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EDITORIAL There may be some who think that we already
COMMENTS have enough Flying Saucer periodicals in the
English language and that there is no point
in introducing yet another.

Superficially, there might seem to be something in this. Indeed, there would be IF they all had the same angle of approach to the subject. But they have not, for each deals with the problems involved in its own particular way. Nor are the magazines all that numerous. In England, the only other one is the "Flying Saucer News," edited by our good friend Richard Hughes and this is the organ of the Flying Saucer Club and restricted to members thereof. Furthermore, it is devoted largely to news of sightings, etc. and though this is certainly of the greatest value to students, the fact remains that it inevitably restricts the space in that journal available for articles dealing with what might be termed the academic or interpretative side of the question. In the U.S.A. there are several excellent reviews (for example, "Saucers," "The Saucerian," "Round Robin," etc.) but the fact nevertheless remains that quite a number of our American friends want us and our point of view, which sometimes differs from that of most of their countrymen.

We do not, therefore, regard ourselves as in any sense competitors to the journals concerned but rather as complementary to them. There is, beyond a doubt, room for all of us in the Saucer world.

A word or two regarding our policy will not be out of place. First and foremost, our object is to publish articles (often by well-known British, American and French "Saucerers") dealing with any angle of the problem - nature, origin, purpose, history, etc. of the Saucers, provided that the writers deal with the matter seriously. Subject to this proviso, the most diverse views are welcomed for publication and free and courteous discussion.

News we shall touch upon only if it is (1) of outstanding importance, (2) of special interest as having some new or unusual feature or (3) useful to illustrate some point in an article.

Circumstances over the past two years have brought Mr. Biddle into contact, and often very friendly

collaboration, with many of the leading "Saurcerers" not only here in England but also in the U.S.A. and France. These contacts will, we hope, help considerably in our effort to make "Uranus" of some real use to the serious student, as well as balanced and interesting to those who do not wish to delve so deeply into the matter.

It will be clear from the foregoing that responsibility for opinions expressed in signed articles rests with the authors thereof.

Any letters to the Editor should be addressed to E. Biddle, 1513, High Road, London, N.20, England. They will be welcome but we must point out that the Editor is working in spare time only and is therefore unable, to his regret, to indulge in the pleasure of lengthy individual correspondence.

French readers may, if they prefer it, conduct correspondence with Markham House Press or the Editor in French.

EGERTON SYKES
ERIC BIDDLE

STRANGE INTERLUDE

by H.S.W. CHIBBETT

Those of you who have read Desmond Leslie's "FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED" will have perused it with mixed feelings. Not only have you been asked to believe that one of the almost mythical SAUCERS has actually landed on this planet, but that the communication alleged to have taken place between George Adamski and the long-haired Venusian was mainly of a telepathic nature - the contact of mind with mind without the need for words.

What an extraordinary coincidence it must have been that George Adamski happened to be an exponent of the telepathic art, and that therefore he was able to transmit thought pictures to the mysterious visitor, and receive them in return. Of course, if we happen to be sufficiently credulous, we can explain this 'coincidence' by saying that the whole encounter was prearranged by the occupant of the Flying Saucer, and that Adamski had

been under his mental direction right up to their actual meeting.

All this, I say, calls for credulity of an almost heroic quality; and if you have it, allow me to congratulate you. For then it is possible that you may be able to accept as factual the following account of an alleged encounter with 'saucer people' by even odder means. If the contact did indeed take place, then it was with entities of a differing type from those Adamski met.

As far back as 1948 I was conducting a series of hypnotic experiments in collaboration with a Californian group which has since become known as Borderland Sciences Research Associates. The object of these tests was to discover whether it was possible to 'send' the mind of a hypnotised subject to a seance room in San Diego, there to occupy for a space the body of an entranced medium. What we are concerned with now, however, is not the result of those particular tests, interesting though they were; but what happened, quite unforeseeably, on one of the occasions when an attempt was being made. In order to give you a factual picture of what transpired, I will quote verbatim notes taken from my Case Book.

