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THIS AND THAT by the Editor

THE FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY - The little London circle mentioned in our two first issues has suddenly grown beyond our wildest expectations and there is nothing to suggest that the expansion has ceased. On Saturday, October 9th, we held a semi-public meeting at Room 15, Caxton Hall, at which about 30 interested people were present. We shall get going properly now in the sense of having a definite programme for each monthly meeting, though we shall still leave time for informal discussions, social contacts, etc. Indeed, the absence of formality, committees, etc. (as far as practicable) will, I am sure, be one of the good points of the Society. However, the "Research" mentioned in the title is not inserted merely to make it sound impressive! We are fortunate in having amongst us Dr. C. Constantine, who will organise and direct the technical side of our activities. Dr. Constantine is well qualified for this task and full of enthusiasm: what more could we wish for? We would particularly request that any technicians among our readers should seriously consider linking up here.

We owe a very real debt of gratitude to Mrs. Judith L. Gee (27a Goldhurst Terrace, Hampstead, London, N.W.6) for her enthusiasm and sheer hard work and it is very gratifying to see her efforts bearing good fruit. So if you live in or near London, we extend to you a hearty invitation to join up with us, via Mrs. Gee. And please remember: ALL points of view may be freely expressed and discussed.

Current and back numbers of URANUS are on sale at the meetings - a service which seems to be appreciated by those who would sooner buy each issue as it comes out than send an annual subscription.

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Still in connection with the Society, here is an important matter, in which readers' co-operation will be of the utmost value.

Our good friend Mr. Harold Chibbett (4 Palace Road, Bowes Park, London, N.II) already has a vast collection

of cuttings about Saucers and other odd phenomena, all systematically arranged and indexed. The value of such a collection to the Society's investigations is obvious and the more complete the collection is, the more we shall all benefit. But Mr. Chibbett cannot watch more than a few papers regularly and so undoubtedly many items get missed. We therefore appeal to our readers to send any cuttings they can (marked clearly with name of paper and date) to Mr. Chibbett. In the case of a magazine article, a note of its existence and, if you feel energetic enough, a brief resume of its contents would help a lot. Please do what you can; everything will be greatly appreciated! Oh...and one other point: Mr. Chibbett reminds me that cuttings about anything really out of the ordinary (from sea-serpents to unexplainable noises) will be welcome. It is strange sometimes how one thing will link up with something else which apparently has no earthly connection with it.....

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Readers will recollect that in our first issue we published a letter from Mr. W.A. Elvidge regarding a point in Mr. H.T. Wilkins' book "Flying Saucers on the Moon." We now have much pleasure in printing Mr. Wilkins' reply.

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I quote from "Saucerian", September 1954: "Meanwhile Adamski was back from a trip to Venus in a flying saucer, according to Monroe Johnston, who interviewed the planet-hopper for the "Toronto Daily Star" while he was lecturing in Toronto, Canada. The saucer trip was quite uneventful, and he had no illusion of speed, as he coasted through space at unbelievable velocity. Since there was an artificial atmosphere inside the saucer, similar to that of earth, he was able to carry on conversations with the Venusian crew in comparative comfort. Although he was able to converse only by mental telepathy with the first Venusian he met, on the desert in 1952, the saucerians spoke perfect English during the last encounter, and could speak Polish also when Adamski spoke

to them in that language. All this the saucerians have learned, says Adamski, by monitoring our radio and TV programmes."

Comment seems superfluous except to express the hope that Mr. Adamski brought back with him enough photos and samples of Venusian flora and perhaps fauna to confuse the sceptics! Or would this be asking too much?

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On page 13 of No. I, I referred to an unpublished story "Know your Enemy." Mr. Harold Chibbett is now re-writing this and expanding it to book-length. Those who know our friend's ability to tell a good story will not be surprised when I say that this gift, plus a new and different approach to certain types of Saucers are combined to produce a story which is at once a thriller, thought-provoking and, in some of its disquieting possibilities, a little too real at times for our peace of mind....

