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REPORT ON "THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL CONFERENCE"

by Joe Nyman

On Sunday, March 13, 1977 the Foundation Faith Church of New York City sponsored a UFO oriented meeting. Called "The Extra-Terrestrial Conference" it was held at the Church headquarters in Manhattan and ran from 10 in the morning to 8 in the evening. The Conference took the form of a number of panel discussions with audience participation and several featured speakers.

This writer as well as Steve Putnam and Stella Lansing attended from the NEUFOSG. Stella was also a featured participant and presented an interesting film and lecture which highlighted the unusual and paranormal events she has experienced over the years. As members know, many of these occurrences have been related to the UFO phenomenon.

The balance of the conference was roughly divided between those with an interest in the philosophy of the UFO experience and where it was leading mankind and those who had had direct experiences.

In the former group, artist Earl Hubbard keynoted the meeting by declaring his belief that the UFO phenomenon was related to a new birth in humanity's outlook and thinking, replacing our Earth-centered orientation. Also in this group the Psychologist Philip Liss presented his viewpoint that UFOs were part of a worldwide cueing phenomenon to redirect man's thinking towards a religious focus.

The latter group contained names more familiar to us such as Stella, Dr. Berthold Schwarz and Betty Hill. Included also in this group were two people new to the writer, Marianne Cascio and Lydia Stalnaker. These ladies have recently told stories under hypnosis of being abducted—at least twice each. The apparent abductions have resulted in major changes in their lives. Ms. Cascio had her eyes permanently damaged in a UFO encounter in 1953 but now claims to be able to detect auras with her remaining peripheral vision. Her second UFO encounter is still under investigation. Ms. Stalnaker has claimed the development of remarkable contact-healing powers and the capacity in trance to allow an apparent extraterrestrial entity called Antron to speak through her. One of the highlights of the Conference was a question-and-answer session between Antron and the audience. It is hoped that a transcription of this session can be made for presentation in a future newsletter to the members of our group.

In summary, this writer found the Conference both stimulating and exciting, and hopes that it can be repeated at a future date.

MORE FACTS ON THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE

FROM THE DESK OF ANDREW GALLIGAN OCCULT HISTORIAN

One of the most famous people to be lost in this area was Theodosia Burr Alston wife of Gov. Joseph Alston of South Carolina and daughter of the former Vice President of U.S. Aaron Burr. Her disappearance took place in 1812 when she left Georgetown Harbor bound for New York on board the packet boat The Patriot noted for its speed. Neither this stout ship or its precious cargo were ever found.

On three different occasions former pirates "made confessions" on their death beds that each one of them killed this famous captive. Yet none of these stories were ever proven valid. Even Edward Rowe Snow did some digging into dusty old records concerning this case yet nothing could be established as to the cause of the missing Patriot and passengers.

In 1945 from Cecil Field in Jacksonville, Florida the famous Flight 19 left on a bombing mission. This was labeled an Overwater Navigational Flight and these planes were manned by qualified pilots and were on this mission to learn additional skills in the art of dive bombing techniques.

Sergeant Robert Gallivan U.S.M.C. was from Northhampton, Mass. and a barrack mate of his was Allen Kosnar of Kenosha, Wisconsin who at the last minute asked to be relieved of duty and not go on this flight as he reported to sick bay to say he did not feel well. So he was allowed to remain at the base and watch this doomed flight take off and was never seen again. Did Allen Kosnar have a psychic premonition and was more or less guided to sick bay by psychic forces that we all have yet to learn much more about.

Flying-saucer rumors become

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craze in U.S.S.R.

New York Times Service

Moscow, U.S.S.R.

A flying-saucer craze has been flourishing in the Soviet Union. In classrooms and around dinner tables, in buses and offices, it has infected conversation like a ubiquitous germ, sometimes dividing friends into hostile camps of believers and unbelievers.

The official press has thrown cold water on rumors that extraterrestrial beings have paid visits.

