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EXTRATERRESTRIALS AND UFO'S PANIC ARGENTINA

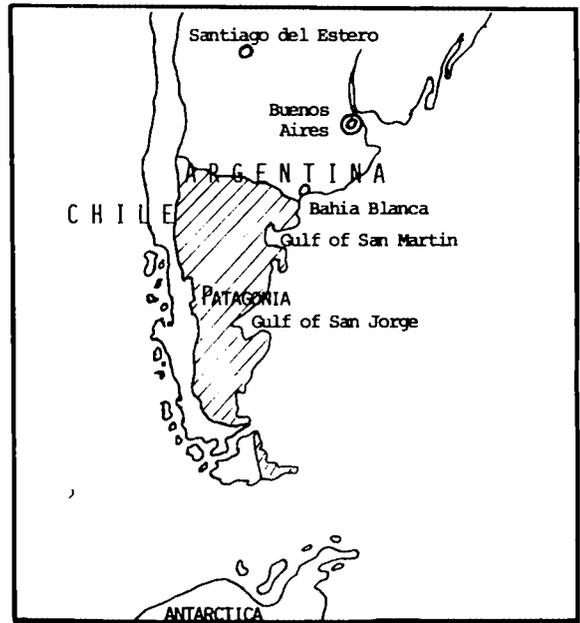
El Comercio, Lima, Peru, July 15, 1974, reports the following:
(Translated from the Spanish by Doris L. Phillips)

Buenos Aires.- The presence of UFO's and extraterrestrial beings in the Argentinian territory is creating a true psychosis among the people there. Panic-stricken, some of them have been so shaken that they had to be hospitalized. Suffering from severe nervous breakdowns, they assure to have been eye witnesses of apparitions of both gigantic and small beings of humanoid aspect and of mysterious machines which positively come from other worlds.

UFO's have been seen lately in the provinces of Santiago del Estero, in Northeastern Argentina, in Tres Arroyos, Tandil, and other cities in the province of Buenos Aires. In Bahia Blanca, also in the province of Buenos Aires, a young woman strongly affirmed that the "burning breath" of an extraterrestrial being that she saw come out of a space ship burned her eyelashes. There is also the case of a woman who lost her speech because of shock when she saw a UFO. She is still hospitalized in the city of Neuquen, unable to talk.

Bases in Patagonia? As if these reports were not enough, now it seems that there exist UFO submarine bases in the gulfs of San Martin and San Jorge, in Patagonia, Argentina. Antonio de las Heras, head of a special commission of the Society for the Investigation of Unexplained Phenomena, affirms this in a communique to the local press. This sensational "discovery" is the result of an exhaustive investigation carried on for over a year. Mr. de las Heras tells us: "Several years ago, two UFO's, emitting strange fluorescence, were seen at midnight plunging into the waters off the desolate coasts of Patagonia, South of Argentina, after performing difficult maneuvers in the air. At dawn, a motor launch approached the spot, and to the astonished eyes of the crew there was a great amount of algae which had been torn and disturbed; however, there was no sign of the two UFO's." Mr. de las Heras tells us also that today this episode can be explained rationally: "Both UFO's--he says--did not fall into the sea due to a malfunction. The immersion was consciously and deliberately executed. Once immersed they continued their course like submarines to their bases."

It Is All Very Logical.- And so, according to the Director of the above mentioned commission of the Society for the Investigation of Unexplained Phenomena, all this is perfectly logical. It so happens that these machines from other worlds "come in" through the Antarctic to avoid the dan-



gerous radiations emitted by the Van Allen Belt, which in this particular zone loses some of its potency. Therefore, the ideal sites to install a coordination center are in the area of Patagonia. To have a base on firm land would be risky, but in the bottom of the sea there is less chance of detection and it is easier to protect the bases. These are camouflaged for extra security. Mr. de las Heras reports that the Investigating Commission is ready to pin down the approximate time when the bases were installed--at least one of them. *

* Society Member DR. RICARDO SALAZAR-SOUTHWELL, of Lima, Peru, has furnished us with this article and many others from Peruvian publications, which we will report on from time to time.

SECOND WORLD CONFERENCE ON ANCIENT ASTRONAUTS

Erich von Daniken will host our Second World Conference, which will be held in Zurich, Switzerland on May 29, 30, 31, 1975 at the Holliday Inn-Movenpick, a modern first class hotel near Airport Zurich.

THE STONES WERE LIGHT AS CORK!