I certainly hope that when the job of rewriting is finished, Mr. Chibbett will soon find a publisher.

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I much regret that once again circumstances beyond my control have compelled the postponement of several items I fully expected to include in this issue.

SHAPES OF THINGS TO COME

— by H.S.W. CHIBBETT —

What are these mysterious objects seen in our skies and known as Flying Saucers? Do they really exist, and, if so, from whence do they come?

These problems have been discussed in the world's press for years, but still there is no rational explanation forthcoming. On the one hand there are those who say that the F.S. are illusory, the product of a kind of mass hallucination.

This view is sponsored by such authorities as Colonel H. Watson, U.S. Air Force, who was the Intelligence Chief in charge of the official investigation

into what he calls the Flying Saucer myth. He says: "I don't know what it takes to convince the public, but there are no such things as F.S. They just don't exist." He adds: "We've kept a careful check. These periods of mass illusion reach a peak after any unusual stir in the 'saucer' field... At the end of nearly every saucer report stands a crackpot, a religious crank, a publicity hound, or a malicious practical joker."

Col. Watson is supported to a certain extent by that great authority, Sir Harold Spencer Jones, the Astronomer Royal, who after saying that the reports of F.S. appeared to have emanated from a country - "where mass hysteria is rather prevalent", concluded that he was still "patiently waiting for reports to come in of a F.S. having landed."

Against these and other opinions advanced by 'experts' of various kinds, there are the views of other no less distinguished persons, who admit the possibility that the F.S. phenomena are real and genuine, and advance suggestions as to their nature.

Rear Admiral C.F. Thompson, wartime Chief Press Censor, says: "I have no doubt that they are discs, with no one aboard, forming part of scientific experiments by U.S. authorities." Commander Robert McLaughlin of the U.S. Navy believes that F.S. seen several times at White Sands, New Mexico, are "space ships from another planet, operated by animate intelligent beings."

Prof. A.M. Low, well-known inventor and scientist, says: "Not to consider the possibility of interplanetary flight is a little more silly than considering it."

Then Prof. Joad, the eminent philosopher: "As to the reported facts, I neither believe nor disbelieve... As to the possibility, why not? On the whole, the odds seem distinctly in favour of some manifestation of life reaching our planet sooner or later from some other part of the universe."

It should be realised that expressions of opinion, however backed by authority and learning, cannot be regarded as statements of fact. Observations of F.S. continue to pour in from all over the world, and although a good proportion of these may be discounted as the

products of malobservation or illusion, the remainder is difficult to explain away.

Included among this residue are many photographs of the Saucers in flight, and theodolite observations by trained technicians. It is futile to suggest that all of the Saucer witnesses are "crackpots" or religious maniacs, and the status of many observers precludes the likelihood of conscious deception or practical joking.

Although circumstantial evidence cannot be regarded as 'fact', it is considered sufficient in courts of law to condemn many a murderer to the gallows or the electric chair. After all, how many of the judges and juries were actually present at the scenes of the crimes they judge? How many of the witnesses called actually saw the crimes committed?

Similarly, the circumstantial evidence as to the reality of the F.S. is sufficiently great to render their factual reality almost certain. Remember, they have been seen in the skies of practically every country on earth. In many instances the descriptions tally. In fact, by means of these descriptions it has been possible to classify them into two main groups: (a) those roughly resembling a "saucer" in shape, and (b) objects resembling the sausage or Zeppelin outline. There are isolated cases of triangular and even square vessels, but these can be discounted for the time being because of their rarity.

