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EDITORIAL

- Dr. John Cleary-Baker -

There have been many small periodicals devoted to the UFO phenomenon published during the last ten years, most of which have failed after a limited period of existence. In view of the perennial attraction of the subject for the general public, it is legitimate to speculate upon the reason for this rather deplorable state of affairs.

One obvious reason is, of course, total lack of literary and organizing ability on the part of the founders, coupled in many cases with a sketchy knowledge of the phenomena itself and pre-conceived ideas concerning its origin and nature. I refer here to the general conception that UFOs are inter-planetary or interstellar space-craft. "Spacemen" are spoken and written of in terms reminiscent of such popular T.V. programmes as "Dr. Who" and "Star Trek", which present us with a universe full of planets inhabited by humanoid denizens, all of whom (even the dreaded Daleks) conveniently speak in standard English.

There have been more than twenty hypotheses of planetary origins advanced between 1600 and the present date. Most have been discredited on dynamic and mathematical grounds and we still do not know with any certainty whether a planetary system like that attached to our sun is a common phenomenon within the Cosmos or a rare freak.

Science has for a long time been on the point of creating life in a test tube, but somehow the miracle never seems quite to be accomplished.

Given both planets and life forms upon them, we still cannot say whether several thousand million years of biological evolution would, in the cases of any planet outside the Earth, lead to the development of intelligent life forms of any kind, much less humanoid ones.

It follows that the only "spacemen" of whom we can be presently cognisant are the U.S. Astronauts and the Russian Cosmonauts. It is worthy of note that we have here a partnership of scientific and religious authorities, both having widely divergent motives for their advocacy of the doctrine of Plurality of Worlds. Religious thinkers are apt to regard the Deity as a kind of seaside landlady desirous of filling the house with boarders from attic to cellar. They seem to feel that a Universe of one hundred thousand million galaxies, containing a few inhabited planets only, or perhaps only one, our own, would somehow imply waste and bad management.

Materialistic scientists are afraid that if Man is unique in the Universe, or practically so, he may, after all, represent more than the product of blind physical forces, so that they would thus be robbed of their fond hope of eternal extinction.

In point of fact, as I see it, our attitude on this question must be one of total agnosticism. Man may be a unique product of the Universe, or one of few such products, or one of many. We do not know and there is no earthly point in speculating on the basis of theories arising out of mathematical estimates, based upon extremely shaky data.

In fact, the plurality or non-plurality of worlds has no direct connection with the UFO phenomenon. There might be a million inhabited worlds within a few light years of this solar system and yet the UFOs, assuming them to exist, might emanate from none of these.

During the first fifteen years of my study of UFOs, I admit to having inclined strongly to the "Space-ship" interpretation, but was forced to abandon it because a review of all available information to hand yielded no jot or tittle of information in its favour and much data that was irreconcilable with it. I will elaborate on this theme in future issues of "The Record".

It may, of course, be proved eventually that I am mistaken and that the UFOs are, after all, Interplanetary machines. I venture, however, to doubt that this will be the case and this not without good reason.

FROM NEAR AND FAR

- Norman Oliver -

Having been invited by the Editor to make a contribution to the Wessex UFO Record, I am happy to do so and would like to wish the publication and its Editor every success. My contribution is somewhat 'tongue-in-cheek' but nevertheless does, I feel, contain a 'message'. Anyway, here goes!

Part of the Editorial in the first issue struck a chord, namely that portion referring to reports emanating from obscure localities in Peru being accepted without prejudice whilst similar reports from nearer home may be blasted sky high. (A paraphrase, I admit, Mr. Editor - I plead contributor's licence!) This has always been one of my own beliefs - one of the few ufological beliefs as opposed to opinions and suppositions that I have.

The AVB case from South America, for example, has obtained a large measure of acceptance world-wide: yet I guarantee that if you or I announced we had had a similar experience in England (we just might get away with it if we said it happened when we were visiting Outer Mongolia), we wouldn't exactly receive rave notices in any of the major UFO publications! Despite their acceptance of the unusual, I think most ufologists would view with apprehension one of their colleagues becoming a contactee such as this - it would be just a little too close.

