dates

comes to exactly 200 days!

This article, by Kenneth Lloyd Larson, Director of VICTORY RESEARCH, of 5630 Sawtelle Boulevard, Culver City, California 90230, U.S.A., relates to an article by Dr Geoffrey Doel which appeared in the October 1968 issue of SPACELINK - THE 1897 FLAP EXPLAINED. Kenneth Lloyd Larson's article, and the following correspondence, should be read in conjunction with Dr Doel's original article.



This balloon flew above Paris on 24 September, 1852. Invented by Henri Giffard, powered by a steam engine driving a 3-bladed propeller at 110 rpm, it achieved a speed of 6 mph.

SPACELINK has also received a letter on the 1897 flap from Bernard O'Connor of 132 East 16 Street, Northampton, Pa. 18067, U.S.A. The following are extracts.

'Dr Doel's article was an excellent job of research and reporting that cleared up an age-old mystery. However it may have inadvertently solved another age-old mystery. First of all I would like to quote Dr Doel's article. "However, and here one must speculate on Pennington's movements, it is not certain how the airship arrived at its next point at Yates Center, Kansas on April 19th. It could well have travelled at night over the next week or so southwards which would be well within its 40 mph capabilities. Or, it may have returned to Racine and have been once more despatched by rail. At Yates Center there was the unfortunate incident of a young heifer becoming entangled in the mooring rope on take-off."

Mr O'Connor then quotes from pages 12/13 of the late Frank Edwards' book FLYING SAUCERS - SERIOUS BUSINESS, the famous case of farmer Alexander Hamilton of Le Roy, Kansas who saw one of his cows being abducted by the occupants of an 'airship'.

Mr O'Connor continues, 'In this passage Hamilton states that his cow was "appropriated" by an airship on Monday 19 April 1897. It then disappeared in the north-west, yet the remains of the heifer were found about four miles west of Le Roy! Why? That question is easy to answer once you review the facts.

1. Pennington was travelling south-west from Mt. Carroll to Yates Center. To arrive there he had to bypass Le Roy.
2. It took him a week to reach Yates Center: 10 April 1897 - 19 April 1897.
3. Le Roy is 15 miles north-east of Yates Center.
4. It's 400 miles to Texarkana. In my opinion one can develop quite an appetite on such a journey.

After Pennington made off with Hamilton's heifer, he butchered it, then dropped the carcass from his ship. While he was attending to the animal, his ship was completing an arc which enabled him to set course for Yates.'

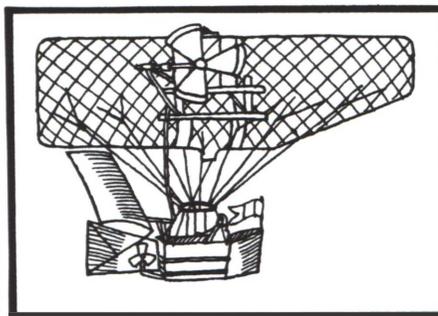
Dr Doel comments as follows:

In his very interesting article entitled 'The performance characteristics of the 1897 UFO', Mr Larson refers to an egg-shaped object which appeared at several points around the San Francisco area in November 1896. Apparently no wings or propeller were seen on the craft, and timing gave it a speed up to 1,000 m.p.h. From the description of this 'craft', which in no way resembled the famous airship, I am sure that any experienced UFOlogist would recognise a type of UFO which has been reported on several occasions in recent years from many parts of the world, Valensole in southern France (1965) and Socorro in New Mexico (1964) to give two instances. Also the dates do not tally with the 1897 airship sightings.

The sighting Mr Larson reports from Sistersville on the other hand evidently referred to Pennington's airship, and helps to fill in the question of its whereabouts after 10 April 1897. As the ship was seen at Sistersville at about 5.00 a.m. on 19 April 1897, there is absolutely no reason why it should not have arrived at Le Roy near Yates Center by 10.30 p.m. of the same day as recorded by farmer Hamilton whose heifer was abducted. Allowing 5.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. on 19 April, there would be 17 hours available flying time at 47 m.p.h. to cover the 800 miles. With a slight following wind, this fits in perfectly with the estimated performance of the Pennington airship. I am very grateful for the information from Mr Larson which has helped to fill in the airship's itinerary.

Mr Bernard O'Connor also helps to trace the airship's movements while at Le Roy, and refers to the discovery of the remains of the heifer (head, skin and legs) which were found a few miles away the next day by a Mr Link Thomas who thought someone had butchered a stolen beast. Of course someone had - Pennington's crew in fact - so that one must now regard the heifer as abducted, not caught up by accident.

Recently I have come across a claim by Pennington that he did build and fly an airship. This is the first admission I have read of which helps to consolidate the theory from his own lips, although one must admit that Pennington was given to making extravagant assertions.



'L'Esperance", an immense dirigible constructed by Delamarne, flew on several occasions during 1865-6.

More reports:

Researchers continue to find reports of the 1897 airship in newspapers of the period. The following is a report from THE DAILY KENNEBEC JOURNAL, Augusta, Maine, of 12 April 1897.

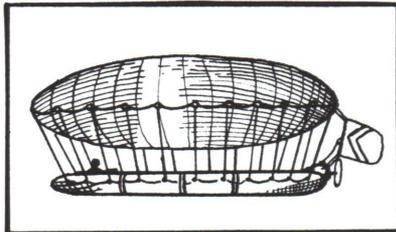
'Sioux City, La., April 11. Many claim to have seen the airship. Up to date, however, it has invariably been on the wing on such occasions. R.H. Butler, of this county, claims he caught it "roosting".

'His account is as follows: "Every Saturday I drive into Sioux City. On my return last week, I reached the driveway near my house about 12.15 a.m. and turned in to get to my barn. I had gone about half the way when I saw light just over the off horse's ear. I strained my eyes, and when I got a good look, I nearly fell off the seat. I was looking at a ship. At the top was what I took for a big, cigar-shaped balloon. It was about 35 feet long, 10 or 12 feet thick and lay on its side. Underneath it was a car something like those on the Ferris Wheel at the World's Fair. It had a row of windows along the side and the light shone through them. As I approached, the folks in the boat heard me and they started into the air. It sounded like a bunch of quail going up. In four or five minutes the ship went out of sight, traveling toward the south. I think it rose at an angle of 40 or 45 degrees."