Perhaps the greatest objection raised by experts is that, if real, the Saucers may be experimental craft designed by one or many earth nations, or that observers have mistaken normal aircraft for the mythical Saucers. But against these hypotheses are many instances recorded in the past, not merely in this century, but in the nineteenth or even earlier. Students of the books of the late Charles Fort will find many references to sky objects collected by him as far back as the year 1800, although of course they are not described as flying saucers, but merely 'phenomena', fire-balls, or unidentified objects. They are far too numerous to record in a short article, but here are one or two instances:

On June 15th, 1853, a "flying machine" was reported by a Lt. Gazette. No further details were given, but it is doubtful whether there were any man-made aeroplanes aloft in that year. On 16th October of the same year, at Ragussa, "a large luminous body" was observed to move east to west at 2 a.m. It was visible for two minutes.

From London, on the 29th March, 1845 there was seen a "curious stationary 'meteor', looking like four stars with an orange-coloured mist in the centre..." It then moved away and disappeared "two minutes after telescopic investigation had commenced."

Not to be outdone, there comes a report from Florence, Italy, on 25th July, 1845: "An enormous igneous body riding overhead, many times larger than the moon."

The following year, on 26th October, a report emanated from Lowell, Mass. about a "luminous object in the sky, from which fell a most fetid jelly, about four feet in diameter and weighing 442 pounds."

At Holloway, on 19th March, 1847, an observer reported "an ascending thing like a brilliant fire-balloon." Three years later, on 5th February, 1850, a report came from Sandwich, Kent, about a "speck of dull light. Though stationary, it increased in size until about a third of the diameter of the full moon. This luminous disc remained stationary for three minutes." On the 6th June, 1850, it was reported from the Cote d'Or that at 11.15 p.m. a "red glow was seen in the sky, making a hail of fire. A dark object was seen falling..."

On 9th July, 1853, the Societe Meteorologique de France announced "great numbers of red points in the sky -- like little suns..." while at Tillington, near Petworth, on 11th August, 1854, at 11.30 p.m. "a bright light was seen in the sky -- a red body from which proceeded stationary rays. It was visible for one and a half hours."

Finally, on 6th April, 1856, a Dr. Dussort, of Colman, France, saw, during the afternoon, "a black object spherical at one end and pointed at the other. It was about 100 yards above him, and was accompanied by a whistling sound."

The above accounts were taken at random over a period

of some twelve years from 1843 to 1856, and similar material can be traced for every year of the century. During the period selected, artificial flight was unknown, and even the possibility derided. So that either all the phenomena were meteorological in nature, or else they were extra-terrestrial in origin. But what sort of meteor or fire-ball could remain stationary for as long as one and a half hours, or even for two minutes?

There is one point of similarity between these accounts of airborne phenomena in the past, and the current ones of Flying Saucers during the last few years, which seems worthy of special mention. The majority of these flying objects appear to be self-luminous. Here are a few accounts taken from press cuttings:

9/1/48: "Thousands of people in Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee saw a flaming red cone in the sky, trailing a green mist...The intense brightness of the sky phenomenon pierced through a heavy layer of clouds..."

13/8/48: "A man in Grosvenor Square, London, saw a large incandescent object which curved, then swooped... It looked like a Zeppelin, transparent and full of fire..."

9/10/48: A fighter pilot in a Mustang over North Dakota chased "a lighted disc-shaped object for half-an-hour while he stayed on its tail. Then it shook him off at 17,000 feet."

21/1/50: People of the Ile d'Oberon, near La Rochelle, France, saw "a flaming saucer-like object in the sky during the night."

18/3/50: Peasants at Crescentino, near Turin, saw "six glowing Flying Saucers, trailing a rose-coloured vapour."

29/4/50: While flying a plane from Washington to Kansas City, the pilot Capt. Robert Dickes said that "a disc, glowing red, flew parallel with his machine for five minutes."

3/5/50: Several inhabitants of Mulhouse, E. France, saw "an oblong body, shining like silver, dropping at a dizzy pace from the sky, and shooting out a jet of flame."

13/8/50: Hundreds of Portland, Oregon, residents claimed that three flaming objects, variously described

as flying saucers and flying cubes, were seen in the area."

28/10/50: Mr. Tilsley, of Doncaster, saw "an oval body travelling at great height with terrific velocity... it was flying west and then turned south. Had it been a plane, reflections from its fuselage would have differed in intensity when it made the turn. It did not. Then I realised it was luminous."