All this began several months ago. As Soviet dissidents circulated clandestine typewritten essays and statements opposing government actions, someone began spreading copies of a five-page typed "lecture" attributed to F. Y. Zigel, assistant professor at the Moscow Aviation Institute. It said there had been 300 recorded sightings of unidentified flying objects in the Soviet Union over the years and gave examples.

It is not clear whether Zigel, who has written books on astronomy, is actually the author of the lecture, or even whether such a lecture was actually given. The professor himself has said nothing in public since the typed synopsis began circulating.

The typescript included the tantalizing line, "In the USSR, there exists a ban on all kinds of publications about UFOs," a remark sure to enhance the document's credibility.

In a controlled society in which many people—intellectuals, at least—tend to disbelieve the official press, the typed papers known in Russian as samizdat, gaining unauthorized publications, take on extraordinary verisimilitude. The flying-saucer talk has a certain glitter, not only because it appeals to fantasy but because it is unapproved.

"Everybody has to believe rumors because they are unofficial," a Russian observed. Indeed the Russian propensity to gobble rumors like the first lettuce of spring has a long history. Under the czars, by one Muscovite's account, it was customary to start a rumor before a church bell was cast in the belief that the more widely the rumor was accepted, the better the chance for a successful cast. The expression "to cast a bell," meaning to start a rumor, remains in the language.

If church bells were still being cast, Moscow could overfulfill its plan these days. The typed lecture offers several examples of reported UFOs that are widely believed. Last January, the lecture avers, a UFO hovered over the city of Nalchik for 36 hours. A UFO trailed an airliner from Vorkuta to Omak. In 1961 a saucer hovered for 45 minutes, over a railroad crossing at Golytsino, 28

miles west of Moscow; auto engines stalled and could not be started until the saucer left.

Three weeks ago the government had evidently had enough. Yere-mei Parnov, a Soviet science-fiction writer, appeared in print to denounce the samizdat lectures. "Typed in hundreds and thousands of copies, and even copied in handwriting," he wrote in the youth newspaper Kommunisticheskaya Pravda, "the report lives a life of its own, causing violent arguments in the widest circles: from the youngest schoolboys to celebrated representatives of the creative intelligentsia. They gossip about the saucers (meaning UFOs) and humanoids everywhere, in trolleybuses and palaces of culture."

He then sought to disprove the lecture's contentions, point by point.

The appeal to logic was followed a few days later by an appeal to fear. The same newspaper, an organ of the young Communist League, implied that those who spread the flying-saucer stories were somehow subversive, indulging in the "mass culture" of the West, "flirting with superstitions and religious impulses, manipulated indirectly by the Pentagon."

OXFORD, MAINE SIGHTING

by
Brent Raynes

On March 1, 1977, at about 6:10 P.M., Wayne M. stepped out the back door of his trailer home for the purpose of taking a picture of the moon with his Keystone camera. Immediately to the west behind the trees, he observed four bright white diamond shaped, domed appearing objects. The objects had the intensity of looking at street lights at close distance. They were going from north to south. There was no sound, and there were no odors. It was impossible, Wayne stated, to determine speed, altitude and distance accurately. The sky had a few scattered clouds.

Wayne's camera was loaded with 107 black and white Polaroid film. His camera is about two years of age and in excellent appearing condition.

Total duration of this sighting was 10-12 seconds approximately. After snapping the picture of the southbound objects in an opening he immediately returned inside the trailer. He excitedly told his 17-year-old sister what had happened, and they phoned their mother. Nothing was seen afterwards.

Wayne told me that he had always wanted to see a UFO. He seemed interested in space.

Wayne M. struck me impressively as a sincere and honest young man. (16yrs old) He showed me the original Polaroid picture, and a blow up done by reporter Shirley T. of the Lewiston Daily Sun. In the newspaper lab the lower left side of the original print was accidentally scratched, but it did no damage to the pictured objects.

A SECOND UFO ENCOUNTER

On Thursday evening, April 7, 1977, I (Brent Raynes) visited the M. residence and interviewed young Wayne M., an Oxford Hills High student, about his second UFO encounter. " It was oval shaped with like a little bump on the bottom of it. It was yellow colored, the whole thing." (Note copy of his drawing below) It appeared to be hovering low above Reid's Service Station up the road north of his location along Rt. 26. He was in his driveway.