Pedro de Cieza de Leon, the Chronicler of the Incas, writing in the year 1553, reports the following story:

According to Indian legend, long before the Incas arrived in Peru, a very long time passed during which they did not see the sun, resulting in much suffering and hardship to the inhabitants. After a long period, the sun emerged from the Island of Titicaca, in what is now known as Lake Titicaca, between the borders of Peru and Bolivia. The Indians say that there then appeared from the south a large white man who was greatly venerated and who performed many miracles. They called him the "Maker;" their "Beginning;" the "Father of the Sun." He taught the people to be good, not to harm each other, to love one another, and to use charity towards all. He travelled northward and was never seen again. This man was called "Tici-Viracocha" and the huge statues in Tiahuanco are believed to have been erected in his honor.

After some time had passed, the Indian legend continues, another large white man appeared in the region. He, too, performed great deeds and miraculous achievements, healing the sick and restoring the sight of the blind. In the province of Cocha, this man found himself opposed by the natives and they advanced upon him intending to stone him. As they approached, he knelt, raised his head to the sky, and, the Indian legend says, at that very moment a great fire approached in the sky and the natives feared for their lives. They crowded around the white man, pleading with him to help them. He ordered the fire to cease, which it did, but the fire and heat had so scorched the surrounding stones, that they were light as cork, and even a big one could be easily picked up.

This second man the Indians called "Viracocha," and he departed by spreading his cloak on the water and moving on it over the waves.

URGES SPACE EXPLORATION AND COLONIZATION

I found the May-June issue of "Ancient Skies" most fascinating and informative. I particularly was intrigued by the feature article on the Australian cave drawing. Stuart Greenwood's interpretation is both logical and fascinating. It seems that whoever drew that cave painting must have been thinking along similar lines as Dr. Carl Sagan and his wife when they designed the Pioneer 10 Jupiter probe's plaque which could be read by an extraterrestrial.

Incidentally, the latest "Ancient Skies" carried a phrase which I take exception to. In his review of Blumrich's book on his Ezekiel findings, George Teacherson expressed the hope that "The Spaceships of Ezekiel..... serve to re-stimulate our thinking toward our space program as a viable, earthly, problem-solving institution." To that I say, "Balderdash!" I think that the U.S. space program has turned too introspective, that we are too obsessed with applying space technology to the environment, the cities, et al, to the point where active manned and unmanned lunar and planetary space flight is at best anemic, at worst, near death. I say that the whole concept of ancient astronauts and extraterrestrial civilization is alone just cause for a sweeping new and unrestrained commitment of our entire planet's resources, if necessary, to the exploration and colonization of the planets in our system and those circling other stars. David A. Krouse, Wallingford, Pennsylvania.

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PLEA TO SAVE UTAH PETROGLYPHS

In Capital Reef National Park in southern Utah, a third of the way up the face of a cliff wall, lie one of the few remnants of a vanished American Indian tribe. Carved and scratched on the rock are figures drawn by these ancient people. Portrayed in these petroglyphs are people in strange ceremonial costumes surrounded by animals and obscure symbols. Looking down on us from their height, they are trying to tell us something that an Ancient American thought important enough to immortalize in stone. As to what they are or say, one can only guess, but even the most casual glance will catch the protrusion from the round helmet-like head cover of the prominent figure. Standing next to him is a box-like robot-figure supplied with the jutting appendages. Then there is a third being like the first, but he is higher up. Are they Indians with a penchant for unwieldy headgear or are they something the artist saw from another world?

Whatever they are, they are being destroyed. Half the rock face has fallen, carrying with it irreplaceable art from a forgotten civilization.

Soon, unless we act, piece by piece the carvings will come tumbling down, smashed to bits on the canyon floor.

Nature is the culprit. Nature that made the park one of the most beautiful places in the west and moved the Indians there to call it "The Land of the Sleeping Rainbow", is slowly eating away at these figures, erasing all hints of the man who made them or what he was trying to portray.

With the technology and finances of modern America, these figures can be saved if interested people become involved. The park service can replace the giant puzzle that has already fallen, and protect against future destruction, those that remain. We need to do something about it now before it is too late.

I would like to see this Society and its members be the forerunners in the preservation of this priceless treasure handed down to us from the past ages. By writing to our legislators and the heads of the National Park Service, action can be started now while time yet remains. I would like to see all the intelligent people with eyes on the stars and their mind on the future of mankind help in this historic event by joining me with letters for action in preserving our heritage and recovering this ancient communication. Maurice R. Rogers, Chicago, Illinois.