12/11/50: Mr. F. Wilkinson, at Heathrow Airport, saw, about 7.0 p.m. "a lighted body moving from east to west at terrific speed.." Another observer of the same phenomenon reported "It was much too close for a shooting star, and emitted a bright white light, metallic coloured, elongated; but as it went out of sight it seemed to become spherical."

19/11/50: Wing Commander D.H. Carey, of Benenden, Kent, saw at 6.24 p.m. "a ball of light in the sky about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles ahead of my car. It was either circular or spherical...the colour was blue..."

Here again, the above are isolated cases, selected at random. They can be multiplied many times, by reference to collected data. Antagonists to the Flying Saucer theory cannot withstand the accumulated evidence of more than a century, representing circumstantial evidence of a kind which would be accepted by any court of law. The phenomena are universal. The witnesses are legion.

To conclude, it may be interesting to refer to a curious volume called OAH SPE. It is the bible of the Kosman Church and is said to have been spiritually given to the American author, J.P. Newborough. Whatever its real origin may be, it contains many references to flying vehicles which are strangely reminiscent of the phenomena to be seen in our own skies at the present time.

Fantastic though it may seem, the enormous space ships of OAH SPE are described in terms which might be applied to the Flying Saucers. For example, they are referred to continuously as "ships of fire", of gigantic size, which were often made invisible because their appearance "so frightened the inhabitants of Earth."

On one page there is a reference to a ship called an

Arafan - "so magnificent that it overawed the people. They were overcome by the sight of the ship of fire in the heavens."

Another paragraph describes "a star ship...like a crescent made of stars with a sun between the horns." This description is oddly like that reported above, on 29/3/1845.

The OAHSPÉ bible is full of references such as these. Were they the products of a most fertile and prophetic imagination, or was the author a man indeed inspired from sources beyond our present conception?

Written at the turn of the century, OAHSPÉ is a voluminous work of imaginative fantasy beyond the powers of most writers of that time, and in the light of present events, it may well repay serious study.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Wilkins replies

Dear Sir,

I do not quite know whether Mr. Elvidge in pages 8-9 of your issue of August is trying to cast doubts on my sanity, or my powers of observation, or my innate tendency to truthfulness! Whichever it may be, I can tell him that with me all the time was my brother - whose powers of observation are very unusual and minute - plus about 35 others, who, unless they were all asleep, could hardly have failed to see what had been reported in this book of mine.

I have taken the trouble to glance at my notes. I see that the motor coach was at Tynndrum, close to the former L.M.S. line, on June 17, and next day I passed through the gap of Brander to Oban. On June 18, I was at Fort Augustus at the bottom of Loch Ness. I neither saw nor heard of the "exceedingly violent storm in the Western Highlands", of which Mr. Elvidge makes mention; nor did I, in so much as I saw of the Western Highlands between Loch Ness and Fort William, see signs of any unusual damage to roads, farms or woodlands. But that does not mean that no such damage occurred in that

region, earlier in 1953; it means that I did not happen to traverse the particular western regions where it may or may not have happened. I did not see the Loch Ness monster, although I went along the whole western bank. Yet my belief in that interesting monster is not a product of the distilleries. It has, in fact, been seen by reliable people, among whom were a lady living near the Lovat Arms, and also monks in a convent at the south end of the Loch. Because I had the bad luck not to see the monster, is no reason why I should question the veracity or sanity of those who have seen it.