On Thursday, 5th February, 1948, then, an experiment was in progress. The subject - we will call her Mrs. X - was in a deep hypnotic sleep, and had already been instructed to go to San Diego and carry out certain actions. Everything was proceeding smoothly, when:

8.00 p.m. Mrs. X (whispering): "Operator control...

Operator 236..." Her breathing is heavy, stertorous.

8.01 p.m. Mrs. X (as though relaying a message): "Air pressure below standard..." She pauses, then asks for "Oxygen." Then:

8.02 p.m. "Return to base ... a psychic matter now!

Keep in touch ... still in touch ... Operator 50."

8.03 p.m. Mrs. X speaks, incoherently, then says:

"Listen...come nearer...pressure greater...contact 356..."

8.05 p.m. Mrs. X (still speaking): "Returning to base..."

Myself to Mrs. X: "Where is this base?"

Mrs. X: "Stratosphere...it chokes..."

8.06 p.m. Myself (not liking the sound of all this) to

Mrs. X: "Listen! I am going to bring you back." Mrs. X to myself: "Not yet!" (pause) "It makes my hands cold."

8.07 p.m. (myself to note-taker): "Her hands are very cold." Mrs. X to myself: "It's like acid!"

8.08 p.m. Myself to Mrs. X: "Where are you?" Mrs. X: "In a Flying Saucer." Myself: "Do they know you are there?" Mrs. X: "No." Myself: "If you want to be brought back, squeeze my hand." Mrs. X: "It's getting colder..." Myself: "Can you describe the Saucer?"

8.11 p.m. Mrs. X: "I am inside...it is like a big round room...a creature like I saw before...others like an egg shape...flabby-looking creatures...big eyes, with webbed hands..." Myself: "Did you contact the Saucer on the way to San Diego?" Mrs. X: "It is just outside the Earth's atmosphere...I tried to avoid it but there was a suction."

At this point I thought it advisable to awaken Mrs. X, after instructing her to bring back a full memory of what had occurred, which normally would not happen. By hypnotic suggestion Mrs. X was relieved of the control of her body but instead of her mind remaining dormant, it was enabled to venture forth and give vivid impressions of what it encountered. It is doubtful, however, whether there is any actual 'travelling in space.' I am inclined to think rather that it is a matter of 'tuning in to an appropriate wavelength.'

However all that may be, when Mrs. X recovered, she gave her own remembered account of what had transpired and here it is:

"I seemed to be going higher than last time. I felt myself in a whirlwind. I seemed to be swimming in water, but there was no water. I tried to swim out of it, but I was sucked higher and higher. I appeared to see something (or be) in a cone (sic).. a huge round thing with a man at the controls; he was the same kind of man as before.. (this refers to an earlier experiment in 1947) but with a helmet. All round the sides of the cone (sic) were holes. The egg-shaped creatures were putting something into these holes.

"My hands were stone cold. A retort (sic) was heard or felt...there was something about returning to base,

and something about operator 50. Something also about pressure 0; something about bringing back a sample.

(The note-taker gathered that the foregoing were impressions or thoughts picked up by Mrs. X from those inside the Flying Saucer)...The word 'contact' - someone calling operator 50 to 356....

"There was one man in the saucer. The other creatures were egglike, with two legs. They appeared to be smaller than the man. They were filling the holes... at the side of the Saucer -- seemed to make it go faster. I had no impression of movement at first, then realised the impression was of movement so fast that it could not be conceived. They were talking about the base of the stratosphere."

Myself to Mrs. X: "Did you see any other Saucers?"

Mrs. X: "No...I was choking all the time."

Myself: "Can you give us any idea as to the size of the man?"

Mrs. X: "Yes. About twice the size of Mr. F.M. (F.M. is broad, thickset, and about 5'8" in height). The egg-shaped creatures were smaller than D.M. (who is of slighter build than F.M. but about the same height). These creatures have a face but no neck -- they gave me the impression of Humpty Dumpty. They had big eyes. They wore no clothes but were greyish in colour. Their feet were webbed."

Myself: "Was the floor flat?"

Mrs. X: "It looked round (curved?) but wasn't, as I stood easily upon it. I observed from a platform higher than the others -- a gallery. I held on to a bar. There were no windows, only these holes in the side."

Myself: "Did you sense whether they were friendly or otherwise?"

