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THIS AND THAT .... by the Editor

The reception given to our first issue was encouraging but we are still insufficiently known. This is a state of affairs which will no doubt soon be remedied and we look forward to the future with confidence and interest.

It is not easy to edit a Flying Saucer journal. There are so many types among the "Saucerers" and it is very true here that one man's meat is another man's poison. We can only endeavour to balance one point of view with another and to give publicity to all, within reason. The wise student of these problems will avoid dogmatism and be ready to modify his views at any time should circumstances indicate the necessity of so doing.

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There is a great deal of wishful thinking among certain sections of Saucerdom and conclusions are drawn which are totally unwarranted by the known facts (and how few facts are 'known!'). It is not surprising, considering the times in which we live, that there should be tendency to look upon the Saucers as the saviours of mankind - or as the harbingers of doom, according to taste and inclination. Specious arguments, and "evidence" which on the most charitable view is distinctly shaky, are offered in support of these views, despite the deplorable disinclination of the Saucers to come up to scratch and do their part. I have an uncomfortable feeling that should any further trouble break out on this lunatic planet of ours, those who are relying on help from the Saucers are booked for a sad disillusionment!

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In this issue we are publishing an account of the Borderland Sciences Research Associates theory of the "etheric" origin of the Flying Discs. There is no doubt quite a lot to be said both for and against it and our article is offered purely for information. Unhappily, the theory loses by the unavoidable condensation in our

pages but anyone sufficiently interested to expend the equivalent of a couple of dollars can obtain, through Markham House, a BSRA booklet with a full account of the theory.

If possible, we shall in future issues present summaries of other theories for the information of our readers.

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One of our readers, Mr. B.G. Essenhig, Moat Cottage, Otford, Sevenoaks, Kent, England, is anxious to secure a copy of Scully's BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS. If you can help, please contact him direct, quoting price.

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The cancellation of George Adamski's proposed lecture at the Albert Hall in September came as a great disappointment to many Saucer enthusiasts ... and doubtless to many of his opponents, too! Adamski's story of his meeting with long-haired Venusians has certainly provoked plenty of controversy and it would have been very interesting to see and hear him. However, he may be here next year; the present cancellation, we understand, is due to severe chest trouble, which makes it impracticable for him to leave California for the present. Incidentally, I would like to modify what I said on the top part of p. 12 of our last issue. Since I wrote that, I have changed my views somewhat and instead of what was published I would now say that of the various alleged contacts, Adamski's account is perhaps slightly better attested than any of the others, while still open to serious doubt.

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Mr. H. Chibbett asks me to mention that he would be very pleased to hear from any reader (especially in the London area) who would be willing to work with him in experiments of the nature of those mentioned in "Strange Interlude" in our last issue. Write direct, please, to Mr. Chibbett at 4 Palace Road, Bowes Park, London, N.II.

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I heard recently from Jimmy Guieu that his Saucer

book (see "Uranus" No. I) is being translated into English and that he will probably be visiting London in this connection.

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The July 1954 issue of NEW WORLDS SCIENCE FICTION contains five pages of reviews of Saucer books, written by Leslie Flood. Well worth reading and, on the whole, surprisingly favourable considering the general tendency of Science Fiction enthusiasts to ridicule Flying Saucer matters. (Can it be that many of these people read Science Fiction as a form of escapism and become seriously perturbed at the possibility that interplanetary visitants might really appear on the scene?)

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I am sorry that two items which I hoped to publish in this issue have had to be postponed - the extract from Jimmy Guieu's book concerning the Siberian "meteor" and an article on plotting the courses of spaceships by a Rumanian airman in London. I trust, however, that they will both appear in No. 3.

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There are some very strange stories reaching us from California regarding contacts with Saucers and alleged sensational developments but I do not think the time is ripe to say much about them. Perhaps we shall know more later on; meanwhile the greatest caution seems advisable.

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On the last page of No. 1 there was an announcement about a London group for the study of Flying Saucers. Unfortunately, Miss Terry, who temporarily acted as Secretary, is no longer able to continue and it was decided at our last gathering that her place should be taken by Mrs. Judith L. Gee, of 27a, Goldhurst Terrace, Hampstead, London, N.W.6, who will be pleased to hear from anyone interested. These gatherings, by the way, are entirely informal and the two we have had so far, thanks to the kindly hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Gee, have been very enjoyable.