From Inverness I went north, via Dingwall, Cromarty and Dornoch Firth; thence, via the coast road, to Helmsdale. But here again, I noted nothing unusual in the way of devastation. I passed inland via Berridale to Thurso, again noting nothing unusual. But after leaving John o'Groats and passing to Wick, Inverness, Nairn, Elgin and again inland from Aberdeen to the Glens, the devastation was as described in my book: appalling! How else does Mr. Elvidge suppose it was that the Scottish Forestry Board and the Imports Board in auld and canny Scotelan' put an embargo on the import of foreign timber? The answer is: Go and see what I - and others - saw. By the way, why should - as has surprised Mr. Elvidge - Caledonians, inn and shop-keepers, garagists, cry stinking fish about this devastation? Would it improve the English tourist traffic, already none too pleased about the Caledonian insistence on no gravy with meat and veg. at lunch and dinner?

Yours etc. H.T. WILKINS.

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Dear Sir,

Your reference on page 38 of the last issue to scientific knowledge is to say the least of it rather strange. Our scientists learn all they know by trial and error. Of the forces they play about with they know nothing. As to their knowledge of what goes on on other planets they can know nothing. What the spectro-scope shows is what is in intervening space, not what is on the surface of a planet. The earth's atmosphere also

acts as a magnifier. Furthermore, scientists still believe that the moon is a sphere, that it revolves on its own axis and that it causes the tides. They also believe that the sun gives out light and heat. (It only acts as a polariser of energy emanating from the earth).

Yours faithfully, D.O. FRENCH.

(Sorry, Mr. French, but I still back the scientists here.)

RELIGIOUS VIEWS ON FLYING SAUCERS

The following information is offered for the benefit of any readers who may be interested and without editorial comment.

The KINGDOM VOICE is a 4-page monthly publication published apparently by a group of people who believe that the return of Christ is imminent and that Bible prophecies indicate this. The September and October 1954 issues are mainly devoted to Flying Saucers. Rightly or wrongly, the writers consider that the F.S. are closely connected with the Second Advent. They do not appear to regard the Saucers as supernatural in themselves, but as space-ships from other worlds manned by beings with a definite mission under the leadership of Christ. The general tone of "Kingdom Voice" is refreshingly free from the fanaticism which one often encounters in people with this type of idea. If you are interested, Mr. Reginald A. Bradbury, The Kingdom Cottage, Grouselands, Colgate, Nr. Horsham, Sussex, Eng. will be glad to hear from you and to supply further details.

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To turn to a different direction, some of you may be interested to know that the Catholic Church has nothing against belief that other planets are inhabited by intelligent races or that the F.S. may be space ships emanating from some other planet. In an article in "Civiltas Catholica" (organ of the Jesuit Order) in 1953, Father D. Grasso says: "Catholics are free to believe or not believe in the existence of inhabitants on other planets...The question of knowing whether human beings

can live on other planets has been raised recently by the strange phenomenon of the Flying Saucers. Certain experts believe inhabitants of space are aboard the Saucers. It is possible that these are beings differing from us in anatomical and physiological constitution, capable of resisting different conditions of life but always composed of body and soul and capable of being defined as human."

There is nothing in the least ambiguous about the foregoing!

The anonymous author (obviously a Catholic priest) of a French brochure that reached me from I know not whom earlier in the year touches upon the F.S., but, being convinced that there are no intelligent planetary races beyond ourselves, regards the F.S. as supernatural manifestations apparently designed to strike fear into the hearts of men and prevent a third world-war.

So you can have it which way you like.....

CONCERNING CERTAIN SAUCER PHOTOGRAPHS

by E. Biddle

If Flying Saucers exist (as they do) and if they are material (as many of them, at least, appear to be), it seems reasonable to assume that they can be photographed.

There are plenty of photographs in existence but the majority merely show blobs in the sky and very little detailed shape (which fact, of course, is in no sense a reflection on their genuineness).

But there are some photos alleged to have been taken at much closer range and these show definite details as to shape, "portholes", "landing gear", etc.

The most famous photos of this class are those of Adamski, which provoked so much controversy. Let us leave these for a moment and pass on to those taken in February this year at Coniston (Lake District, Eng.) by 13 year old Stephen Darbishire. The full story has been told elsewhere and I myself saw and heard Stephen and his 8 year old cousin Adrian (who first spotted the saucer) and I have no doubt whatever that these two boys not only saw the saucer but photographed it. But note: there was

no question whatever of contact with the saucer crew. A sighting, a photo, sketches and that was all.