Way back in 1964, I remember attending a UFO meeting in Caxton Hall and one of the speakers had been talking about a contact case in the U.S. involving telepathy: this was generally accepted by the audience and an interesting discussion ensued. At the end of it one man stood up and calmly announced, "I am a telepathist". The result, or rather non-result was remarkable. To a man, the audience goggled at him as though he were the missing link! This sort of thing was obviously all right in the States, but to shove a telepathist right in the middle of them in Caxton Hall was coming it a bit much - after all, what might he have overheard them thinking? There is, I find, as marked a difference between "conducting telepathic experiments" and "being a telepathist" as there is between being a ufologist and claiming to be a contactee.

I am not saying that ALL ufologists regard "local" contactees, telepathists and others with similar "extreme" claims with suspicion, merely that some inverse law appears to operate on the principle of 'the nearer, the more unlikely', - or could it, I wonder be 'the nearer, the more uncomfortable?'

An interesting sidelight is that within the last month I have twice had the experience of hearing a man proclaiming to passing motorists at the top of his voice, ' I am a telepathist': once in The Strand and once in Blackheath, S. London. They both, needless to say, received as much attention as anyone proclaiming the Second Coming or The End Of The World, but it is interesting though, I've never heard anyone declaim on telepathy in this manner before. Does it mean a proportion of us are becoming firstly telepathically aware and then telepathically frustrated? If so, Why? John Keel, forward please!

Finally, to anyone who may consider writing to the Editor or myself about this, may I add this caution: remember, WE KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING!

BOOK REVIEW: "LOST WORLDS" by Robert Charroux: Price £2.75

Souvenir Press, 95, Mortimer St, London, W1NBHP

We have read Desmond Leslie and W. Raymond Drake, A. Tomas and P. Kolosimo and more recently the ubiquitous Erich von Daniken. Now we have Robert Charroux covering all the old ground yet again. We have the Nazca Lines, the Great Pyramid, Atlantis and Mu served up once more.

This work impresses me even less than some of the others mentioned above. I cannot say that I am an admirer of the Gaelic exuberance which the book emanates and I do not find the Charroux mixture of bad archeology and "spaceman" mythology any more acceptable than I have done in the other cases mentioned.

Charroux has an irritating habit of setting out an account of a marvel at great length and then debunking it in a couple of sentences, knowing, or perhaps not knowing, that a large proportion of his readers will swallow the bunk and not even notice the de-bunk! There is little point in dwelling at length upon the theories which the book propounds. I am heartily sick of them and I imagine that many of my readers will be of the same mind.

J. C-B.

The Spiritual Meaning of Warminster.

- Sri Narayana -

We are all familiar with the Warminster UFO phenomenon - many of us have experienced some of its manifestations - BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Can we really believe that for some inexplicable reason, this little Wiltshire town is a rendezvous for alien beings from other worlds? Is it not more likely that we are dealing with something that has its origins in the Realm of the Spirit?

It can hardly be denied that the world in general and Britain not least tremble on the verge of irrevocable disaster. Environmental pollution, the threat of atomic warfare and the insidious growth of grossly material doctrines in social, political and scientific guise, pose a threat which if not met head on and overcome, may level our civilization in the dust.

Let us for a moment assume that this planet is and has been for many centuries a battle ground between light and darkness. Mayn't it be that the crisis point approaches? There seems to be a consensus of opinion among prophets and seers, that the end of this century will witness the total collapse of the existing World Order and the birth of a New Age. Much monumental nonsense has undoubtedly been penned about the anticipated Aquarian Age, but there may be grains of truth among the chaff.

I am suggesting that throughout Britain, as indeed on a global basis, that the Powers of Light are establishing centres - if you will, vortices - of Spiritual and Magnetic energy, designed to serve as defensive strong-points and sanctuaries of the Light when, in the not too distant future, the twilight of the gods falls upon our Culture. The Norse myth of Ragnarok, when the gods stride out to meet the assembled forces of Evil and Chaos, may represent a profound symbolic foreboding of the course of history in the years ahead.

Is it then, assuming Warminster to be one of these designated areas of arcane energies, our task and duty to rally around those who are seeking to unravel and expound the underlying significance of the Warminster UFO drama? It is an open secret that things are happening in Warminster, not only in the sky but at ground level. Things are happening to PEOPLE. Often these happenings assume a form adapted to the frame of reference adopted by the recipient, just as the great Mystics, from Plotinus to St. John of the Cross and Richard Jefferies, express the One Truth in terms redolent of their personal religious convictions or absence of the same.

Truth has many disguises, but is One beneath them all.