FROM "WINDSCREEN DISEASE" TO ... FLYING SAUCERS  
by JIMMY GUIEU

(The following is a slightly condensed translation of an article published in the Provencal newspaper "Le Meridional" and is published here by kind permission of M. Guieu.)

In spite of tens of thousands of cases in the world, of photos of shattered windscreens, of samples sent to various laboratories, the scientific world persists in denying the evidence: "windscreen disease does not exist! "Cancer of Glass" is only a more or less collective psychosis. Affected screens have simply been broken or cracked by a pebble, by engine vibration, by ultra sounds, by a slight distortion of the bodywork, etc. etc.

And yet, in a single day, at Everett (near Seattle, U.S.A.) 900 cars had their windscreens crack, break into pieces or become covered with tiny holes or splits. At Bellingham (NNW of the State of Washington) 1500 cases were recorded in a week and 4294 cases at Seattle in the same period. Can one explain by any of the above theories? This is utterly impossible, for preliminary analysis has brought to light the presence, in the minute interstices and holes in the glass, of certain granules of a magnetic nature, that is to say, attracted or repulsed by a magnet. Since when has grit from city streets, or even in the country, been of a "magnetic nature"? Since when have vibration, ultra sounds, generated granules been attracted or repulsed by a magnet? Is a slight distortion of the bodywork sufficient to produce microscopic grains of a magnetic nature?

This strange "Cancer of Glass" is not satisfied with just windscreens. The "complaint" is now attacking ordinary glass. Instances have been recorded of inexplicable breaking of empty bottles, glass ash-trays, pyrex basins and even watch glasses, not to mention drinking glasses! It should be noted that these objects - like most of the windscreens - were neither touched nor bumped into.

Two recent cases stand out clearly by reason of their

strangeness. The first was witnessed by one of my friends, M. Chabot, technical translator in an important airplane construction factory. After having had cafe au lait with his lunch, M. Chabot put his pyrex bowl on a wooden table covered with a waxed cloth made of plastic material. The bowl was hardly warm. M. Chabot was attending to his affairs when suddenly, behind his back, a violent detonation made him jump up. He turned, glanced round the room and noticed, not without surprise, that his bowl had disappeared, literally pulverised into innumerable fragments, of which the largest did not reach the diameter of a lentil. The explosion of the basin had been so violent that numerous glass splinters were embedded in the thick material covering the dining room chairs!

Stranger still is the following incident:

On Saturday, July 17th, on the road to Istres, a textile merchant and his wife were cruising along in their little van at some 100 km an hour. All at once, the driver noticed, at a slight distance from the windscreen, a strange bluish light.

Then everything happened in a flash!

Did the bluish light reach the windscreen, or did it emanate from it, in immediately preceding the incident proper? Impossible to say. The fact is, that after the appearance of this mysterious light the windscreen flew into splinters. The driver braked hard and stopped. At the same time as the windscreen splintered, a strange whitish mist, an impalpable but sharply defined cloud, formed in the van. The driver's wife felt an inexplicable heat envelope her bust. A kind of uniform pressure pressed her nylon blouse to her skin; we must emphasize that neither the wind nor the surrounding warm air had any part in this phenomenon.

Imagine this business lady's astonishment on discovering, immediately after experiencing this strange sensation, that her white nylon blouse had become straw yellow!

And now it's up to you, gentlemen of science. (I omit here cases quoted by the author where scientists in the past have been compelled to eat their words and confess their errors.)

Let us take another order of ideas. FLYING SAUCERS, for example, are an absolute reality. Tens of thousands of persons (certain of whom are scientists, technicians, pilots, radar operators, etc.) say they have seen them. Result: the majority of "men of science" treat all these trustworthy observers as visionaries or humbugs! The world is so made that those whose minds are not sufficiently open to the unknown treat as mentally deficient the people who have the audacity to uphold certain facts (improbable but authentic) of which they were the witnesses.

IS THERE A CONNECTION BETWEEN "CANCER OF GLASS" AND THE FLYING SAUCERS? A priori, this question may seem far fetched. All the same, let us examine it.

No one is ignorant of the fact that there are, in interplanetary and interstellar space, cosmic clouds composed of calcium, hydrogen, atoms of iron etc. In the same way there are spores (theory of panspermia, according to which the vital germs are scattered throughout interplanetary and interstellar space; vital germs possibly at the origin of life on the earth).