He was going up to take a Polaroid picture of his grandfather who had turned 75 that day. The date was Friday the 25th of March, again 6.10 P.M. "It was just sitting there and right after I snapped the picture it went that way (west) real fast. I couldn't never have gotten another picture of it." No sound. Altitude couldn't be judged. "It looked brighter to me (than March 1st sighting). It was a bright yellow. On the picture it looks pinkish colored. It's funny. "Range was probably set at 30 feet, although he isn't sure. "Right after I took the picture I ran up here and I couldn't even get up the stairs. I was yelling and screaming. They came out but they didn't see anything." (they being his mother and sister) He estimates that the total duration of his sighting may have been perhaps 30 seconds.

Mrs. M. said, "I couldn't imagine. I thought that maybe he fell down the stairs, because he had just gone out the door."



Shape of UFOs photographed on March 1st by Wayne M. in Oxford, Maine



Shape of UFO photographed on March 25th by Wayne M. in Oxford, Maine

Brent Raynes was our speaker at the April meeting. He told us about other sightings from Maine including Feb.17th 1977 in South Paris, March 2nd 1977 between Oxford and Norway, two sightings on March3rd 1977 and an April sighting which involved a UFO that followed a car. Some of these events will appear in our July Newsletter.

The following news articles were sent in to the Newsletter by Mrs. Sheehan. If you read any UFO articles in your paper, please remember to send them in to YOUR Newsletter. (632 Oak Hill Ave. Attleboro, Mass. 02703) Thank you.

Flash in Sky Triggers Search

By JOE PURCELL
and STEVE CAINE
Enterprise Staff

PEMBROKE — A fiery "something" swept across Pembroke skies last night and exploded into Pembroke Reservoir setting off a night-long search that engaged firemen and policemen, Coast Guard personnel, a helicopter, boats, autoists, residents and others. The search, under floodlights, continued right up to the crack of dawn.

It all started when Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cohen, watching TV in the den of their home at 285 Pleasant St., located on the shore of the reservoir which is also known as "Stump Pond," spotted something streak across the sky.

Then there was an explosion in the reservoir sending up a flash and the Cohens, figuring an aircraft was involved, called the Pembroke Police.

About the same time, a number of other callers who had spotted essentially the same scene that got the Cohens moving, jumped to their phones and lit up the police department switchboard.

In no time Pembroke Police Chief George Shaw along with the town's Fire Chief Earl Ford and men from the departments arrived at the scene as Plympton Police Chief Hubert Anquas hearing of the situation, pulled up.

A Pembroke Fire Dept. boat equipped with a powerful lighting unit was launched on the reservoir and crews of

other searchers pushed into the water in other boats borrowed from shore residents.

Fire Chief Ford said: "Mr. Cohen gave us a line of where he thought it was and we crossed that line again and again, without any luck. I'm satisfied we covered it pretty well."

At this point the Coast Guard, contacted by police sent a helicopter hovering over the lake, it's lights flashing across the watery expanse. There was talk of meteorites. Police searched bog area beyond the reservoir.

It was the kind of scene that could have sent Superman into and out of a telephone booth for a quick change and off on an airborne fix for Pembroke.

The chopper landed in a dry bog next to the reservoir, took aboard Pembroke officers and soon there was two-way radio contact between the shore and aloft. The search was pressed over the 25-acre reservoir. The water is dotted with the stumps of long-dead trees. Police found it difficult to negotiate the area in boats and in darkness.

Pilot of the chopper swooped low over nearby woodland figuring that whatever it was they were searching for may have crashed among the trees. Nothing turned up either on land or in the reservoir. Searchers were looking for any kind of debris that might have given them a clue.

Meanwhile, curious autoists arrived on roads near the

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reservoir turning on their high beams. Residents peered along the shore, squinting into the darkness.