Mrs. X: "No. I got no impression either way."

Myself: "Would they have caught you if your presence had been known?"

Mrs. X: "I think so. The man looked the same as the others I saw last time, but with a helmet."

Myself: "Can you tell us about the interior of the Saucer?"

Mrs. X: "There were instruments all round the walls --

dials, clock-faces..."

Myself: "How were you able to understand their language?"

Mrs. X: "I don't know."

Well...there you have a verbatim account of an interlude in an hypnotic experiment designed for other purposes. At first sight it reads like one of the more fantastic efforts of a science-fiction author. Was it factual, or was it a dream-creation of Mrs. X's mind? Either way, the problems presented are very intriguing. Mrs. X reads very little, anyway, and her preference would not lean towards science-fiction.

Can we accept that in some way her mind 'tuned in' to an actual Flying Saucer, and that she merely described scenes really witnessed by her?

That is for you to judge. But it seems to me that if her account was based on fact, then in hypnosis we have a tool of research which should not be ignored in relation to the investigation of Flying Saucers -- especially if some of them prove to be hostile.

My own experiments along these lines have now ceased, owing to circumstances beyond my control, and to lack of volunteers. But I think you will agree, having read the foregoing, that this is an avenue of research which should not be overlooked.

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The Editor,
URANUS.

On p. 94 of his "Flying Saucers on the Moon," H.T. Wilkins says: "...and so releasing lethal and tremendous radioactivites of the type that, as I myself saw in Scotland in June 1953, brought a typhoon wind of 120 miles an hour that from the region of John of Groats down to Braemar and Balmoral, quite 130 miles as the crow flies and from 80 to 100 miles wide, devastated forests and farms, mile on mile. One might have supposed that every mile of the long track a vast fleet of bombers had dropped millions of high-explosive bombs."

The present writer toured Scotland, with his wife and daughter, in August 1953 and covered some 100 miles

of Mr. Wilkins' 130, i.e. the stretch from Inverness to John o'Groats. We followed a route round the Moray Firth, Cromarty Firth and Dornoch Firth, and thence by the main coast road.

I say quite simply that we saw no sign whatever of the devastation mentioned and am forced to the conclusion that either (1) the typhoon managed to avoid the coastal road and the towns and villages thereon, and also the whole area visible from that road (this area, consisting largely of open moorland, is in places quite extensive) or (2) that somebody had done some incredibly efficient clearing-up, having in mind that our visit was within eight weeks of Mr. Wilkins.' Further, of all the people with whom we had contact from Inverness upwards, i.e. innkeepers, shopkeepers, garage people, etc., not one soul breathed a single word about this typhoon.

I must qualify to this extent. Later on, in the same tour, when we were at Fort William, we were told of an "exceedingly violent storm" which had occurred "shortly before" in the Western Highlands, and we certainly met with abundant evidence thereof when traveling from Fort William through Ballachulish and Connel Ferry to Oban, especially around the side of Loch Creban. If that was Mr. Wilkins' typhoon I will withdraw, but it hardly ties up with the area from John o'Groats down to Balmoral and Braemar.

- W.A. Elvidge (London)

FRIENDS, FOES - or SPECIMEN HUNTERS?

by E. Biddle

In the early days of interest in Flying Saucers we were most of us inclined to the view that the mysterious visitants who haunted our skies were benevolently disposed towards us. Had not Gerald Heard, in his "Riddle of the Flying Saucers," said of the Saucer crews: "These searchers and explorers from the sky are considerate - indeed, there is every reason to suppose that they are as wise as they are clever, as gentle as they are ingenious" (p.35)? The tragic case of Capt. Mantell (the

real truth about which will probably never be known) was attributed - not unreasonably, perhaps - to an unfortunate accident and not to any deliberate act on the part of the strangers.

We must remember, too, that in those days it was generally thought that the Saucers had begun to appear only round about 1945. True, there were a few cases of observations here and there dating back to about the middle of the 19th century, but that seemed to be all. Few of us had any suspicion that in reality such things had been seen far earlier.