If all this strikes you as nonsense, so be it! If, on the contrary, what I have said strikes a chord within your consciousness, consider whether you ought not to do something about it by seeking the co-operation of others similarly affected, in order that a common dedication may forward the Aim of the Light.

OBITUARY

It is with much regret that we record the sudden passing of the well-known ufologist Philip Rodgers, apparently from a combination of cardiac failure and a diabetic ailment from which he suffered.

Phillip, who suffered almost total blindness, was a familiar figure at Warminster sky-watches, where his urbane courtesy and the attractions of his guide-dog Honey, brought him a host of friends.

In spite of his disability, he on one occasion lectured most interestingly on UFOs to Bufora at Kensington Library and he features in Eileen Buckles' well-known "Scoriton Mystery".

He will be much missed by his many friends and acquaintances in the UFO field.

A-SIGHTING LET US GO.

- Arthur Shuttlewood -

In answer to many correspondents worldwide, who ask: "Are UFOs still appearing over Warminster, more than nine years after the local sky-chariot saga began, on Christmas Day of 1964?", the short and honest answer is "Yes."

"Friends and myself believe we saw something for which we cannot find any **explanation**, other than the sighting of a UFO," says Mrs Betty Stead of 9, Attlea Road, Hayes, Middlesex. They saw it from the base of Cley Hill in the early hours of Sunday morning last, October 7th, 1973. It was an orange 'something' of great brilliance, which passed behind Cley Hill", she adds.

Mr. Douglas Jackson, who lives in a caravan in East Street, Warminster, is another former cynic, who had to concede he saw the inexplicable at 3.0 p.m. on Sunday, October 21st, 1973. It was daylight, the afternoon sky clear, when he was amazed to see "a silvery object, thicker than a pencil and more of cigar-like shape and proportions, in the sky over Cop Heap, to the North. It hovered there for some while, glinting brightly - then sped away, after tilting upwards, at prodigious speed. It quickly vanished from sight."

On Thursday, October 11th of this year, violinist and music teacher Mr. Christopher Trubridge, of Flat 2, Preston House, East Street, Warminster, took a 25 feet run of movie colour film on a Super 8 m.m. camera of a gleaming UFO over the area of the three copses at Cradle Hill. It was 4.0 p.m.

The sky was a perfect blue, a brisk NE wind scattering small clouds overhead. The celestial chariot suddenly erupted into silver-and-gold glory as it entered the camera frame. It was apparently circular and metallic

in colouring, a silver discoid with a golden dome at the top.

Mr. Trubridge, a sensible and level-headed person, used a zoom lens to magnify the object and bring it into vivid close-up.

The film was sent, post-haste (no pun intended) to Kodak, Hemel Hempsted, Herts, by "recorded-delivery", the cameraman and myself witnesses. Alas - we soon learned that the processing firm has had a labour dispute, a work-to-rule, culminating in a strike. So we must have extreme patience and await either a cessation of the strike action or the sending of the film to a Kodak station abroad. This, unfortunately, means delay in showing the whole world that UFOs do indeed manifest in Warminster air space and that local witness stories are strictly true.

Assuming that the film will process satisfactorily, this scoop will swiftly be relayed to all TV channels and networks throughout the globe, we promise. Maybe it will even cause anti-UFO "expert" Patrick Moore to wish he had bitten his tongue rather than brashly declare that "There ain't no such things as UFOs". He calls me a great friend of his; I only wish that I could reciprocate

As this is The WESSEX UFO record, let us examine a few more sightings of the spectacular unknown in our midst in this region:-

" I did not believe in UFOs until my husband and I were travelling between Salisbury and Warminster, about 11 o'clock one night, when I saw a red glow in the sky", I was told by Mrs. P. King, of Yetminster, Sherborne, Dorset. "I thought it was an aircraft light at first but - as I was watching it - it broke into two pieces as it passed in front of us, burst into flames and seemed to have attached to it a long white tail.

"A few nights later, I was walking in a Dorset village and saw the same

thing happen again. On both occasions I was terrified." (It would appear that the UFOs followed her homeward, as other visitors to Warminster hills have attested after initial sightings at Credle or Starr Hill.)

Now living at Hamworthy, near Poole, Dorset, Mr. R. Lucas was living at Southampton when he witnessed his first chariot of the cosmos.

He says, "I remember it was a glorious summer day, with a clear blue sky. Several workmates and myself were enjoying the sun during our lunch break when someone spotted a light in the sky, as bright as a large star at night. When viewed through binoculars, I saw three disc-shaped objects streak across the heavens towards me, only to disappear as they turned edgeways on to us."