'The general opinion among his neighbors is that Butler had been drinking before he left town.'

Source: SKYLOOK, Box 129, Stover, Mo.65078, U.S.A.

Santos-Dumont fitted a petrol engine to an airship in 1898 and flew the craft round the Eiffel Tower.



Printed in the 14 September 1897 issue of THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR, an article reported that C.W. Spencer, superintendent of the eastern division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and his assistant, Thomas Hay, were 'admiring the clear, starlit heavens' from the observation car, near Gravel River, Ont., when they saw 'A something in the sky'.

They gave details of a large white light, and above it a red and a white light. When the airborne object turned, the red light became blue and a row of four lights was seen terminated by a circle or ellipse of a dozen lights, in the midst of which was the dark body of the air ship'.

All the elements of other-world mystery were there, but the observers were not taken in by science fiction, then in its infancy in those days. The paper reported that the lights had the 'steady clearness of acetylene or electric light'. Spencer and Hay 'could form no other opinion than that it was an air ship'. The writer concluded: 'It is quite possible that some inventor has set to work quietly and unostentatiously and thus put his theories into practice in the world; and if he hasn't come to grief in the wilds of Lake Superior, we shall soon know that air navigation has been accomplished on Canadian Territory.' (WINGHAM ADVANCE-TIMES, Ontario, 27 July 1967)

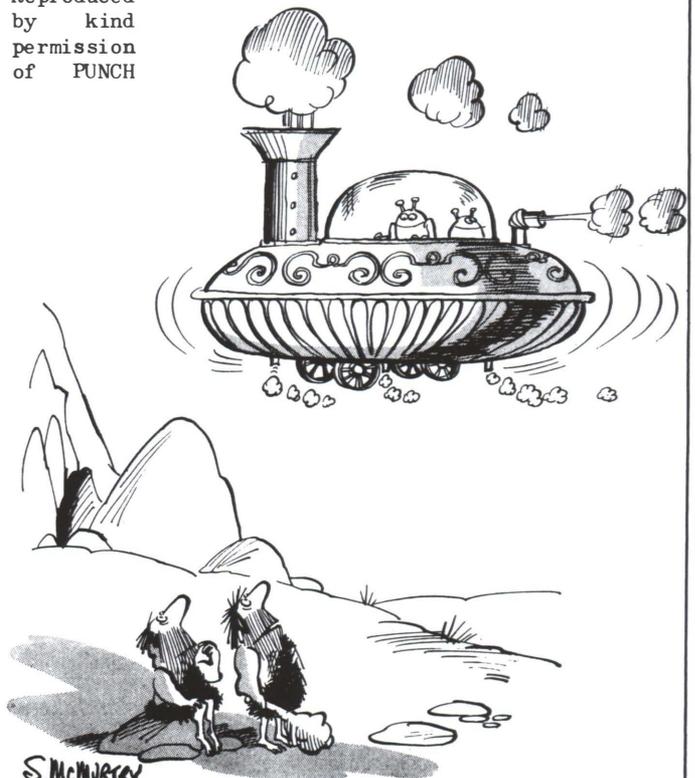
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Dr Doel comments: The first account fits in very well with my 'itinerary'; the airship was seen 15 miles north of Sioux City on 28 March 1897 by a gent who got the anchor mixed up with the seat of his pants. Mr R.H. Butler says he saw the machine on a Saturday evening/Sunday morning near Sioux City. This would allow ample time for the craft to arrive 100 miles away by next evening in Omaha, Nebraska, where it was seen by late worshippers leaving church (on 29 March).

Concerning the second account, as one of the probable origins of the airship was from the Pennington-Kane factory at Racine on the shores of Lake Michigan, it may well have had other sorties before being finally broken up. Ontario is directly north-east over the Great Lakes from Racine.....about 400 miles, and as we have seen from previous studies the airship could do this run in about 10 hours, the wind being favourable or at least calm. The conclusion of the reporter that 'some inventor has set to work' etc was a shrewd observation. Another point of significance is that he thought the ship might have come to grief 'in the wilds of Lake Superior'. Why Lake Superior if it was seen at Gravel River, Ontario? Presumably he saw it disappearing in the direction of that lake.... Again another shred of evidence in support of my thesis?

For further aspects of the 1897 sightings, read also 'The 1897 story' by Jerome Clark and Lucius Farish, published in three parts in FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, Vol.14 Nos. 5 & 6, and Vol.15 No.1. ●●

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"It's another of those flying saucer things."

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| Name:      | CANADIAN UFO REPORT                                         | Quarterly                        | 8" x 10½"   | §3.00       | Professional, litho news-    |
| Editor:    | John Magor                                                  | 3,500                            | 40 pages    | a year      | stand magazine, clear type,  |
| Publisher: | John Magor                                                  |                                  |             | §4.00       | photographs. Established     |
| Address:   | Box 758, Duncan, British Columbia.                          |                                  |             | Foreign     | December 1968. Recommended   |
| Name:      | QUEST-UFO REPORT                                            | Bi-monthly                       | 8½" x 11"   | §3.00       | Two mags combined. Spirit-   |
| Editor:    | Kurt Glemser                                                | (100 for                         | 30-36       | a year      | duplicated - poor. No        |
| Publisher: | Kurt Glemser                                                | UFO REPORT)                      | pages       |             | illustrations. Varied        |
| Address:   | 489 Krug Street, Kitchener, Ontario.                        |                                  |             |             | content. Est. September '69. |
| Name:      | SAUCERS, SPACE AND SCIENCE                                  | Quarterly                        | 8½" x 11"   | §2.50       | Photo-offset with illus-     |
| Editor:    | Gene Duplantier                                             | (Est. 600)                       | 20 pages    | a year      | trations. Topical news       |
| Publisher: | Gene Duplantier                                             |                                  |             | 75 ¢        | items. Est. November 1957.   |
| Address:   | 17 Shetland Street, Kitchener, Ontario.                     |                                  |             | a copy      | Interesting. Recommended.    |
| Name:      | TOPSIDE                                                     | Quarterly                        | 8½" x 11"   | §3.00       | Duplicated, solid pages of   |
| Editor:    | Carol Halford-Watkins                                       | 500                              | 27 pages    | a year      | type, occasional photos.     |
| Publisher: | Ottawa New Sciences Club and Contact (Canada)               |                                  |             |             | Varied material inc. Nikola  |
| Address:   | 95 Centre Street, Aylmer East, Quebec.                      |                                  |             |             | Tesla. Est'd. March 1960.    |