Now this incident was immediately seized upon and exploited as offering confirmation of Adamski's account. Does it? Yes and No. It is true that there is a marked similarity between Stephen's photo and Adamski's. The details seem pretty well identical. Granting this to be the case, the one sighting certainly seems to support the other.

But we must not allow ourselves to be manoeuvred into supposing that the similarity of these photos proves that all Adamski claims is correct. It does nothing of the sort. The most it does is to suggest that certain of Adamski's photos may quite likely be genuine: it does not in the slightest degree offer any proof whatever that the story of the meeting with a Venusian is based on objective fact. That being, it will be recalled, declined to be photographed.

It is interesting to note that quite a few other photos - both before and since Adamski's - taken of saucers in the sky, while not showing much detail, do nevertheless show much the same shape - a fact which suggests an identical origin, without, however, leaving us any nearer the solution as to what that origin may be.

WHAT THE SAUCER WORLD IS SAYING

FLYING SAUCER NEWS - No. 6. Summer/Autumn 1954. (Organ of the Flying Saucer Club & BFSB). This issue is full of interesting news items, several of them illustrated. But the star item, in my opinion, is Richard Hughes' very topical editorial "Chaos and Confusion", in which he expresses sentiments I could echo to the last word. Mr. Hughes, like myself, is becoming increasingly wary of certain of the latest developments, particularly where alleged contacts and messages from the Spirit World are concerned.

SAUCERS - Sept. 1954. (Flying Saucers International, P.O. Box 35034, Los Angeles 35, Calif., U.S.A.: Max B. Miller, editor). - There have been more interesting

issues of this review than this. An article "My ~~Own~~ Experience with the Lie Detector" by Daniel W. Fry is well worth reading, as throwing light on the methods of operating this, the factors involved, and how any prejudice on the part of the operator can render results valueless. A page by Frank Scully (of "Behind the Flying Saucers") refers to a new Saucer book he has in mind, with the title "Out of this World." Let us hope there are no mysterious "Dr. Gee's" in the new book!

PENDULUM - A monthly review of Radiesthesia. 2/3 post free. Published by Markham House Press, Ltd.

This issue contains a short article on "Flying Saucers and Radiesthesia." Says the writer: "Any alien visitor to Earth would be bound to have rates of vibration and periods of metabolism etc. entirely different to that of the average human being, no matter how much he might resemble us externally. Granted that this is the case, surely those members of the radiesthetic fraternity who specialise in map-reading, long distance treatment, etc., should be able to detect and pin-point on the map the presence of an alien being on the planet. If there are no aliens to be detected by radiesthesia, let it be said so in clear language. If there are some, let us hear about them."

Not being a radiesthetic expert, I can't say much about this, but the idea - if it works - sounds intriguing!

THE SAUCERIAN - Sept. 1954. Edited and published by Gray Barker, Box 2228, Clarksburg, W. Va., U.S.A.

Our old friend Gray Barker may have kept us waiting a long while for this number of SAUCERIAN but it was certainly worth waiting for! A really attractive printed cover, forty inside pages perfectly photolithoed as legible as print or all but, illustrations, pleasing headings to many of the features, news, photos, humour, monsters - something to suit everyone with any real interest in Saucers. Heartiest congratulations, Gray! You have produced the most attractive Saucer magazine I have seen so far.

It is to be hoped that we can make arrangements for the supply of SAUCERIAN over here. If you are interested, let us know and we will see what can be done. An expression of interest does not commit you to anything, though naturally we don't want purely idle enquiries.

ROUND ROBIN - Journal of the Borderland Sciences Research Associates, 3524, Adams Avenue, San Diego 16, California, U.S.A. Annual Subscription: 5 Dollars.