"Only one other man spotted these discs with the naked eye. The star-like object remained perfectly stationary in the air for another four hours."

Out of scores of sightings that ring true as any Latin bell, in the past months alone, here is yet another, given by Mr. S.J. Carter of Covington, Swindon, to the North of Wiltshire. He was taking his friend home on the back of his bicycle at 6.0 p.m. on a summers day, when they both noticed a golden aeroform in the sky.

"The middle of it was spinning and the whole craft was staying in one place, hovering silently overhead", said Mr Carter. "We were both quite sure it was a UFO", he added.

Yes, yes, YES! Inexplicable sightings of aerial mysteries do continue over Wessex, especially at Warminster. In late October, 1973, it was particularly noticeable that these flying visitors were appearing far more often than formerly in daytime - and several reports of UFOs either landing or taking off in the remote area between the White Horse at

Westbury and Cradle Hill at Warminster are still being painstakingly checked.

More next time - inevitably

NOTICE.

The founders of this publication have received numerous inquiries from subscribers to Mr. Ken Rogers' "Warminster UFO Newsletter". We wish to state categorically that we have no knowledge of the fate of this publication, or of any plans which Mr. Rogers may have to re-activate it.

WARMINSTER UFO FILM:

The film mentioned in Arthur Shuttlewood's article has now been processed. Unfortunately, the results obtained are not wholly satisfactory, in as much as although an object is clearly visible for ten seconds (approximately) it is too small to convince a non-believer that this is indeed a UFO.

READERS LETTERS:

It is the intention of the WESSEX UFO RECORD to publish articles that are thought-provoking and on occasion controversial. Accordingly, the Editor would very much like to hear the comments and opinions of our readers, with a view to publication of the same.

'EFFECT X'* Geoffrey G. Doel, MRCS. DMRE. *

It must be obvious to those of us who have studied the evidence given by witnesses of UFOs at close quarters, that at times something inexplicable occurs to the mental processes of these 'confrontees'.

Persons of hitherto impeccable veracity and of stable, even staid, mental outlook become extroverted, volatile and the original account of their 'UFO' contact undergoes extravagant elaboration, although the evidence given shortly after the experience may have been perfectly straightforward and corroborated by other witnesses.

Perhaps there is an explanation of this 'effect X' (as I have called it over the years) when one considers how the human mind is liable to react when confronted by a shattering experience which it is completely 'at a loss' to understand.

A mind 'at a loss' is a vulnerable mind and the void must be filled at once by some sort of explanation, however specious, if lasting damage to the mental processes is not to ensue. This mental 'vacuum' invites the unhindered inflow from the subconscious (ever ready to supply some sort of rationalization) of anything which will temporarily do to 'save sanity' and at this vulnerable moment the mind would be wide open to other external influences.

Hypnotists using a more subtle method of creating mental receptivity achieve a similar but less severe state of affairs and who can deny that an advanced technology may not have means of supplying to such mental 'vacuums' instructions, fantasies and explanations designed to suit the ends of those applying the 'effect X'. Perhaps the physics of telepathy has been discovered and utilised. There would be no better way of 'covering one's tracks' than by influencing close observers in such a way that their evidence becomes distorted and garbled and that they begin to contradict themselves in the essential facts of the 'sighting'.

It seems that the closer the contact with the unknown object or alien intelligence, the stronger and more lasting are the influences. We can all think of cases. Perhaps Adamski, Dan Fry, Elizabeth Klarer, George King and Truman Bethurum come into this 'effect X' category. Whether it is possible for the balance of the mind to be seriously and permanently disturbed by these alien influences, it is not easy

to say, but presumably those of us with a delicately balanced mentality might well be at risk in such circumstances and we would all do well to remember that even 'harmless' skywatches and field researches may not be so innocuous and that it is wise never to undertake these expeditions alone.

The question as to whether 'effect X' can lead to organic brain disease has arisen and it is a fact that at least two of those claiming close UFO contact have succumbed to brain tumours, but in these cases it is quite impossible to rule out that their fantasies were not due to the disease. In the case of Barney Hill the independent testimony given by his wife did appear to support the evidence he gave of their experiences at the hands of 'alien' investigators, although later he did succumb to a brain tumour.

TIME TRAVEL - A PRACTICAL POSSIBILITY?