These "clouds of spores" can be likened to accumulations of asexual cells, or kinds of bacteria, ultra-virus or other micro-organisms unknown to man, carried along by cosmic dust or meteorites (of a magnetic nature!) In the case which interests us, the kernel of these spores would not be composed of carbon (as our cells are) but of silicon. These spores have been travelling in cosmic space for centuries, perhaps thousands of years, in a state of anabiosis (suspended animation, a kind of enforced hibernation) and this in the cold of empty space, - i.e.  $-273\text{ C}$ ! Floating in space, these spores one day get "captured" by the attraction of some heavenly body (sun or planet).

On contact with an atmosphere not incompatible with their mode of life, these spores come out of their state of anabiosis and again become active. Originating in silicon, these spores, to nourish themselves ... would attack glass and, acting in a way something like the enzymes or bacteria which change the nature of certain materials and compounds, they would corrupt the glass

(silicate) from which they would extract their "nourishment". By "nourishment" we might understand absorption of energy, causing a breakdown of the atomic or molecular equilibrium of the glass, whence: splintering, cracking, etc.

Having advanced this hypothesis (for we are dealing with nothing more than an hypothesis), let us now examine the possible relationship between these spores and the Flying Saucers.

Ships and cargoes can spread frightful epidemics in bringing germ-carrying rats from infected areas. The same eventuality can be envisaged with the flying discs coming from another world. Flying Saucers may have traversed these clouds of spores drifting in space at the mercy of gravitation. The spores may have become deposited in an agglomeration on the surface of one or several disc-shaped spaceships which, entering our atmosphere later, would involuntarily let loose on our continents a mass of spores carried from interplanetary or interstellar space.

Dislodged from their hiding places on the surface of the discs by the first traces of atmosphere, the spores would have escaped damage or destruction through friction; they would, then, have fallen gently, to reach the ground - or the sea - in perfect condition, or virtually so.

A mere hypothesis, certainly, but one which we should do well to consider.

In spite of its aversion to what it would call irrational, the Centre National de la Recherche scientifique (Marseilles Branch) has seen fit, at my request, to accept for analysis glass attacked by this mysterious "epidemic". I hope the CNRS at Paris, better equipped than the provincial branches, will also agree to analyse minutely samples sent to it. An ultraviolet examination will be insufficient. It seems indispensable to study "windscreen disease" with the electronic microscope, among other processes of scientific investigation of our atomic era. A large number of thorough analyses will be necessary on an equally numerous selection of samples if we are to succeed in isolating the cause of this hitherto unexplained "sickness".

"Cancer of Glass" exists; the discoid spaceships inappropriately called "flying saucers" exist. The man of science owes it to himself to study them.

A witty reflection of the great Henri Poincare fits exactly the problem of the flying saucers as well as that of "windscreen disease": "To doubt everything, or to believe everything, are two solutions equally convenient; they both enable us to dispense with thinking."

I can only add, by way of conclusion, the words of Lieut. Plantier, author of a revolutionary and perfectly scientific theory of the nature and propulsive system of the flying saucers: "The scoffers, the sceptics and the indifferent have never been builders or defenders of human achievements."

#### THE NATURE OF THE AEROFORMS

The "Ethereic" Theory of the Borderland Sciences Research folk.

N.B. - This article consists of extracts from an article published in the BSRA organ "Round Robin" some time back. It will give as good an idea as anything of the theory in the limited space available.

No speculation about the origin of the Discs would be complete without careful consideration of the Etherian hypothesis of the B.S.R. Associates. I do not include this among the "mystic and occult theories" because I see nothing mystic or fantastic about it. In my professional opinion as an engineer, it is quite plausible and entirely possible.

Probability does not, of course, follow possibility, but must be established by evidence. In applying the hypothesis to actual "disc" reports, I have not yet uncovered any evidence which would tend to discredit it. On the other hand, I have found many things which would tend to confirm at least parts of it. By its application, many events which would otherwise be isolated and meaningless, are connected into a logical whole.

Since Biblical times various religious and occult

groups have spoken of "unseen" beings who inhabit mysterious "planes" above us - "above" referring to vibrational frequency and not direction. Various groups have specified various "astral" and "etheric" planes. Modern thinking is that there are no actual divisions, but merely a constantly increasing frequency from zero to infinity. Just as people have arbitrarily marked certain points along the sound scale, and have called these tones, so too have these groups selected certain points along the upper vibrational scale and identified them as certain "planes".

B.S.R.A. lifts the subject out of the realm of mysticism and lays the foundation for scientific explanation. They assert that these beings are not phantasmal, but are actually as "solid" and "material" as the people of this world. The misconceptions on the subject arise from the fact that our senses respond only to relatively low frequency vibrations. We are unaware of these people for the same reason that a standard broadcast radio receiver is "unaware" of F-M broadcasts.