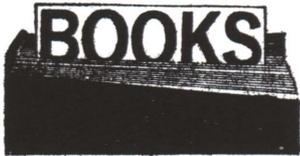
## European magazines

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| <b>BELGIUM:</b> | BUFOI REVUE                                         | Quarterly  | 8½" x 11" | 200 Fr  | Duplicated, printed cover.  |
| Editor:         | May Flitcroft Lambotte                              | 200        | 36 pages  | for 5   | French text. No illustra-   |
| Publisher:      | BUFOI-IGAP                                          |            |           | issues  | tions. "Dedicated to George |
| Address:        | 12 Berkenlaan, Antwerp                              |            |           |         | Adamski". Assorted material |
| <b>ITALY:</b>   | CLYPEUS                                             | Quarterly  | 9½" x 7"  | 2,500   | Italian text. Illustrated,  |
| Editor:         | Gianni V. Settimo                                   | (Est. 800) | 30-40     | lire    | litho with original arti-   |
| Publisher:      | Associazione Piemontese di Esobiologia.             |            | pages     | a year  | cles. Packed with assorted  |
| Address:        | P.O. Box 604, 10100 Torino.                         |            |           |         | material. Interesting.      |
| <b>ITALY:</b>   | NOTIZIARIO UFO                                      | Bi-monthly | 12" x 8"  | 3,000   | Italian text. Illustrated,  |
| Editor:         | Roberto Pinotti                                     | 500        | 25 pages  | lire    | litho with original news-   |
| Publisher:      | Centro Unico Nazionale UFO                          |            |           | a year  | cuttings. Interesting.      |
| Address:        | P.O. Box 796, 40100 Bologna.                        |            |           |         | Sensible. Recommended.      |
| <b>BELGIUM:</b> | VISITEURS SPATIAUX                                  | Quarterly  | 8" x 11½" | 80 Fr   | Duplicated sheets. Text in  |
| Editor:         | Jacques Bonabot                                     | 120        | 11-18     | a year  | French with some English    |
| Publisher:      | Groupement pour l'Etude des Sciences d'Avant-Garde. |            |           | 100 Fr  | text. A few illustrations   |
| Address:        | 17 Rosendael 17, Bruges.                            |            |           | Foreign | Informative. Interesting.   |

## Magazines ceased publication

APRG REPORTER published by Robert Gribble (who formerly called his club NICAP) in Seattle, USA, is no longer. CAPRI NEWS took over SCOOP subscriptions, but recently Ed Minasian of CAPRI said he had to drop it because of a combination of reasons including illness. We don't know yet who is taking over his unexpired subscriptions. SAUCER SCOOP ceased last Summer as presumably editor Joan Whritenour wanted more time for commercial writing. SUFOI REPORTER edited by Willy Wegner, Copenhagen, ceased due to dissent in Skandinavisk UFO Information. UFO INFORMER edited by Angelo Capparella III has ceased as he is entering the University of North Carolina. UFOIC NEWSLETTER, Don Mills, Ontario, Canada, run by schoolboys, folded "due to pressures of other work". UFO SKYWATCH edited by Mrs. Jennifer Stevens of Schoharie, N.Y., ceased with the June 1969 edition following the death of the editor's husband. Subscriptions have been taken over by Mrs. Norma Short's SKYLOOK, Box 129 Stover, Mo., 65078, U.S.A. SPACELINK recommends SKYLOOK - 22 duplicated pages - sensible - §4.00 a year.

(Ed: Readers should not be unduly alarmed by this list of "drop-outs" as there has always been a high fall-out rate amongst UFO groups and magazines, due to the tenuous nature of the subject and other factors.)



## Reference Section

FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE Donald E Keyhoe

Universal-Tandem Publishing Co Ltd, 33 Beauchamp Place, London S W 3. 1970. Paperback. Price: 6/-

I first read this book almost three years ago, when I was an intensely keen supporter of all things ufological. Then the book seemed almost the word of a veritable god. Now that I am (I hope) far wiser in the ways of ufology and ufologists, the material presented here does not seem nearly so overwhelming. This book was first published in the early 1950s - nearly 20 years ago - and much has happened since then, including Major Keyhoe's own early and enforced retirement from NICAP.

But none of this invalidates the book's value as an historical document, and it should be at least read, probably also possessed, by all students of ufology.

Janet Gregory

(Ed: A 1969 hard-cover edition is still in print.)

MYSTERIES OF THE SKIES: UFOS IN PERSPECTIVE

Gordon I R Lore and Harold H Deneault

Robert Hale & Co Ltd, Old Brompton Road, London SW7 1968 (USA). Casebound. Plates. Price: 36/-

The authors have taken certain aspects of the UFO phenomenon, and after much detailed research have compiled this excellently written book.

Each chapter deals with a subject thoroughly, laying out all the facts, and leaving the reader confident that he has all the available information he needs to make up his own mind on that particular point.

The case of the 'Airship' sightings in 1896-97 over the USA is given full study, with a list of towns and cities over which the 'Airships' were seen.

Under the heading 'The Battle of Los Angeles', there is an impressive account of an incident over America in 1942 when UFOs were mistaken for Japanese aircraft. And of particular interest is the report of the Foo-Fighters seen over the Rhine Valley and the English Channel during World War II. Incidentally how many readers know how the word Foo-Fighter was coined?

One will find that the great majority of sighting reports discussed are of the less well-known types from astronomers and ships at sea, plus a list of sightings from the 19th century to the present day.

The preface and the epilogue are written by Richard H Hall, former assistant director of NICAP. In the lengthy epilogue, Mr Hall states that he believes that contactees and their followers have done more to hinder the serious approach to the UFO phenomenon by discouraging the scientist and earnest researcher, than anything else.