Although B.S.R.A. is not purely a Saucer concern, it is not often that an issue of "Round Robin" lacks something interesting about Saucers. The latest issue contains the full story of the Canadian nickel mine episode, in which a 13-foot monster with one eye and six limbs, which hypnotised a young Italian miner named La Sarza, looms large. It is an interesting story, which, however, becomes distinctly less credible in the light of further details given in "Saucerian."

It is easy to ridicule these stories of contacts (and maybe most of them deserve no better fate). It is even easier to select for approval those which seem to fit our own particular pet ideas and reject the rest. But we must try to avoid these tendencies and to judge cases on their individual merits, taking into account the evidence available in that particular case and the apparent probability or otherwise of the alleged origin (if any is indicated) of the Saucer crew.

Unless there is indication of an obvious hoax or motive for deception (such as notoriety or cash), mental instability or blatant self-deception, I would suggest that even if we reject a case as unproven, we should, if none of the above conditions appear to apply, avoid hurling accusations of liar or fool at the luckless individual who tells the story. After all, you or I might be the next to meet a Saucer being at a time when there was a dearth of witnesses and I doubt somehow whether we would appreciate being regarded as candidates for the asylum!

FATE MAGAZINE - Nos. 1 & 2, Nov. & Dec., 1954. Post free. 1/3 each. - If these are left till last, it is not

because they are the least interesting but because "Fate Magazine" is not primarily a F.S. publication.

No. 1, however, contains a double Saucer article of considerable interest. The first part (by John Carnell, editor of "New Worlds Science Fiction") deals mainly with the very important B.O.A.C. sighting on July 1 last in the region of Goose Bay and is a very full account, thanks considerably to the help given by the Flying Saucer Society and the British F.S. Bureau, with which I put Mr. Carnell in touch, though this trifling fact is not mentioned in the article. The second part of the article, by Curtis Fuller, deals largely with the attitude of the U.S.A.F. and with what the Saucers are not. I understand that further Saucer material and mention of 'Uranus' and the 'F.S. Research Society' will follow.

Personally, I find FATE MAGAZINE of very great interest and would strongly recommend that if you are interested in serious articles on psychic and occult themes, you should invest a shilling and judge for yourself. You will find FATE very different from certain current periodicals which superficially might seem similar.

E. Biddle.

BOOKS

I take the opportunity here of pointing out that in accordance with the policy of URANUS (to give free expression to any reasonable ideas on Saucers) book reviews are done by various people, who are perfectly at liberty to say what they think about the book they are reviewing. Consequently it must not be assumed that opinions expressed in a signed or initialled review are those of the Editor. - E.B.

BIOMETRIC ANALYSIS OF "FLYING SAUCER" PHOTOGRAPHS
1954. Post free 5/9d or \$1.00.

An attempt to apply the principles of radiesthesia

to the analysis of a series of Flying Saucer photographs, including the Coniston pictures. The possibility of this treatment was forecast by your reviewer in another publication some months ago and it is interesting to see how far it can be applied. In general the effort seems to have met with success, although the technique will require further elaboration in the future.

- E.S.

WEIRD SCIENCE FANTASY - Special Issue - CHALLENGE TO U.S. AIR FORCE with this ILLUSTRATED, FACTUAL FLYING SAUCER REPORT. Documented Evidence! Names. Places. Dates. Quotes - 10 ¢

At first sight you might take this for an American "comic". Indeed, it is compiled on more or less strip-cartoon lines, but here the similarity ceases. In carefully drawn coloured pictures and succinct and often very telling quotes and sub-headings, this booklet runs through the outstanding Saucer sightings and episodes from 1947 to date, taking only those which appear to be 100% certain. The last page of the book is devoted to 17 awkward and searching questions addressed to the U.S. Air Force and ending with the words: "When are you going to tell us the TRUTH about the Flying Saucers?"

I received my copy through the kindness of my friend Mr. Gray Barker, editor of SAUCERIAN. I trust it will be practicable to get a supply over here as I feel sure they would have a ready sale among our readers and friends.

- E.B.

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