Sub-atomic research, plus the studies of advanced thinkers such as Einstein, have resulted in some very important conclusions. Briefly, they are that all forms of energy and all forms of matter are merely different forms of the same thing. They all have a common source and base, but are at different frequencies (or levels of vibration) which causes them to assume different patterns. It would be absurd to believe that we know all the countless vibrational levels which are possible. There could easily be objects, or even people, whose rate of vibration was so far beyond our range of awareness that we would not realise their existence. Yet they would be "real" in every sense of the word. There are sounds so high in frequency that they do not register on our ears, but we know that the sounds exist, and are just as "real" as those we can hear.

B.S.R.A. believes that these beings inhabit worlds which are just as "material" and "solid" (on their particular vibrational, or frequency, level) as ours - if not more so. Some of these worlds exist in parts of space which we regard as "empty". Others co-exist with

this and other planets intradimensionally - that is: they occupy the "same" space. Although many who have not previously studied the subject may find this difficult to believe, it is not scientifically impossible. The most dense material we know is about 90% empty space. The various parts of the atom are separated from one another by as great an amount of space, relative to their size, as the planets of our solar system. There is ample room within each atom for several other atoms of different frequency levels.

B.S.R.A. believes that the more advanced of these "unseen" peoples have the knowledge and skill to change their frequency level at will and thus "tune" themselves and any desired object to any higher or lower level. Or, to use the words which might be more familiar to some readers, to "materialise to", or "dematerialise from", any "plane", including this one. This might be accomplished either by mechanism, probably of an electronic nature, or perhaps by mental power. They believe that many (but not all) of the mysterious objects seen in our skies are from "etheric" levels, and are "materialised" here to this planet and plane. The etheric doubles of the planets Venus and Mars are frequently mentioned as possible sources of the discs.

The "materialisation" theory would explain many incidents which are otherwise unexplainable. Reliable witnesses have seen "discs" first appear as vague and formless "blobs", and then assume definite shapes, which indicate a "materialisation". Others have seen them suddenly disappear into thin air - which could indicate that they had "dematerialised" themselves.

Radar frequently picks up mysterious "gizmos" when no object can be seen by the human eye. This could indicate some object tuned just above the human awareness range, but still within the range of the more sensitive radar. Along this same line is the case of the discs seen over Washington, D.C., by ground observers, plane pilots and two radar screens. As a plane approached the object, it disappeared from view, and the plane flew through the spot where it had been. A short time later it reappeared at the same spot. During all this time

the image remained on the radar screens. It could be that the disc pilots raised their frequency just enough to avoid physical contact with the plane for a moment.

"Materialisation" or "dematerialisation" would cause displacement of a certain mass of air, and if done rapidly, it would result in an explosion at the point of "materialisation" and, conversely, an implosion at the point of "dematerialisation". There have been mysterious atmospheric explosions which caused severe shock waves on the ground, and orthodox science has not yet been able to satisfactorily explain them.

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So there you are. The above was written by a B.S.R. Associate. The views expressed may well seem strange at first but without expressing any opinion one way or the other, we do say that in our view they deserve serious consideration.

"NOW I SEE THEM - NOW I DON'T"

by Judith L. Gee

Now, that Flying Saucers are no longer matter for mirth, or significant tapping on wooden foreheads, the great question marks of What? Why? Whence? and whither, can begin to be asked, and such answers as we can gather, be arranged in the neat columns so beloved of our scientific-conditioned generation.

We are bewitched, bothered and bewildered. They come, they go. Chase them, and pilots fall into a flat spin, or blackout, or crash. Deny them, as our astronomers do, and they appear over Washington, and are tracked on the radar over Southern England, and Danish pilots swear to them. Hail them over London, and they 'prove' to be a cosmological balloon. The thunder we hear, is Charles Fort in heaven, heaving with laughter at our bafflement.

Their recorded speed is phenomenal, I have seen figures of 7,000 m.p.h. They turn and twist in a manner impossible to our rigid framed planes. They appear - and vanish. They change colour and shape. They give birth

in the sky to their little ones. They unite and hie them hence. They do everything that is forbidden, by rote, rule, law or lore according to our earth standards of the accepted conduct of matter and energy in space and time. Here is mystery, and now is the time for it.