A chronology of flight from 1709-1947, a bibliography of flight and one of UFOs, and a chart of bright planet positions from November 1896-June 1897 will be found in the appendix. Also the book is illustrated with a few well-produced photographs.

A short summing-up at the close of each chapter gives an original touch to this very informative book, that any ufologist should enjoy reading.

Doreen Whitaker

(Ed: Until the recent NICAP reorganisation, Gordon Lore was Assistant Director.)

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N.B. ALL BOOKS REVIEWED ON THESE PAGES ARE STOCKED BY THE MANAGING EDITOR - see pages 29 and 30.

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THE INTELLIGENT MAN'S GUIDE TO FLYING SAUCERS

T.M. Wright

A.S. Barnes & Co. Inc., Cranbury, New Jersey 08512, U.S.A. 1968. Casebound. Price: \$5.95.  
Thomas Yoseloff Ltd., Charing Cross Road, London W.C.2. Price: 42/-

In this American book, the author has attempted to integrate all the accumulated evidence for the reality of flying saucers. His approach to the subject is strictly scientific.

Various theories and explanations are studied on the origin of the UFOs, and the reason why they are here - although I would like to add a few more ideas to this list. A large number of sighting reports from the early days up to 1968 are given in detail including radar sightings, fireball reports, physical evidence and electromagnetic effects. And under the heading 'Are UFOs hostile?', several pages are devoted to the inexplicable happenings and sound effects at Warminster during the 1964-66 period. Many of the intriguing and little-known reports come from pilots or otherwise technically competent witnesses, and cover the whole world.

Though a whole chapter is devoted to the subject of contactees and the claims of each of them are given fair cover, Mr Wright, it seems, has little faith in them, especially those of religious bent. He says, 'It appears that this "new religion" will blossom into a mass of inconsistencies and wild claims that will blow the entire UFO mystery out of any serious or scientific consideration. In the last analysis, contactees become more of a social-psychological problem than a scientific one. And the problem is not in the so-called "messages" being relayed, but in the way in which these messages are presented; fraudulently and in a ridiculous manner.' He is more open-minded about people such as Betty and Barney Hill, Villas Boas and others who make no claims of trips in saucers or messages from 'wise old spacemen'.

All the facts are neatly summarised at the end, and there are about three dozen photographs, some of people, some of saucers, some of accepted fakes. This is an excellent book for beginners, and although shedding no new light on the subject, it makes interesting reading for others.

Kathleen Smith - Editor, UFOLOG

## FLYING SAUCERS, HOAX OR REALITY L Jerome Stanton

Belmont Publications, Inc, 1116 First Avenue, New York, N Y 10021. December 1966. Unillustrated. Paperback. Price: 50¢

L Jerome Stanton is a freelance writer of technical and scientific subjects, and has been interested in the UFO phenomenon for many years. His approach is an entirely serious one and with a lively wit frequently coming through, the book makes very pleasant reading.

He very soon makes it quite clear that UFOs are real, but adds that until science fully co-operates, there is not going to be any progress made.

Coming under the heading 'Frauds, feuds and fanatics', there is a word about the flying saucer buffs and the more sensational books, among them Adamski's and Sculley's.

At the other end of the scale, a chapter is devoted to magazine articles and the more serious and well-known books with short reviews of those mentioned. The author praises the articles in magazines and feels that they do more towards educating and shaping the public attitude towards UFOs than any other type of reading matter as people tend to purchase magazines more frequently than books.

It is refreshing not to find long lists of sighting reports. Those mentioned are relevant to the events under study, e.g. the full story of the investigation and conclusions of the well-known Lubbock Lights incident.

There is an interesting and useful chapter on the description of shapes and behaviour of UFOs, followed by a discussion of the part played by the American Air Force and the conclusions of Project Blue Book. The author, writing in 1966, at the time of the setting up of the Colorado University team, is obviously confident of good results from that quarter, and the book finishes on this hopeful note.

Though not a very recent work, this paperback most certainly merits a place in your collection.

Doreen Whitaker

## CHARIOTS OF THE GODS? Erich von Däniken

Souvenir Press Ltd, 95 Mortimer Street, London W 1. 1969. Casebound. Price: 30/-

This book has undoubtedly done well in several respects - financially for its publisher and author (though I understand that the latter has languished and may still be languishing in a foreign jail as a result of overspending), and through its vast publicity has helped to make the theories propounded in it known to a wider public.

However, digging a little deeper, I am only partly convinced of its value. The book is certainly readable, and fabulous facts tumble over themselves in their haste to amaze you. In fact the impression is finally one of unreality, though this was never the author's intention. All the data cited fits too neatly into the jigsaw, so that in the end one mistrusts the information. Also, from experience, I have found that the real experts can

## Reference Section Book Reviews



Engraving from the floor of a Mayan temple, thought to have been made over 5,000 years ago, suggestive of a modern astronaut in his capsule. (jets at right)

often give logical, sane and, more important, mundane explanations for much of what is churned out again and again as 'evidence' of extra-terrestrial visitations. I felt that von Däniken's tirade against conventional archaeologists was overdone, and certainly not called for.

Lastly, it should not be forgotten that the material presented here is by no means new. Just read some of W Raymond Drake's deeply researched books, for example.

Janet Gregory

## UFO PERCIPIENTS

Edited by Charles Bowen

Flying Saucer Service Ltd, 21 Cecil Court, Charing Cross Road, London WC2. September 1969. Price: 8/-

Hot on the heels of FSR's second special issue comes number three, dealing this time with the UFO witness. In fact the six items here (by Aime Michel, Dr R Leo Sprinkle, Dr Berthold E Schwarz, Gordon Creighton, H S W Chibbett and Nigel Rimes) rather than discuss aspects of a theme, deal with individual cases, and fascinating they are too. But however good the material is, the title UFO PERCIPIENTS is misleading, and I feel that had FSR gone deeper into this aspect of ufology, they could have brought out a much more far-reaching study of witnesses and the effects UFO and/or occupant sightings have on them.

But although UFO PERCIPIENTS seems to me to consist purely of overflow material from FSR, rather than being a special issue in the sense that THE HUMANOIDS was a special issue, it is still essential reading.