I think we took it for granted that all the different types of Saucers - discs large and small, cigar-shaped craft which seemed to resemble rockets, the "thinking lights" - had the same origin. Mars was the general favourite, though other possibilities were considered, such as some of the nearer stars.

We more or less took it for granted that whatever beings were inside the Saucers must differ widely - perhaps fundamentally - from us in structure and appearance. Heard suggested bee-like creatures, since only something on the lines of insects could possibly withstand the acceleration and abrupt changes of direction that had been observed. Others suggested a totally alien form of life based not on carbon but on silicon (a possibility suggested, though not in connection with Flying Saucers, by Sir Harold Spencer Jones, the Astronomer Royal).

The question was raised as to why the Saucers should choose this particular time to show a sudden and intense interest in us. The answer given was almost certainly fundamentally correct: the atomic explosions had aroused the interest and possibly alarm of the space visitors.

It is safe to say that at any rate the vast majority of the early Saucer enthusiasts were convinced of the pacific and perhaps helpful attitude of the Saucer beings.

There were rumours of "little men" having been found dead in crashed Saucers but they were generally discredited and few Saucerers could see much hope of establishing contact with the strangers.

Since those early days there have been some significant developments and we are perhaps a little better qualified to judge the possible motive of the Saucerians. I say "little" advisedly, because we are still largely groping in the dark and may well make serious mistakes.

Firstly, we know - largely thanks to the research of Desmond Leslie - that Saucer sightings go back not a century only, but many hundreds or even thousands of years. Supposing, then, that it has been the same race of space beings who have been visiting us throughout, does it not seem clear that if they had had any idea of subjugating the Earth and occupying it they could have done so long ago at a time when Man would have had no means of effecting defence whatever? Had there been nothing on record until 10 years or so ago, it might well have seemed that a deadly threat was hanging over our heads. The surprising similarity between old reports and what is seen today seems to indicate beyond reasonable doubt that whatever is visiting us today has been doing so for a very long time without doing us any harm (as far as we know) and in this fact perhaps lies the best antidote to panic.

Secondly, we are by no means so certain that all the sky objects have the same origin. Leaving out the objects which are probably teleguided (green fireballs, red spray, lights, small discs 8' to 2" in diameter, etc.) we seem to have two fundamentally different types of spacecraft. On the one hand, the Discs, which show terrific speed, acceleration and manoeuvrability, coupled with a driving force unknown to us and on the other the "Cigars", which are about 200 feet long, cigar-shaped, lit up inside with intense brilliance resembling magnesium flares (Chiles and Whitted) and with a flaming exhaust at the rear indicating some form of reaction drive. Their speed is much less than that of the Discs and they do not indulge in the same abrupt changes of direction. These differences - which seem to be fundamental - strongly suggest that the two types are manned by different beings coming from different worlds, no doubt.

Thirdly, during the past few years there have been several accounts of actual contact with Saucer-folk -

accounts which in the main have a far more genuine ring than those of the "little men" referred to above. Without any derogatory implications towards others, I think we might take George Adamski's account of his meeting with "Venusians" as the ideal example. I personally believe that not only he, but the others too, encountered space beings who in appearance were almost, if not quite, identical with humans. And they all seem to have come from the Discs. Adamski's Venusians displayed a definitely friendly attitude and in none of the other cases does there seem to have been anything to indicate hostile sentiments.

Can we then conclude that there is no cause for concern and that all the visitors are friendly and anxious to avoid doing us any harm? Unfortunately, there seem to be certain disturbing possibilities which preclude too easy an optimism.

We have already said that any contacts have been with the Discs. So far as is known to me, there has been no recorded case of contact with a "Cigar." We have seen it is reasonable to think that the "Cigars" have a different origin and we have not the faintest idea of the nature of the beings inside them. Certain of these craft seem to have a ring round them, reminiscent of Saturn and its rings.

The evidence for hostility on the part of these craft is summed up best by Mr. Wilkins in his "F.S. on the Moon." He links up with them (inter alia), (a) certain mysterious fires in various countries, (b) certain unexplained air accidents, where air liners or planes have apparently collided with or been struck by unknown objects, (c) probably Capt. Mantell's tragic death, (d) the complete disappearance of an American experimental rocket which had reached a very high altitude. May be, things Mr. Wilkins, there will be real fun and games if we reach the stage of getting actually into Space. The matter is definitely something which cannot be brushed lightly aside. It is true that much of the evidence is circumstantial only and it is precisely because of this that it seems essential that it should receive careful study. It is quite likely it

is already doing so, but in circles who will not make their results public.