SOCIETY SPEAKERS CLEARING HOUSE

As a public service to members and friends across the country, the Society will conduct a clearing house for lecturers on various aspects of the ancient astronaut and ancient mystery theories. If you wish to engage a speaker for your school, club or organization, please let us know and we will put you in touch with qualified speakers. Fees will be arranged between the speaker and sponsor. If you wish to be listed as a lecturer, send us a biography and a brief description of your topics, fees and presentation.

ERICH VON DANIKEN'S FALL LECTURE TOUR

Tommy Campbell, of Toxey, Alabama has suggested that we publish the itinerary for Erich von Daniken's forthcoming lecture tour. Bantam Lecture Bureau has graciously furnished the following lecture schedule for the United States and Canada:

- October 2 - Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas
- October 3 - Baylor University
Waco, Texas
- October 7 - University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, New Mexico
- October 9 - Florida Junior College
Jacksonville, Florida
- October 15 - Mars Hill College
Mars Hill, North Carolina
- October 22 - Sir George Williams University
Montreal, Canada
- October 23 - Grove City College
Grove City, Pennsylvania
- November 1 - Niagara County Community College
Sanborn, New York
- November 4 - Science Teacher's Association
of New York State
Islip, New York
- November 6 - Seton Hall University
South Orange, New Jersey
- November 7 - University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee
- November 11 - University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame (South Bend), Indiana
- November 13 - William Rainey Harper College
Palatine, Illinois
- November 15 - YMCA Center for Counseling
and Human Relations
Toronto, Canada
- November 18 - University of Nebraska
Omaha, Nebraska

For information on sponsoring Mr. von Daniken in your area, contact Linda Raglan at Bantam Lecture Bureau, 666 Fifth Avenue, New York 10019, telephone (212) 245-8172.

Bantam also has other speakers in our field of interest, including Josef F. Blumrich, Ralph and Judy Blum, J. Allen Hynek, Alan Landsburg and John Wallace Spencer. For information on these notable speakers, contact Barbara Marcus at the above address.

BRAD STEIGER LECTURE SCHEDULE

We are pleased to publish Brad Steiger's lecture schedule as follows:

- September 11-12 - Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship
Cincinnati, Ohio
- September 13-14 - Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship
Evansville, Indiana
- October 19-20 - Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship
Davenport, Iowa
- October 21 - Psychic Info. Exchange
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- October 26 - Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship
Minneapolis, Minnesota

For information on sponsoring Mr. Steiger in your area, contact David Graham, Other Dimensions, Inc., 104 Washington St., Decorah, Iowa 52101, telephone (319) 382-2955.

SECOND WORLD CONFERENCE ON ANCIENT ASTRONAUTS

May 29-31, 1975 - Zurich, Switzerland
Authors from all over Europe have been invited to speak.

ARTIST LITAVSKY GIVES SECOND WORK TO SOCIETY

Andrew Litavsky, Chicago artist, presented a second piece of artwork to the Ancient Astronaut Society. The painting is Litavsky's interpretation of the figure on the Palenque Stone in Mexico. The Stone, which is a sarcophagus lid, shows an "Astronaut" who appears to be at the controls of a spaceship. The painting is colored blue and white, complete with Litavsky's unique plaster tufts, and dark brown frame. It is now on display along with Mr. Litavsky's first gift at the Society's World Headquarters.



STUART W. GREENWOOD FORTFEST SPEAKER

Stuart W. Greenwood, Aerospace Engineer at the University of Maryland and Society member, delivered one of the major addresses at the International Fortean Organization's Convention, Fortfest, which was held August 9, 10 and 11 in Washington, D.C. Mr. Greenwood discussed the gold artifacts from Colombia, South America, which resemble modern delta-wing aircraft. A drawing of one of such artifacts is the logo for "Ancient Skies."

Mr. Greenwood pointed out that the first to publish the idea that such artifacts resemble aircraft was Ivan T. Sanderson. Greenwood theorizes that the objects could have been aircraft, space shuttles, or one-way supply vehicles from orbit, which he favors. He further surmised that such craft could have landed in the water, perhaps in the Caribbean Sea.



Stuart W. Greenwood at Fortfest, 1974.

BOOK REVIEW - MEINE WELT IN BILDERN, now available in English as **IN SEARCH OF ANCIENT GODS - MY PICTORIAL EVIDENCE FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE**, by Erich von Daniken

Every writer who attempts to refute Erich von Daniken's theory of spacemen visiting earth in pre-classical times invariably states that there is not enough proof. Now, let them read Ancient Gods. It contains enough evidence to satisfy the most skeptical critic.