Pembroke Police Sgt. Richard Simmons said a "crash" message was put on the teletype and a check was made of airports to see if any craft were missing or overdue. That proved to be a blind alley.

Through the night police in cruisers fanned out on roads in the reservoir area, searching for anything that might hint at what happened. They didn't get anywhere either.

Sgt. Simmons said that there had been some recent sightings of meteorites, and that maybe something of that nature was involved. He said that there were hundreds of calls from curious through the night.

The search continued through the early hours as the fire boat and it's lighting equipment remained at the scene.

There is a possibility that the helicopter will be asked to return today if anything turns up. The search is continuing.

Couple Saw Air Crash; No Wreckage Found

PEMBROKE — A second search in the area of the East Pembroke reservoir for traces of a plane or helicopter that reportedly crashed earlier today turned up nothing.

Police resumed their search this morning for a possible missing plane or helicopter after a Pleasant Street couple called police and said they saw a mid-air explosion of some type of aircraft over the reservoir.

Bernard J. Cohen and his wife were sitting in their den watching television shortly before 11 p.m. when they saw what seemed to be a mid-air explosion, and then watched as a ball of fire plunge into the area in or around the reservoir.

"It seemed to be a plane or helicopter which exploded, and it looked like it fell into the pond," said Mrs. Cohen.

"We have a large view of the pond in our backyard and saw the

explosion occur right over it," she said.

Mr. Cohen then alerted police at about 10:45 p.m. Police also received reports of a possible plane crash from other callers.

About 35 police and firefighters, aided by a Coast Guard helicopter, were called in to search the area off Pleasant Street for traces of some sort of crash.

All off-duty police and firefighters were called in to search the area through the early morning hours.

According to a fire official, the area where the crash was reported to have occurred is a combination of swamp, cranberry bogs and woods.

Searchers combed a one-to-two-square-mile area near the East Pembroke reservoir until about 3 a.m., but nothing was found.

The search resumed at 8 a.m. this morning by police and once again nothing was found.

Mrs. Sheehan went down to Pembroke to get more information but the police would not give out any facts. I called Mrs. Cohen and although she was very polite, she would not discuss the sighting. She said she had repeated the story a thousand times and that the newspaper had already covered everything. "I'm sorry, there is nothing more to be said."

AN INTERVIEW WITH GORDON COOPER (ASTRONAUT) ON THE MIKE DOUGLAS T.V. SHOW

Mrs. Sheehan taped this interview on January 21, 1977 and gave the tape to me (Dave Downs) to include in our Newsletter.

Mike-I once had lunch with you, I don't know how much of this you can say on TV, but I've never been involved in such an exciting conversation. I am interested in UFOs and have done a lot of reading about it and am fascinated with it. Have you ever seen one?

Gordon-Yes I have.

Mike-Tell that story, will you, about that day you were up with the squadron.

Gordon-Well we had a fighter squadron over Europe and for two days these objects kept coming over from east to west and in much higher altitudes than we could get to with our airplanes.... We could fly about 50,000 feet, and they were higher than that. But they came over doing the same kind of tactics we did in the fighter outfit.

Mike-How many of them were there?

Gordon-Probably several hundred of them totally over a period of two days they came over and every one in the group went up at one time or other with binoculars. And up high flying with their knees and trying to look through their binoculars.....

Mike- How long ago was this?

Gordon-Oh, it was in the early 50s.

Mike- And didn't you tell me that one day your whole squadron took off after them?

Gordon-Well, this was the particular time.

Mike-What did they look like? Describe them.

Gordon-Well, it's difficult to say other than that they were sort of the typical, classical, double saucer shape, metallic looking, no wings. Other than that..

Mike- Were they revolving? Were they actually spinning?

Gordon-Not that you could see, no. You couldn't see any propulsion systems either.

Mike-How many men saw them?

Gordon- Oh, probably a total of about a hundred.

Mike- And didn't you chase them one day?

Gordon-There really wasn't much chasing to it because they were so much higher. They had us outclassed a bit there.

