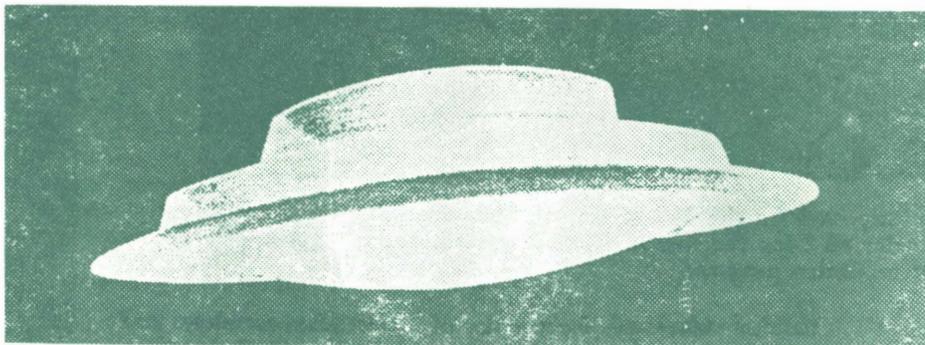


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-FROM THE EDITOR-

Now that 1965 is upon us it is, perhaps, the time to look ahead to what may be in store for UFOlogy. Will there be another flap? Will there be Congressional investigations? As usual we start off another year not knowing what may be in the stars for UFO research. But there is one thing we can count on; one thing that will another landmark in UFO history....Congress 1965!

Once again UFO MAGAZINE is proud to be one of the many publications and groups that sponsor the Congress of Scientific UFOlogists. For many years there has been a need for the serious investigators to have a gathering of their own, devoid of the crackpot elements, where they can discuss their mutual problems. The Congress fills this need.

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There are several publications that we recommend to you this issue, we think they are well worth your consideration. The UFO SIGHTER has been around now for over six years, and seems to improve with age. It is edited by Allen Greenfield, who is about the best UFOlogist we know of. This quarterly publication contains many unusual (to say the least) features on saucers and the unknown. Why not send a dollar to Al and get a year full of good reading. Their address is 2875 Sequoyah Drive N.W., Atlanta 5, Georgia. Another fine publication is CONTROVERSIAL PHENOMENA BULLETIN, published by Armand Laprade and Joe Ferriere. CPB is filled with offbeat articles on UFOs, monsters and the like. We consider it one of the better publications around today. Send two dollars to them at 48 Great Brook Valley Avenue, Worcester 5, Massachusetts.

Our prize this issue goes to Mr. Fletcher King of West Hollywood, Florida. Fletch has sent us many fine articles and clippings, and deserves our quarterly prize of a one year extension to UFO MAGAZINE. Why don't you also send us an article or some clippings, you may be the next winner.

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LETTERS--

Dear Mr. Hilberg:

I have recently read a copy of UFO MAGAZINE which a friend in Florida has sent me, and I find it very interesting. I was interested in the article by Allen Greenfield on UFOs and earthquakes, and whether they may be connected with other things. I am very interested in the connection between leys (ancient monument alignments) and orthoteny. The largest piece of evidence for this so far is the Great Isosceles Triangle of England, a huge triangle of leys discovered by Philip Heselton, a Sunbury UFOlogist, which ties in with the Calais-Southend orthoteny.

J. Goddard
Wynchlands, Shepperton, Middlesex.

**Copies of issue #5, containing Greenfield's article on saucers and natural disasters ("The Link") may be purchased from our office for 25¢ a copy. Editor--

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After the hovering UFOs here have apparently gone away, and as it was thought would probably not be seen at all any more, this observer was very surprised to see on the night of August 1st, two UFOs to the west of Miramar. One was almost directly southwest of Miramar, the other within an area known as Pembroke Pines West. These two UFOs of recent, are different than the craft previously seen here, the previous craft were always observed to have a red light at the top,

and a green light on the bottom. Though occasionally this was transposed, and the lighting reversed. The southwest object was approximately over the water tower at South Florida State Hospital (Pembroke Pines), the south object seemed to be over the end of Hallandale Blvd. The objects were seen until about 11:40 P.M.