Janet Gregory

A REFERENCE BOOK OF UFO SOUNDS with 38 neatly duplicated quarto pages was compiled by Dan Butcher for the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena. It appears to have been carefully researched with sources clearly referenced and includes a wide range of UFO-associated sounds and voices. Price 3/-

## Book and Magazine NEWS

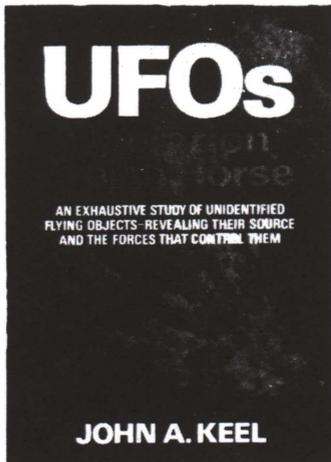
Sorry Rene, we were unable to review the PHENOMENES SPATIAUX supplement OBJETS VOLANTS NON IDENTIFIES by James McDonald of Arizona University (Published by GEPA, 69 rue de la Tombe-Issoire, Paris 14e.) as our reviewer, Lt. Col. Rogerson of Guernsey, passed away before completing the job. (Price 7.50 Francs)

UFOIC's AUSTRALIAN F.S.R. No.10 has eventually appeared 3 years after the last issue. Part of the delay was due to Dr.Lindtner's death last year. It has been renamed AUSTRALIAN UFO REVIEW in order to avoid confusion with the Victoria UFO Research Society's AUSTRALIAN F.S.R. The identical names have long been a contentious issue between the societies. The REVIEW has 58 illustrated lithoed pages; copies will be available in the U.K. at about 10/0d each.

Readers seeking a break from flying saucers will find stimulating relief in N.E.L.'s VISION OF TOMORROW. This worthwhile sci-fi magazine (see cover) has 64 pages of lively stories and illustrations.

OUTERMOST is a special edition of Gene Duplantier's Canadian SAUCERS, SPACE AND SCIENCE produced this Spring, price \$1.00. We await our review copy but have heard favourable comments from our USA friends.

Readers who treat the book list as essential reading (no kidding) will note that several titles are available in both casebound and paperback. The most notable is the Condon Report—compare 84/- with 12/6. Chapman's UFOs is also in paperback, minus photos.



John Keel's UFOS, OPERATION TROJAN HORSE, \$6.95, (G.P.Putnam's Sons, N.Y.) will have a cheaper U.K. edition next year. From Neville Spearman Ltd will come a U.K. edition of J. Vallee's PASSPORT TO MAGONIA at 35/0d. In July look out for Peter Kilosimo's NOT OF THIS WORLD, which is an illustrated 300 page treatise on UFOS cum ancient civilisation. In October Souvenir Press will publish Erich von Daniken's follow-up to CHARIOTS OF THE GODS, which is RETURN TO THE

STARS and has been translated from the German, ZUR-UCK ZU DEN STERNEN. Arthur Shuttlewood announces that his "third and final book" CHARIOTS OF DESTINY will be published in early 1971.

Ley track researchers will be interested to hear THE OLD STRAIGHT TRACK by Alfred Watkins, with 40 illustrations, first published in 1925, will appear again this June with a forward by John Michell, 45/- . A similar work scheduled for the Autumn is PATTERN OF THE PAST by Guy Underwood.

Another book from that prolific writer John Keel is STRANGE CREATURES FROM TIME AND SPACE (Fawcett 75p) which discusses UFO occupants, MIB, Vampires, Snowmen and enigmatic phantom killers. ( You pays your money and takes your choice!) L.B.

## 1969 PUBLICATIONS CARRYING ARTICLES OF NOTE

BULLETIN OF THE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS (Chicago) April Vol.25 No.4. "The Condon Report and UFOs", 4-page review of the SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF UFOs by Dr.Allen Hynek, who was surprised that the National Academy of Sciences in the U.S.A. endorsed Condon's opinion that no further work on the UFO phenomenon should be done.

L'EUROPEO (Milan, Italy) 18 December No.1257. "Resteranno un Mistero", 3 pages and photo, by Roberto Pinotti, director of Centro Unico Nazionale. European cases-1952, 54 and 66; familiar criticisms of "Condon Report".

THE JOURNAL of the Medical Society of N.Jersey (USA) August Vol.66 No.8. "UFOs in New Jersey" 4 pages by Berthold E.Schwarz M.D. 5 cases used to show that "in thousands of hours of psychotherapy, I have never noted symptoms related to UFOs."

SAGA (USA) November. "Underground Network of Saucer Bases?" by Otto Binder and Joan Whritenour; speculation on activity in mountainous and cave ridden areas, and possibility of UFO bases in the caves.

## 1970 MAGAZINES CARRYING ARTICLES OF INTEREST

ARGOSY (USA) March "UFOs Under Sea?" report by Ivan T. Sanderson, 5 pages on strange constructions on the ocean bed, mysterious radio signals and weird lights are being consistently reported from the depths.

FATE (UK) February No.184. Four page article by Cynthia Hind about Elizabeth (Klarer) Fielding's "encounter" in 1917, 1937, and later with UFOs in South Africa and her claim to have flown in one. Short UFO items in Curtis Fuller's editorial.

FATE (USA) April Vol.23 No.4. "Scientists Urge New UFO Studies" by George W.Early. Account of UFO symposium held by National Amateur Astronomers Inc, at Denver, Colorado, in August 1969.

FATE (USA) June Vol.23 No.6. "Science Advances on UFOs", 8 page article by Walter McGraw. Very readable summary of the proceedings of the AAAS symposium. (See SK page 8.)

SAGA (USA) January. "Liquidation of the UFO Investigators" by Otto Binder. Have certain investigators been killed because they got too close to the truth?

SAGA (USA) March. "Devil's Sea - Flying Saucer Trap" by Otto Binder. UFO activity in mid-Pacific similar to Bermuda triangle.

SAGA (USA) April. "World's Most Incredible UFO Contact Case" by Roy Norton. 6 pages, alleged contact of Nebraska policeman, Herbert Schirmer with UFO occupants.