Mike-You described how they disappear, I'll never forget that. You said that you were going out, the whole squadron, after them and they finally just turned up and.....

Gordon-Well this was another particular case where a friend of mine actually pulled up along side of one and at a lower altitude here in the United States. And it flipped up at a sharp angle and just climbed straight out. It was accelerating pretty rapidly.

Mike-Any idea where they come from?

Gordon- Oh, I think there idea lot of guesses and a lot of conjecture, but I guess until someone walke in and says "How do you do? I want to meet you and tell you where I'm from"....well, it's going to be difficult to say.

Mike- Have you any idea of where you think they come from?

Gordon-No, I really don't.

Mike- Did anyone ever investigate the matter, when you came back and reported having seen them? Did you photograph them, by the way?

Gordon-No, as a matter of fact I don't think any photographs were taken. Why I don't know. I guess just in the heat of the moment nobody thought about it. But these were the days, of course, when the Air Force, because of a lot of money they were spending investigating UFOs, they decided to put controls on what happened to UFO information in an attempt to try to decide what they were and where they were coming from.....

.....I think that a lot of these stories that you hear, unfortunately, probably are cooked up by somebody for some personal motive perhaps but on the other hand there are too many highly qualified, honest, truthful people that you just can't disbelieve all of them. And I think that some of them certainly have been correlated by hypnosis and lie detector tests and.....

Mike- Oh sure. You're going to have an interview next week, aren't you, with a man who claims to have had an experience like that? What is the experience that the man has had? Can you divulge any of the information?

Gordon- Well, he's had several trips now in a UFO and is in fairly constant contact with them.

Mike- Trips?

Gordon-Trips. And the first one he had just disappeared and lost three days out of his life. Until they put him under hypnosis, he didn't know what had happened in those three days. Everybody said, ah ha, where were you really? It turns out that under hypnosis and lie detector tests that he pretty much verified what other people had said, who apparently had had these UFO contacts. And since he has had several other contacts with them. And there is some very interesting data and there's a group of some fairly qualified people who.....

Mike- Who has verified this story so far?

Gordon-There has been a number of doctors, both P.H.D. and M.D. types who have run hypnosis on him and lie detector tests... There have been some who have been with him when he's gone into a trance and supposedly in communication with them and some of the strange things that were coming out like ancient Greek and he didn't understand Greek and he was able to write in ancient Greek and so many strange things that are just so hard to explain.....

At this point, Mike changed the subject and the conversation never did get back to UFOs.

Dear Members,

I'd like to thank Joe, Andrew, Brent and Marilyn for their help in this Newsletter. I want to thank Steve for having Brent as a guest at his home so that Brent could speak to our group. The last meeting was a good one. UFO sightings discussed included more details on sightings from our April newsletter and another sighting in Chelmsford on Oct. 29, 1976. Stella L. told us about her latest sightings in the Palmer area. A March 26th 1977 sighting involving a red, white and blue UFO was discussed. I'd like to thank Dick St. Germain for giving all our members a copy of his latest UFO Newsletter. The First International Congress on the UFO phenomenon took place in Acapulco, Mexico, from the 17th to the 24th of April. The list of guests read like a who's who in ufology! Another first International UFO Congress will be held in Chicago June 24-26, 1977. Participants will include Kenneth Arnold, Betty Hill, James Harder, David Jacobs, Coral and James Lorensen, Dr. Hynok, Ray Palmer, Frank Salisbury, Leo Spinkle, Berthold Schwarz, Jacques Vallee, Dr. Gordon Mendon. If you want to go call me at 1-222-7326. There are a few members who think they may go. We may save on traveling expenses by going together. The 1977 MUFON Symposium will be held this July in Phoenix, Arizona. Dayton, Ohio has been selected for MUFON's 1978 UFO Symposium. Perhaps a group of us could go next year. Don't forget to send in newsclippings, book reports, UFO sightings etc. to 632 Oak Hill Ave. Attleboro, Mass. 02703.

Do you know what the Martian said to the farmer? He said, "TAKE ME TO YOUR WEEDER."

Dave Downs
President