Beginning with man's age-old fascination with celestial bodies, and early man's belief that the gods lived in the stars, von Daniken makes the point that the "gods" of the ancient texts were not divine, omnipotent, or omniscient, as is expounded by theologians, but that the "gods" were simply spacemen who visited earth in ancient times, complete with human weaknesses and limitations.

Ancient Gods presents new and startling evidence to support von Daniken's theory of pre-classical visitations - passages from ancient Mayan texts which may be records of the first spaceship landings; reports of studies which suggest telepathy in plants, and speculation on how an event such as a visit by spacemen could have affected the growth rate of the then-young redwood and bristlecone pine trees, now being studied; investigation of the structure and design of interstellar spacecraft - as well as his old standbys, the Great Pyramid, the Palenque Stone, and the Nazca Plains. All this leads up to one shocking, convincing, irrefutable fact - that a space probe has been orbiting earth's moon for 12,600 years, as was deduced by scientists studying impulses sent out by this probe.

Ancient Gods is a documentary of facts pertaining to the authors's theory; it does not seem to have been intended as a literary work. The style of changing subjects without so much as a transitional sentence would send an English teacher into convulsions; however, von Daniken's unique personality and humour is evident throughout the narrative, and the facts and theories are presented admirably in a clear and convincing manner.

Ancient Gods is a compilation of all von Daniken's proofs. Replete with photographs, many in color, the book is complete in itself - not a sequel to earlier works - and it could be called the "Encyclopedia of the Ancient Astronaut Theory." -Greg Phillips.

ANCIENT ASTRONAUTISM NEEDS A NAME!

Dr. Luis E. Navia came from New York to attend BLAST-OFF 1, our first general meeting, on July 27, 1974. Dr. Navia, a professor of philosophy at New York Institute of Technology, made it clear to the 175 persons attending the meeting that the ancient astronaut theory is not a religion, not a cult, but rather, a science.

Dr. Navia is completing a book on the scientific evaluation of the ancient astronaut theory, and he has used a term to describe our field as "astroarcheology."

Stuart Greenwood writes that he prefers the term "astronautical anthropology," and George Teacherson likes "astroanthroarcheology." Some other suggestions are "pragmatic astrobiology," "preclassical astronautics," "extraterrestrial aeronautics," "aerospacial archaeology," "astro-nomics," and "astroidics."

We believe that our emerging science does need a distinctive name, if for no other reason, to set the literary works in our field apart from the "occult."

We welcome your suggestions in this area, and we will try to develop a term which will be scientific and meaningful.

CURRENT BOOKS ON ANCIENT MYSTERIES
(All available in Paperback)

- CHARIOTS OF THE GODS? - Erich von Daniken
- GODS FROM OUTER SPACE - Erich von Daniken
- THE GOLD OF THE GODS - Erich von Daniken
- WE ARE NOT THE FIRST - Andrew Tomas
- THE HOME OF THE GODS - Andrew Tomas
- MYSTERIES FROM FORGOTTEN WORLDS - Charles Berlitz
- LIMBO OF THE LOST GODS AND DEVILS FROM OUTER SPACE - John Wallace Spencer
- OUR HAUNTED PLANET - Eric Norman
- INVISIBLE HORIZONS - John A. Keel
- INVISIBLE RESIDENTS - Vincent Gaddis
- THE COMING OF THE GODS - Ivan T. Sanderson
- THOSE GODS WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH - Jean Sendy
- STRANGER THAN SCIENCE - Frank Edwards
- STRANGE WORLD - Frank Edwards
- THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH - Hal Lindsey
- THE RA EXPEDITIONS - Thor Heyerdahl
- GODS AND SPACEMEN (EAST) - W. Raymond Drake
- GODS AND SPACEMEN (WEST) - W. Raymond Drake
- ANCIENTS SECRETS OF MYSTERIOUS AMERICA - W. Raymond Drake
- PONAPE - Silbey S. Morrill
- EARTH IN UPEHAVAL - Immanuel Velikovsky
- WORLDS IN COLLISION - Immanuel Velikovsky
- THE SPACESHIPS OF EZEKIEL - Josef F. Blumrich
- FORGOTTEN WORLDS - Robert Charroux
- THE GODS UNKNOWN - Robert Charroux
- ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND YEARS (etc.) - Robert Charroux
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- THE SKY PEOPLE - Brinsley LePoer Trench
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- IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBILITIES - Pauwels and Bergier
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