It is not without interest to note that the trance communications through the medium Mark Probert, which loom large in the literature of the Boarderland Sciences Research Associates, California, also speak of the "Cigar" spaceships as having a different origin from the Discs and as being hostile both to the Discs and to us.

There is another possibility about certain of the Saucers and it is not particularly encouraging. It has been developed by my friend Mr. H. Chibbett, particularly in an unpublished story of his entitled "Know your Enemy."

Those who are familiar with the writings of the late Charles Fort will know that the number of unexplained disappearances of people on this earth, is far greater than is generally realised. They will also know that how and again all sorts of strange things suddenly fall from the sky (or from somewhere), ranging from clods of grass or stones to showers of frogs, periwinkles and what not. It sounds ridiculous, of course, until you begin to look at the evidence. What it sounds like then depends upon whether you are prepared to admit that the universe is a great deal queerer than we imagine!

Suppose that some of these "Cigars" are manned by entities who are studying the Earth and its inhabitants much the same as we might study deep sea life. Suppose, as Charles Fort suggested, we are being "fished for" and caught up as specimens? The showers of objects might represent stuff jettisoned as of no further interest or use. Cases are recorded (see "Lo", by Chas. Fort) where human beings have appeared, no one knows whence, naked, wandering, suffering apparently from loss of memory, in one case at least speaking an entirely unknown language. Could they have been kidnapped human beings "returned" by the space folk for some reason? If there is anything in these ideas, one wonders what happens to the kidnapped human "specimens"

But of course we know all such ideas are absurd!

.....Or do we?

WHAT THE SAUCER WORLD IS SAYING

FLYING SAUCER NEWS (organ of the Flying Saucer Club, 42 Rothbury Road, Hove 3, Sussex, England). Spring 1954.

The star article in this issue is the full report on the Coniston Saucer, the work, I believe, of Desmond Leslie. It is an extraordinary story, which seems to have been fully vindicated and which goes a long way towards confirming Adamski's account. The full extent of this confirmation will be made clear in the forthcoming book by Mr. L.G. Cramp M.S.I.A. and it may come as a shock to some of the doubters.

OURANOS (27 Rue Etienne Dolet, Bondy. (Seine), France). No.7 Avril 1954.

This issue contains a very interesting article by Marc Thirouin on old observations, the most striking of which dates back to 1900 BC! and consists of extracts from the annals of the Pharaoh Tutmosis III. Another article deals with an interesting theory of Lieut. Plantier on the mode of propulsion of the Saucers "by a field of force utilising cosmic energy."

SAUCERIAN (Box 984, Clarksburg, West Va., U.S.A.)

The last issue received of this most interesting periodical contained a lengthy article by the editor (Gray Barker) on the strange affair of A.K. Bender and the closing down of the International Flying Saucer Bureau in very mysterious circumstances. So far as I know, no later information is available and it seems as though it will remain an unsolved mystery. Those familiar with the matter might be interested to know that when reading H.T. Wilkins' book "F.S. on the Moon," it occurred to me that there seemed to be a certain similarity between the mysterious individual referred to on page 59 (in connection with the Maury Island case) and the "three men in dark suits" who unceremoniously visited Bender.

SAUCERS (Flying Saucers International, P.O. Box 34. Preuss Station, Los Angles 35, California, U.S.A.)
June 1954.

This is so full of interest that it is difficult to pick out any one item. However, perhaps we might select an article by William B. Nash, pilot for one of America's leading air-liners, who saw 8 Saucers while flying an airliner. He writes of various glimpses alleged to have been caught of Saucer crews of apparently human appearance and compares one account with another, concluding that intelligent life on other worlds might develop in physical forms not too dissimilar to our own. He also suggests that the Saucerian race may have once lived on Earth and abandoned our planet at a time of some overwhelming physical change, leaving a few behind, of whom we are the descendants. Those who left are now coming back in the Saucers to see how matters are going on. Mr. Nash is not the only one to suggest happenings of this nature. It sounds fantastic, and yetchi lo sa.