There are persistent rumours that scientists at one of our great universities are experimenting with the conception of time travel. I do not know whether the rumours are true, or, if they are, what form the experiments are taking.

It is fascinating, whatever the facts may be, to speculate concerning the paradoxes involved in time travel if such travel is possible. It is obvious that we cannot change the past. It may be, however, that any given event in time-past was brought about by not only causes anterior to it, but by forces operating from what we call the future.

As an illustration, the assassination of President Lincoln by the actor John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theatre in Washington in April, 1865, with all the events that flowed from that traumatic happening, is a matter of history. A time traveller from the future could not travel back and prevent the assassination. It might be, however - and I use this purely as an illustration - that Booth's action was inspired from the future. It may be, in other words, that what we call history is in small measure dictated by men of days yet to come.

I do not personally believe that time travel by any kind of machine is a practicable proposition. H.G. Wells pictured his time traveller as moving into time-to-be on a contraption vaguely resembling a bicycle. I see it rather as the contemplation of past or future vistas from a higher dimensional standpoint, perhaps by the fusion of the mind of the traveller with the mind of some other person indigenous to the past or future era visited. Those who have read Olaf Stapledon's "Last and First Men", will know what I am visualising.

It certainly seems impossible to look upon time-past as gone and irrecoverable, or time-future as something non-existent and yet to be. It would rather seem that one must adopt a platonic outlook and look upon universal history in its entirety as an Idea ever present in the Mind of God.

To us, the past is irrevocable and the future undetermined. To God, past, present and future may be supposed to be unrolled eternally as a completed pattern.

A traveller on a railway journey experiences a sequence of impressions from the beginning to the end of his journey. An observer in a satellite might be able to view the entire route as a whole in a single glance from his point of vantage.

I should be interested to have readers comments on this most involved topic. There is always the possibility that something of value might emerge. J.C-B.

COVER PHOTO: This "official" NASA photograph, taken by astronauts Borman and Lovell during the Gemini 7 mission of December, 1965, shows clearly two ovals of light which they witnessed whilst in orbit. The photograph would seem to be at variance with the details of the incident as stated in the Condon Report, in as much as the astronauts reported seeing only one "bogey". Perhaps this could be the reason for the press release accompanying this photograph having "no comment" to make as regards the TWO objects shown.

REPORTED HUMANOID SIGHTING ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

- Neil Pike -

At the beginning of October, 1973, the Editor received a letter from Mr. C.A.E. Arnold of 45, The Medeway, Lake, Sandown, Isle of Wight, which set out details of an humanoid encounter involving his seven year old daughter Karen and her boy friend of the same age. As this aspect of the UFO phenomena occurred within the bounds of Wessex, it was decided to obtain as much detail as was possible by corresponding with Mr. Arnold.

From his letter, it would appear that the humanoid encounter took place during the second week in May, 1973, at four o'clock in the afternoon, on the outskirts of the almost unused Sandown Airport.

The "creature" was first seen by the children beneath a wooden post-bridge, splashing around in the stream. Presumably in order not to frighten them, he performed various acts of illusion. His appearance was described by the children, as follows:-

Height, approximately seven feet; skin colouring, paper white. He had only three fingers on each hand and three toes on each foot. There was no neck and his features appeared to be "painted" onto his face. His head came to a slight point and his ears were round; his visible hair was sparse, brown and curly, with a red fringe. The "creature" was dressed in a green tunic over short-legged trousers (colour not disclosed), from beneath which wooden slats protruded, pointing to his bare feet. His head was partially covered by a pointed yellow hat and he was wearing blue gloves on his hands. He moved with a strange "hopping" motion, raising his knees as he went.

His method of communicating with the children seems to have taken two forms. Initially, verbal communication using a microphone and subsequently hand-written notes in untidy script, which the girl read aloud.

Apart from the fact that the humanoid asked if the children were "still there" and remarked "I am all colours" to Sam, the boy, very little of the subsequent hours' conversation seems to have been remembered by Karen. The lead from the "creatures" microphone originated from inside a "hut", shaped like those seen on building sites. The children noticed, when inside, that it contained two levels, the lower being metallic in colouring with plenty of headroom and a wooden floor, whilst the upper room had less space and a metal floor. The simple furniture contained therein appeared to be wooden.

Karen imparted this information to her father on 2nd June, 1973, and she still maintains that it is a truthful account of an actual event. Unfortunately, Mr. Arnold has so far been unable to verify his daughters' story, as the little boy involved has been unforthcoming regarding the subject.