SAGA (USA) May. 7-page article "Apollo 12's mysterious Encounter With Flying Saucers" by Timothy Green Beckley and Harold Silkin. Item on Jonathan Swift's description of the Martian satellites in GULLIVER'S TRAVELS - see "Inside Astrology"

## Reference Section

## 1970 CALENDAR

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## LECTURES

THIS GUIDE TO MEETINGS IS PUBLISHED AS A READER SERVICE.

Meeting organisers are invited to submit details of firm dates for inclusion in SPACELINK. SK would particularly like to have details of major conferences or conventions in any country, and especially Australia, Europe and the North-American Continent, where circulation is strong.

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| MANCHESTER  | Friday   | 10 July      | 7.30    | DIGAP     | S.American Civilisations—Mrs.Prudence Turner, Friends M.Ho.                                                               |
| MANCHESTER  | Saturday | 11 July      | 2 pm.   | MUFORA    | Meeting. Canteen, 8th Floor, St. James's House, John Dalton Street (see caretaker) Meetings held every other Saturday.    |
| WATFORD     | Tuesday  | 14 July      | 8 pm.   | SHUFOIG   | Meeting. British Rail Staff Assoc'n. Hall, St.Albans Road.                                                                |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 18 July      | 2-6 pm. | SPACELINK | RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM. Kensington Central Library, (see p.17)<br>Tickets: 8/0d from: Miss C.Henning, 99 Mayday Gardens, SE3. |
| GUILDFORD   | Tuesday  | 21 July      | 8 pm.   | SIGAP     | Unsolved World Mysteries—Rev.Bellerby MA. Plastic Coatings.                                                               |
| MANCHESTER  | Saturday | 25 July      | 2 pm.   | MUFORA    | Meeting. 8th Floor, St.James's House, John Dalton Street                                                                  |
| ANDOVER     | Thursday | 30 July      | 7.30    | ANDOVER   | UFLOGISTS Meeting. Children's Room, Andover Public Library.                                                               |
| WATFORD     | Tuesday  | 11 August    | 8 pm.   | SHUFOIG   | Meeting. British Rail Staff Assoc'n. Hall, St.Albans Road.                                                                |
| ANDOVER     | Thursday | 27 August    | 7.30    | ANDOVER   | UFLOGISTS Meeting. Children's Room, Andover Public Library.                                                               |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 5 September  | 7 pm.   | BUFORA    | Lecture—Gordon Creighton. Kensington Central Library, W.8.                                                                |
| WATFORD     | Tuesday  | 8 September  | 8 pm.   | SHUFOIG   | Meeting. British Rail Staff Assoc'n. Hall, St.Albans Road.                                                                |
| MANCHESTER  | Friday   | 11 September | 7.30    | DIGAP     | Astronomical Facts and UFO Theory. Friends Meeting House.                                                                 |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 12 September | 7 pm.   | CONTACT   | Brains Trust. Alliance Hall, Caxton Street, Westminster.                                                                  |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 19 September | 7 pm.   | COS-MOS   | A.G.M. Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road, W.8.                                                                |
| GUILDFORD   | Tuesday  | 22 September | 8 pm.   | SIGAP     | Meeting. Canteen, Plastic Coatings Ltd, Guildford By—Pass.                                                                |
| ANDOVER     | Thursday | 24 September | 7.30    | ANDOVER   | UFLOGISTS Meeting. Children's Room, Andover Public Library.                                                               |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 3 October    | 7 pm.   | BUFORA    | A.G.M. Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road, W.8.                                                                |
| MANCHESTER  | Friday   | 9 October    | 7.30    | DIGAP     | Experiments with ESP. Friends Meeting House, Mount Street.                                                                |
| WATFORD     | Tuesday  | 13 October   | 8 pm.   | SHUFOIG   | Meeting. British Rail Staff Assoc'n. Hall, St.Albans Road.                                                                |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 24 October   | 7 pm.   | COS-MOS   | Meeting. Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road, W.8.                                                              |
| GUILDFORD   | Tuesday  | 27 October   | 8 pm.   | SIGAP     | Meeting. Canteen, Plastic Coatings Ltd, Guildford By—Pass.                                                                |
| ANDOVER     | Thursday | 29 October   | 7.30    | ANDOVER   | UFLOGISTS Meeting. Children's Room, Andover Public Library.                                                               |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 31 October   | 7 pm.   | CONTACT   | Somerset Zodiac—Mrs.Mary Caine. Caxton Hall, Caxton Street.                                                               |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 7 November   | 7 pm.   | BUFORA    | Leys, Orthoteny and UFOs—Panel. Kensington Central Library.                                                               |
| WATFORD     | Tuesday  | 10 November  | 8 pm.   | SHUFOIG   | Meeting. British Rail Staff Assoc'n. Hall, St.Albans Road.                                                                |
| MANCHESTER  | Friday   | 13 November  | 7.30    | DIGAP     | Meeting. Room B, Friends Meeting House, Mount Street.                                                                     |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 21 November  | 7 pm.   | COS-MOS   | Meeting. Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road, W.8.                                                              |
| GUILDFORD   | Tuesday  | 24 November  | 8 pm.   | SIGAP     | Meeting. Canteen, Plastic Coatings Ltd, Guildford By—Pass.                                                                |
| ANDOVER     | Thursday | 26 November  | 7.30    | ANDOVER   | UFLOGISTS Meeting. Children's Room, Andover Public Library.                                                               |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 28 November  | 7 pm.   | CONTACT   | Meeting. Caxton Hall, Caxton Street, Westminster, S.W.1.                                                                  |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 5 December   | 7 pm.   | BUFORA    | Aliens—Anthony Durham. Kensington Central Library, W.8.                                                                   |
| WATFORD     | Tuesday  | 8 December   | 8 pm.   | SHUFOIG   | Meeting. British Rail Staff Assoc'n. Hall, St.Albans Road.                                                                |
| MANCHESTER  | Friday   | 11 December  | 7.30    | DIGAP     | A.G.M. Room B, Friends Meeting House, Mount Street.                                                                       |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 12 December  | 7 pm.   | CONTACT   | UFOs Chronicled—Lionel Beer. Caxton Hall, Caxton Street.                                                                  |
| ANDOVER     | Thursday | 17 December  | 7.30    | ANDOVER   | UFLOGISTS Meeting. Children's Room, Andover Public Library.                                                               |
| LONDON      | Friday   | 25 December  | -       | SPACELINK | wishes its readers a Happy Christmas away from those UFOs.                                                                |
| <b>1971</b> |          |              |         |           |                                                                                                                           |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 2 January    | 7 pm.   | BUFORA    | Lecture—Alan Watts FRMetS. Kensington Central Library, W.8.                                                               |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 9 January    | 7 pm.   | COS-MOS   | Meeting. Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road, W.8.                                                              |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 30 January   | 7 pm.   | COS-MOS   | Meeting. Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road, W.8.                                                              |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 6 February   | 7 pm.   | BUFORA    | UFOs and The Bible—Rev.Norman Cockburn PhD. Kensington Lib.                                                               |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 27 February  | 7 pm.   | COS-MOS   | Meeting. Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road, W.8.                                                              |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 6 March      | 7 pm.   | BUFORA    | Lecture—Charles Bowen (editor FSR). Kensington Central Lib.                                                               |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 27 March     | 7 pm.   | COS-MOS   | Meeting. Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road, W.8.                                                              |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 3 April      | 7 pm.   | BUFORA    | Meeting. Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road, W.8.                                                              |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 24 April     | 7 pm.   | COS-MOS   | Meeting. Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road, W.8.                                                              |
| LONDON      | Saturday | 1 May and    | 5 June  | 7 pm.     | BUFORA Meetings. Kensington Central Library, W.8.                                                                         |