It is only within recent years, or even months, that delving into forgotten archives, students have established that Flying Saucers have been seen, at least as long as recorded history. And there are many myths, or old folk memory which tell of them. There is an Egyptian hieroglyph of the time of Thuthmosis III (1504-1450 circa B.C) which tells of a 'circle of fire' in the sky, that scared the court of Pharaoh.

There is an esoteric tradition that earth is under the rulership of Venus. There is an uncomfortable theory, that earth is under the overlordship of super-beings. People disappear in the most unaccountable manner. And likewise appear naked, claiming to come from some star. Do these facts add up to anything we can understand?

Occult wisdom had always taught, that our sense perceptions are deceptive and limited. And that we exist in a mutable world, of constant flow and change. That our eyes do not see, or our ears hear. Science with much peering, probing, dogma and discarding of theory, by the aid of delicate instruments, accepts that we exist as humans, within a narrow octave of sense data, in a space-time continuum. That we are conditioned by the limits of our physical eyes to accept a certain nuance of sensation-reception as the actual world. And that this corresponds only in part to the actual wider range of light reflecting and receiving rays. It is important that we understand this clearly. What we see, is more a mental construction, owing to physical eyes being attuned to limited range of reception. This puts paid to a materialist rational universe, such as Western civilisation has promulgated for the last century. A wheel revolving rapidly, its spokes become invisible. At what revolutionary speed, would the wheel itself, be non-est to our sight? Flying Saucers appear and vanish...ghosts come, and go. The Cheshire cat fades and only the grin remains!

Sound is another one of the riddles of the Sphinx. How we hear, is one of the numberless puzzles. Our range is short. Animals react to high pitched noise we never hear. Birds show alarm minutes before jet planes or storms appear overhead. The sound barrier is broken with bangs that shake windows from frames, and men from their contentment. There are Flying Saucers that are noiseless, and noise without Flying Saucers. Bangs, and things that go bump in the night. Raps at our doors and tables. Maybe a shifting of barriers from the physical to the invisible.....?

For the last hundred years, the odd, the crank and the curious have been collecting verified data about the peculiar behaviour of matter, which exudes from certain people in certain circumstances, takes on visible form and shape and can be and often is identified with people no longer extant in the physical world. Fraud and fable does not explain this, it merely relegates the speaker into the solid-atom world of pre-nuclear physics. There are records of yogi, proficient in eastern wisdom, who though visible to the eye, and tangible to the touch, cannot be photographed without their consent. The camera never lies!

We are within this generation beginning to realise that our three dimensional world, is a minute variation within the possibility of an infinity of dimensions. The horizons of our mind is being pushed back to infinity.

Matter resolves into energy, Flying Saucers into space. How can we in our puny bodies come to terms of agreement? We are in the position of naked primitive man, before the atom-bomb scientist. We gape like children before a power-house. Their knowledge transcends ours. They are literally deus ex machina descending to watch our antic madness. The hubris of mankind or of western scientific civilisation, has brought its reward, and the Sorcerer's Apprentices who cannot control the elements they have conjured into destruction, now meet their Masters, who come to judge them.

BOOKS

THE SAUCERS SPEAK. Geo. H. Williamson and Alfred C. Bailey. New Age Publishing Co., Los Angeles, California. Price \$2.00.

When someone says he has received impressions through telepathy, I am prepared to admit the possibility. If he goes on to say that he has recorded such impressions by the activity of his subconscious mind working through automatic writing or a planchette, I still see no prima facie reason for doubting the possibility. If he goes a step further, as do the authors of this book, and says his telepathic impressions originate from beings on another planet, I would tread very warily, but I certainly see no theoretical reason why it should be impossible, even if perhaps improbable. When the authors speak of receiving extra-terrestrial messages by radio in international Morse code, I say nothing, for Radio is a sealed mystery to me.

But there is an old saying that the proof of the pudding is in the eating. Let us examine the ingredients.

If I told you that all the planets of our Solar System plus an extra one we haven't discovered yet and a second (dark) moon belonging to our earth were inhabited by men (yes, I said "men", two-legged creatures in human form) and that I had had messages from representatives from most of them, I have a pretty good idea what you would say ...

But before you say it, just skim through the following choice morsels of information culled from much more in a similar strain recorded in this book.