Mr. Arnold who is a Member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, working as a structural designer for the British Hovercraft Company, maintains that Karen is honest, has a retentive memory and is not in the habit of creating imaginary companions. He feels that "parts of the story ring true" and, in writing to our Editor, he had hoped for an explanation. He has visited the area of the sighting, but was unable to discover any physical evidence of the occurrence.

This case is very interesting, although it is difficult to reach any definite conclusions, as to what the girl actually witnessed. There are many equally peculiar statements on file from people of all age groups.

Some ufologists give high status to reports coming from children, as they feel they are too young to be making up such complicated stories and also because they feel no embarrassment when recounting them.

The Wessex UFO Record cannot commit itself to an opinion on this case, as the sighting report was submitted too late for a satisfactory investigation to be carried out.

FOOTNOTE:

Since compiling the above article, we have received a communication from Mr. Arnold indicating that he has been able to verify his daughters' story, having interviewed the little boy concerned.

UFO ACTIVITY - NATIONWIDE:

The Secretary of the Kettering UFO Research Group, Mr. R. Birkett, and four colleagues witnessed a UFO hovering over Harrowden Airfield and were fortunate enough to be able to photograph the object. The sighting took place in the early hours of Saturday, 8th September, 1973, when those present witnessed two lights glowing in the sky. Between these two lights there appeared to be a large, solid object. Film of the UFO was shot from a distance of six hundred yards, using a 200 millimetre lens and the print shows clearly large areas of light. This and many other sightings are reported in the KUFORG NEWS, obtainable from Mr. Birkett at 48, Glebe Avenue, Broughton, Northants.

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Subscriber Mr. H. Simpson, who resides at Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, Warcs, observed, in the company of his wife, two crimson objects at twelve midnight on Friday 7th September, 1973. The objects were hovering 500/1,000 feet above Barr Beacon. Each light was visible

for about thirty seconds, the first having the appearance of a flare, but without movement. The second was similar but appeared to fall very slowly in a spiralling motion. Mr. Simpson reported his sighting to the local police who were unable to furnish an explanation. However, they were able to confirm that "the sightings were verified by police officers".

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Mrs Sally Pike, Secretary of The Wessex UFO Record, was on a skywatch at Starr Hill, Warminster on Friday, 16th November, 1973, in the company of six colleagues, when two UFOs were observed. At 1.45 a.m. the objects, which were gold in colour and oval shaped, moved towards the southern horizon, following the contours of the surrounding hills. The motion of the UFOs appeared to be "duck-bobbing and jerky". Subsequent to this sighting, other phenomena occurred which will be recounted at length in a future article.

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There have been many alleged sightings at Warminster, both daylight and nocturnal. Unfortunately we are unable to recount these as the witnesses have not yet been interviewed. In order that the readers of this publication will be kept informed of Warminster UFO activity, we intend to have an observer on the Hill full-time after Christmas.

KOHOUTEK IS COMING!

- Neil and Sally Pike -

The recently discovered comet Kohoutek has already received much publicity from the mass media, but in view of the fact that it is hoped by astronomers to be the most spectacular comet of this century, this publication can hardly omit some additional information on the subject. It is hoped that Kohoutek will be many times brighter than Halley's Comet which blazed across the sky in 1910. During the period of its observation, various COMET DAYS will be allocated. These are to be days chosen by the International

Astronomical Union, when important observations will be conducted at the same time throughout the world. Space-age technology will be used. NASA will launch several instrument-carrying rockets to observe Kohoutek. Mariner 10, on route for a fly-past of Venus and Mercury, will transmit TV pictures. Likewise, Pioneer 8, already in orbit around the Sun, will provide clues to the comet's tail make-up by transmitting radio-signals through it.

NASA's Goldstone antenna in California's Mojave Desert will be utilised to bounce radar signals off Kohoutek's nucleus.

Skylab 3 astronauts will view the comet during the time when it is close by and most influenced by solar radiation i.e. from December 28th, 1973, when it emerges from behind the Sun, until mid-January when it passes within 75 million miles of the Earth.

A special comet Observatory has been built on South Baldy Mountain, near Socorro, New Mexico. (A change of employment for Lonnie Zamora, perhaps?).

To the naked eye Kohoutek will be visible from early December until the beginning of February. It should be easily distinguishable, having a tail 17 million kilometres long, perhaps stretching across one-sixth of the evening sky.

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