SCOTLAND For meeting details write to: Miss Sheila Walker (SUFORS), 69 Northumberland Street, Edinburgh 3

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# Lionel's Litter

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**BALL LIGHTING** Soviet physicists Leon Biberman and Dr. Henri Norman have theorised that the temperature of ball lightning is no more than room heat, as against the traditional theory which put it at about 10,000°C. They put forward their ideas on cold lightning while considering some corollaries of the dense plasma theory suggested by Dr. Norman and physicist Andrei Starostin. They established that dense plasma, like liquid helium, is governed mainly by the laws of quantum physics and not those of classical physics.

They suggest that ball lightning is a sharply cooled plasma which has not become a gas and which resembles a liquid. (Credit: Novosti Press) Students of this phenomena are recommended to read **TAMING OF THE THUNDERBOLTS** by Delphine and Maxwell Cade.

**FLOATING ISLAND** The Boston **SUNDAY GLOBE**, 11 January 1970, reporting on the activities of the Center for Short-Lived Phenomena had a sad item. "The floating island in the Caribbean was reported last July to be heading towards Jamaica at two knots. The Center was notified and scientists were alerted by urgent despatches. The U.S. Navy, which with other government agencies, often assists scientific ventures in which the Smithsonian Institute is involved, offered the use of helicopters. Unfortunately before scientists could reach the scene the island sank."

**FORTEAN PHENOMENON?** When Stephen Davenport opened a tin of best peaches on March 30th, out popped a **PINK LOCUST**. His wife and two children sat aghast as the two inch long locust jumped along the table at their home in Green Lane, Clifton, Nottingham. Mr. Davenport, 29, said, "It spoilt our meal. The locust was a horrible pink colour - presumably due to being canned in the peach syrup." (Credit: **DAILY SKETCH**, 31 March 1970)

**LEANING TOWER OF BIG BEN** When I used to drive through Westminster past Big Ben on the way to work in the morning I decided that I probably wasn't focussing too well and I would be all right after coffee came round. However it has now been confirmed by the Ministry of Public Building and Works that the 316 foot tower is nearly 10 inches out of the perpendicular. But not to worry as after 8 years of observation "the tower's almost immovable solidarity rests assured."

**LIFE WITH THE LIONS** On 6th March this year Arthur Shuttlewood wrote me a curious letter. It ended with an invitation to visit Warminster this June, being signed, "Very best wishes, Fraternally, Arthur." However the letter had a strange PS. It read: "I'll keep Bob Strong off the hill while you're here - or he might thump you! He came close to it, last time you came, several years ago now... And he, as a rule, is placid." In his book, **WARNINGS FROM FLYING FRIENDS**, Arthur describes Bob Strong and Sybil Champion as "my skywatching team-mates." I had half forgotten about Arthur's letter when I heard that Bob Strong had been mauled by a lion while apparently employed at the Marquess of Bath's Long-leat Lion Reserve. Arthur says that Bob had to have between 12 and 18 stitches in his hand and wrist. Although I don't know Bob Strong personally, I none-the-less hope that he recovers from his injuries and retains the use of his hand.

**MICROSCOPIC UFOs** During the study of air pollution in 1968, two researchers using an electron microscope at the Harwell Atomic Energy Establishment found strange polyhedron-shaped particles, each only .00002 inches across in their samples. They spent about a year trying to identify the UFOs. Following publication of a paper in **NATURE** in November 1960, four different scientists came up with the answer. They said that "These structures are brochosomes, bizarre excretory products of the Malpighian tubules of leaf hoppers", or "insect droppings" to you.

**WHICH CAME FIRST?** the dinosaur or the egg? These pre-historic cannon-balls are thought to have been laid by dinosaurs about 100 million years ago. Several tons of eggs were found by a joint Soviet-Mongolian expedition this year in the Gobi desert. The photo shows the Soviet chief laboratory worker, Mr. N.F. Frolkin, classifying them, and 25 tons of samples were sent to the Moscow Paleontological Institute of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.





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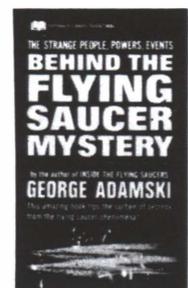
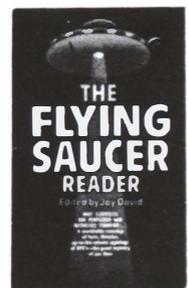
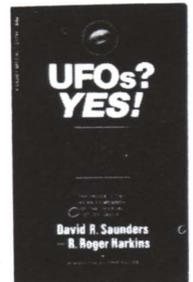
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On examining the results, they were convinced they had recorded an occurrence beyond explanation, and took steps to bring it to official attention, with the result that Voorsluys was interviewed three times by an official of the Defence Research Naval Laboratory in Victoria, and Neal was interviewed twice. Of Neal's photo, this official said it was 'the best UFO shot' they had ever seen, the plain implication here being that the witnesses' experience was by no means an isolated instance.