A gentleman named Zo, hailing from Neptune, says he is going on to Pluto, which is not the cold dreary world our astronomers think it is. Nor is Mercury a hot, dry world. All planets have about the same temperature. A little further on, Zo says he is 5ft 7ins. tall, has

auburn hair and weighs 148 pounds (he doesn't say whether on Neptune or on Earth). Regga, of Mars, assures us that though Mars has slight changes in seasons, the other worlds have perfect weather at all times! (Book your seats for the Plutonian Riviera). Then up bobs Zo again, this time to say the other planets have the same atmosphere as ours. Regga tells us that the Sun is not a hot flaming body, but cool. (So did Sir David Brewster, exactly a century ago, in his "More Worlds than One". But certain forces come from the Sun and from friction when they reach our magnetic field they produce heat. Orion needs watching: the men there are a bad lot and out to conquer the Universe. And there is plenty more in a similar strain.

One can only gasp and marvel that anyone should take such stuff seriously! Picture the idyllic life of the Jovians, below thousands of miles of an atmosphere consisting mainly of methane, ammonia and hydrogen, at a temperature of something like -200 C., enjoying the perfect weather! A good antidote to all this would be Arthur Clarke's fascinating volume "The Exploration of Space", in which you can find real information about the physical conditions on the other planets of our system.

The book contains a sworn affidavit with eight signatures: four of them, including the authors of this book, also figure in the affidavits reproduced in Adamski's part of "Flying Saucers have landed."

- E.B.

VENUS SPEAKS by Cyril Richardson. Regency Press (London and New York) Ltd. 1954. Post free 5/6d or \$1.00

It is claimed that the contents of this little book were obtained by direct telepathy from the Chief Scientist of the planet Venus! It is a book which will appeal to some, while others will be strongly repelled by it.

The Venusians, we are told, were originally natives of Earth and lived here in the days of Atlantis

and the old Inca civilisation of S. America. Until one day strangers filled with greed came to the land of the Incas (we are not told who the strangers were but it was evidently long before the days of the Spanish conquistadores). Whereupon the Incas took to flight in spaceships and after finding the Moon unsuitable, went on to Venus, where they settled and lived in peace and harmony, despite what must have seemed a very trying climate. From time to time they kept an eye on the Earth and of late have been very active in the Flying Saucers. Their motives are wholly friendly and they promise us instant and decisive help should an atomic war start. If, however, their help is on a par with their scientific knowledge as expounded in this book, we should do well not to rely too much on it!

The latter part of the book contains interesting remarks on Diet, Sound Vibrations, the Power of Thought etc.

Quite fantastic and entirely contrary to elementary scientific facts, however, are many of the statements regarding the origin and end of worlds, conditions on other planets (including Venus!), the past history of the Earth, etc. Indeed, I find it impossible to take this part of the book seriously, though others may think differently, of course.

If you have an inclination towards the hazier forms of Theosophy, Occultism, Spiritualism, etc., you may be glad to have this book. If, on the other hand, these things are anathema to you, you will do better not to listen to the voice of Venus....

- E.B.

KINGS OF SPACE, by Capt. W.E. Johns. Hodder & Stoughton, Post free 8/- or \$1.20.

In this book, the well-known author of the "Biggles" books invites the younger generation who form the bulk

of his readers to share the hazards of a voyage into interplanetary space - to the Moon, Mars and Venus. The fate which befell the intelligent race of Martians and the real nature of the "dust clouds" observed on our neighbouring world are distinctly original conceptions. What particularly concerns us here, however, is the author's repeated references to Flying Saucers, which are encountered more than once by his heroes. The following short extracts will give an idea of the author's general attitude: The Space-travellers have landed on Venus and one of them, the Professor, says "What fabulous wealth awaits the pioneers who establish the first colony here! Mind you, they won't necessarily come from Earth. At least one other planet has a cosmoble besides ourselves. Don't forget the Flying Saucers. They couldn't have come from here, that's certain." Later in the book, when in space, the heroes see a Saucer which by its movements tries to warn them to follow it and miss a belt of meteoric dust. This time, the Professor remarks "... I would have been surprised had the Saucer turned out to be hostile...creatures with sufficient intelligence to make a spaceship as efficient as the one we just saw, must, surely, by the same token, have more sense than to indulge in useless slaughter."

If, as we hope, Capt. John's excellent romance achieves the wide sales which it merits, it will do good service in familiarising the younger generation with the idea that if spaceships of human construction are among the virtual certainties of the relatively near future, it is not in the least unlikely that intelligent beings from elsewhere in the universe have "got there first" and may well be far ahead of us - in more ways than this.

Definitely a book to recommend.

- E.B.

BOOKS ON FLYING SAUCERS AND SPACE TRAVEL

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