ROUND ROBIN (Borderland Sciences Research Associates, 3524 Adams Avenue, San Diego 16, California, U.S.A.).
May-June 1954.

This particular issue of the BSRA journal contains less than usual about the Saucers. The distinctive characteristic of the BSRA theory of the Saucers is that they originate (most of them, at least) not on another planet but on another plane of existence with a different vibrational rate and therefore imperceptible to us, though occupying the same "space." This they call "Etheria" - not, however, to be confused with the etheric or astral planes of the theosophists or spiritualists. We are hoping to publish an article in our next issue dealing at some length with this idea and the somewhat similar theory held by a French friend, M. Andre Saux (editor of the "Journal Maritime," Marseille), who was inspired by one of Jimmy Guieu's stories - "La Dimension 'X'".

E.B.

BOOKS

FLYING SAUCERS ON THE MOON, By H.T. WILKINS, Peter Owen Ltd., London, 1954. Post free 16/9d. or \$2.60.

Written by H.T. Wilkins, this addition to the Flying Saucer literature should be read by all who are interested in the various problems raised by these phenomena.

Mr. Wilkins, who is well-known for his books on the lost civilization of South America, is said by his publishers to have spent nine years studying reports and checking on facts both ancient and modern in his effort to find material for this book. He has certainly been successful in his efforts, as he mentions several sightings which do not appear to have been previously published. He also gives extended accounts of several famous sightings, the most detailed of which is the Maury Island case, on which he gives much new and extremely interesting information.

Mr. Wilkins has several new theories, the most startling of which is that the cigar-shaped saucers are definitely hostile, having been responsible for several fires and other disasters, both here and in the U.S.

On the subject of whether F.S. have landed, Mr. Wilkins is, in general, in no hurry to commit himself, although one is left with the general impression that they probably have. Adamski's evidence is barely mentioned, leaving us thinking that "the less said, the better."

The title is drawn from a chapter in which a number of unusual phenomena on the Moon are discussed and the possibility of life on the nearer planets is surveyed in brief.

The book is concluded with a fairly extensive bibliography and an appendix containing a summary of events from February 1953 to January 1954.

There is much food for thought here, and, indeed, throughout the volume. It is difficult to do it justice in a review which obviously is limited in space. You are recommended to read it for yourselves, as one of the best and sanest books yet produced on the subject.

--- P.W.P.

SPACE, GRAVITY AND THE FLYING SAUCER By LEONARD G. CRAMP, M.S.I.A. with foreword by Desmond Leslie. To be published by T. Werner Laurie Ltd. in September or October. Post free 11/- or \$1.65.

Having seen Mr. Cramp, and having heard something

about this book at Desmond Leslie's meeting at Islington last March, I have no hesitation whatever in reproducing the "blurb" regarding the book which the publishers sent me. Here it is:

"When we published FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED by Desmond Leslie and George Adamski we realised we were making a violent assault upon the credulity of the public. Although the book aroused a worldwide controversy, well-authenticated sightings of objects exactly similar to those photographed by George Adamski appeared as vindication of the claims made in this sensational book.

Leonard G. Cramp, M.S.I.A., now produces a theory on the motive power of the flying saucers based on a thorough study of the subject extending over a large number of years. He claims that the reports of sightings from all over the world have assumed such a definite pattern that they contain a clue to the secret of their means of flight. Even if the reader does not accept the flying saucer as fact, he will find in this fascinating book a well thought out and original theory of space travel which, by comparison, makes our present day rocket appear as limited, clumsy and old-fashioned.

In conclusion, the author puts George Adamski's claim to have photographed a flying saucer under scientific examination and demonstrates why he believes his photographs to be authentic.

The book is illustrated with photographs and with numerous drawings by the author."

You are advised to watch out for this book. Taken in conjunction with the Leslie/Adamski book "Flying Saucers have landed" and the Coniston sighting, this book by Mr. Cramp will make Saucer history.

-- E.B.

FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE, by Donald E. Keyhoe (Major, U.S. Marine Corps, ret'd.) London. 1954. Post free 11/-.

Many of our readers will no doubt welcome the publication in this country of Major Keyhoe's second book, since the original American edition was not only difficult to obtain but prohibitive in price.

Several years ago, when there were only three

Saucer books available in this country (Heard's "Riddle of the Flying Saucers," Scully's "Behind the Flying Saucers" and Keyhoe's "The Flying Saucers are real"), Keyhoe's book was generally regarded as the best, and not without reason. "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" is equally interesting and its style makes for easy reading while at the same time giving quite a lot of both news and views. Presumably the considerable number of conversations are recorded from memory but no doubt they are substantially accurate.

A good deal of American Air Force material was made available to Keyhoe and we see something of what went on behind the scenes - interesting as throwing some light on the bewildering changes of front of the authorities, first admitting, then denying, then admitting, and so on more or less ad infinitum. We are left with the impression that the American authorities are in a cleft stick: on the one hand they would like to tell the public something at least of what they know but on the other hand they are nervous as to the possible or probable reaction if they came out straight with a statement that they believe the Saucers to be interplanetary. Desmond Leslie has remarked that he has found that the higher the rank of R.A.F. officers, the more seriously they take the Flying Saucers and it would seem to be the same in the States.

Keyhoe's account of the Utah film of Flying Saucers is very interesting indeed, since it showed a dozen or so Saucers executing such manoeuvres as to prove beyond any possible doubt that they were not meteors or balloons but could only be objects controlled by some form of intelligence.

Keyhoe's speculations as to the source and purpose of the Saucers are well worth careful reading. Why should they seem to be so interested in atomic bases, uranium deposits, air bases, etc. Could they be estimating our strength in preparation perhaps for "The Day"? Could they be representatives of a race belonging to a dying planet (Mars is Keyhoe's guess) seeking a possible new abode? Or may they be observing us to see whether we are civilized enough to be worth an effort to

establish contact?

Read the book. You will not regret it.

— E.B.

LES SOUCOUPES VOLANTES VIENNENT D'UN AUTRE MONDE par Jimmy Guieu. Editions 'Fleuve Noir', Paris. 1954. Price 18/- or \$2.85 post free. (Obtainable to order through Markham House Press, Ltd.)

My excellent friend Jimmy Guieu, author of the above is a leading light in French Saucerdom. Not only has he written this book, but he broadcasts regularly from Radio Monte-Carlo in a feature entitled "As-tu vu les Soucoupes?" In addition, he is the chief investigator of the 'Commission Internationale Ouranos' and as such has investigated hundreds of reports of sightings over France. Furthermore, M. Guieu has published 8 scientific romances which are noteworthy not only as interesting stories but because they contain ideas - some concerning the Saucers - which, while not always entirely new, are presented in an original and fascinating way, which starts one off on far-reaching trains of thought. So much for M. Guieu's qualifications. Now let us turn to his book.

The author has contrived to compress a great deal into his 250 pages. There is plenty of factual material - much of it new and relating to cases which M. Guieu has personally investigated. There is a hitherto unpublished account of a Saucer landing in July 1950 at the aerodrome at Guyancourt (20km from Paris) and a brief contact with the two occupants by a M. Claude Blondeau. There are some fascinating pages on the giant "meteor" (?) which crashed in Siberia in 1908 with world-wide effects. (Since M. Guieu has very kindly given me permission to quote from his book in "Uranus," this particular episode will be quoted at some length in our next issue). There are discussions and evaluations of some of the alleged meetings with Saucerians. There are considerations of the possible hostility of certain types of Saucers. Mention is made of ancient records of sightings and the possible part that Saucers have played in age-old myths. In this brief review I cannot even attempt to do justice to the parts of the book that

are "new." But that will follow.

The book has 20 excellent full-page illustrations. A few are photographs but the majority are an artist's interpretation of some of the outstanding episodes in Saucer history.

I have only one complaint. An Index would have added considerably to the convenience of the book; without one, it is not always easy to find what you want.

If you read French, this book is a "must" for you. If you wish, we can also give you full details of M. Guieu's other books and if required obtain them for you.

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