In filling out the Canadian Forces debriefing form, Neal said: "It certainly was not a heavenly body as it changed course, moved at various speeds, changed colour from a blue white to a deep orange and once turned deep red, and generally came to rest for periods of time from a few seconds to several minutes. The distance was too great to make an estimation of shape. Also it was generally too bright for such an estimation to be made."

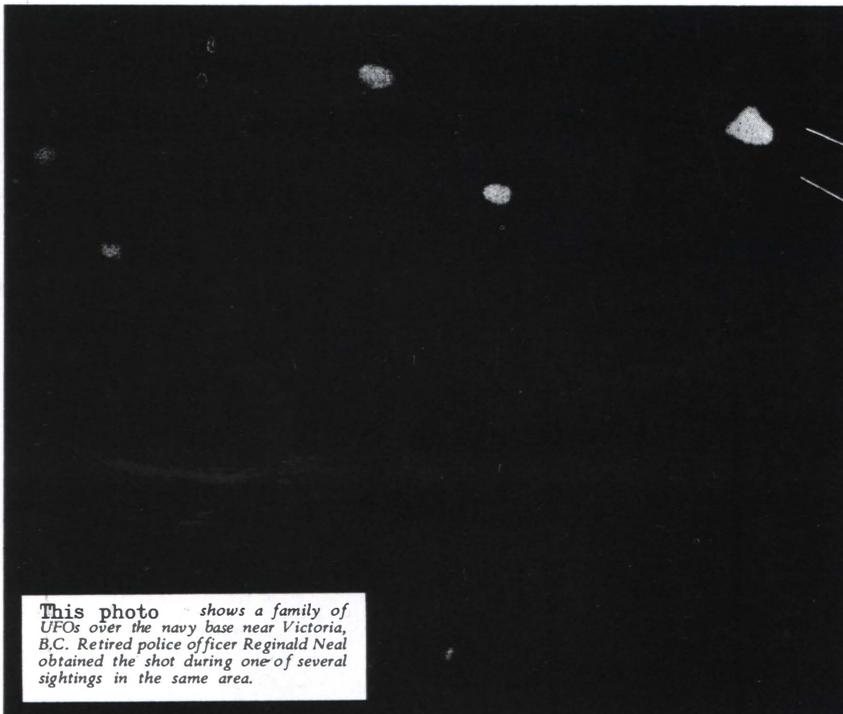
Despite the interviews in Victoria, the final analysis lay with the National Research Council in Ottawa, to which four photos of the object were sent. Eventually this reply came from an official there: 'Unfortunately I am unable to come to a definite conclusion on the basis of what evidence appears on your photos. One thing I am fairly certain of, however, the detail shown in the object observed is probably due to slight motion of the camera, and not to true detail in the object observed. The other images, which may be stars or lights on the horizon, show evidence of the same structure. I would think that what you photographed was a point source of light which confirms your visual observations. Its intensity relative to the stars would suggest that it was either a flare, an experimental balloon with a light or possibly an experimental aircraft.'

However, it was ascertained by the witnesses that there was no balloon or flare in the vicinity at the time. A lighted balloon was released that night by the Sydney (Victoria) weather office, but this was at least 45 minutes after the two men had made their sighting. Signal flares are released from time to time by the US Coast Guard at Port Angeles, Wash., over 30 miles to the south, but these reach a height of only a few hundred feet and are not visible beyond about 15 miles. A more likely possibility would have been one of the illumination flares also fired occasionally from Port Angeles. Dropped from aircraft about 3,000 feet up, these parachute-suspended flares are visible up to 50 miles away on a clear night, but their maximum duration is three minutes. The strange light seen by the two witnesses lasted at least 15 minutes. Moreover it did not appear to be dropping. It moved about and hovered. Since there was virtually no wind that night these would hardly be the antics expected of a parachute. As for an experimental aircraft, this would be unlikely to repeat almost identically the same performance on several different nights, as did the light seen.

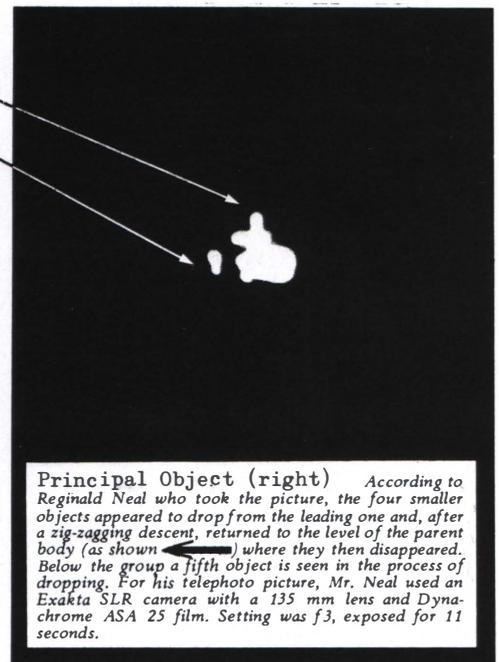
Corroboration of the sightings came from James R. McLean, a commercial aircraft pilot, who said that while flying over Victoria one night during the period in question, he saw a glowing object he could not explain. His description of it matched that of Voorsluys and Neal, though at the time they were strangers to him.

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## Odd Lights Over Naval Base



This photo shows a family of UFOs over the navy base near Victoria, B.C. Retired police officer Reginald Neal obtained the shot during one of several sightings in the same area.



Principal Object (right) According to Reginald Neal who took the picture, the four smaller objects appeared to drop from the leading one and, after a zig-zagging descent, returned to the level of the parent body (as shown ) where they then disappeared. Below the group a fifth object is seen in the process of dropping. For his telephoto picture, Mr. Neal used an Exakta SLR camera with a 135 mm lens and Dynachrome ASA 25 film. Setting was f3, exposed for 11 seconds.

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