Fletcher King
West Hollywood, Florida

ARTICLES NEEDED!

Once again this issue of UFO MAGAZINE is shorter than we had hoped because of a critical lack of material to print. We try to bring you only the best articles and features, so only one in five articles sent to us is published. Why not try your hand at writing? Starting next issue we will pay five dollars for the best article submitted to us. So dust off your old Underwood and get going!

***THE CONGRESS CONCEPT-
by Allen Greenfield

From the time I entered active organizational UFOlogy, I have had one burning dream; this being a serious convention of UFOlogists and serious UFO hobbyists, completely devoid of the crackpot elements. Finally, after much planning and organizing, the first Congress of Scientific UFOlogists was held last June in Cleveland, Ohio. For me, it was a dream become reality.

Before going into details on this historic event, it might be well to first deal with the question of the value of this kind of thing. Some have hailed the Congress and the concept of a congress as a great step forward. However I have also heard it called just so much "horn-tooting". Actually, previous to the Congress, almost all the people I proposed it to were, at best, sympathetically pessimistic. I did receive full support from Rick Hilberg and members of the Cleveland UFOlogy Project. But on the whole, my initial proposal was met with apathy and skepticism.

The first time I ever discussed the possibilities of a serious convention with a fellow UFOlogist was back in the summer of 1961. At this time I had a brief conversation with Ronald Brown, then president of a small UFO group, of the Congress idea. His comments were the first in a long chain of disclaiming answers, to the effect that a convention on a national level would simply not be feasible. From that point on until the spring of 1963, I said nothing further about my idea, though at no time abandoned it. In 1963 I wrote an open letter to some UFO researchers, in which I openly advocated a convention in concrete terms for the first time. It received little comment, but did succeed in getting the ball rolling, particularly in the all-important Cleveland area where the congress was ostensibly to be held in the following summer. This gave us over a full year to drum up support for the event, and by this time we already had considerable interest in Cleveland UFO circles, thanks to Rick Hilberg's untiring efforts.

Why Cleveland? For one thing, I consider this city to be the most active center of serious UFOlogy in the country! As Jim Moseley noted after the Congress, the enthusiasm for UFOlogy in Cleveland has no parallel in the East. Even the news media are remarkably fair in their coverage. With the possible exception of Southern California, Cleveland (and the rest of Ohio) is something special, despite the fact that many Cleveland researchers are quick to disclaim this for some unknown reason. At any rate, Cleveland was the local we picked, and as things turned out, it was a shrewd choice. The local cooperation was unimaginably good.

By August of 1963 the Congress was beginning to shape up. A nationwide conference call was held in the hope of getting more interest in the Congress outside of the Cleveland and Ohio area. Advertising was placed in major UFO periodicals. Circulars on the Congress were mailed to many people on UFO mailing lists. In the meantime Rick Hilberg, Al Manak, Earl Neff and others were doing a tremendous job of building up more and more interest in the Cleveland area.

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In February of 1964 I went to Chicago for the first full-fledged board meeting of the American UFO Committee, at the home of Dale W. Rettig. One of the major items on the agenda was, of course, the Congress. At the suggestion of Dave Halperin, Director of N.J.A.A.F., who called during the course of the meeting, we moved the Congress date deeper into June than originally planned, in the hope of drawing a bigger crowd from the East. This proved to be only partially successful. Just before Congress time, we mailed out formal invitations to a select group of UFOlogists.

One of the biggest obstacles in our way was the air of commercialism. We were doing our very best to avoid any commercial taint, but past conventions with the contactee elements in control had left a certain irremovable stench of commercial gain which we were unable to eradicate. A good many people probably did not come simply out of the fear of getting clipped; an unfortunate impression that the contactees can be held solely responsible for.

We were also afraid that some of the "fringe" might show up at the last minute, and turn this serious event into a circus, in the manner of the West Coast's endless variety of "spacecraft" conventions. At the same time, we did not want the Congress to be either dry or uninteresting. Obviously people were not going to travel thousands of miles just to hear an overblown lecture or two. It was our goal, then, to make the Congress both serious AND interesting. The lack of either ingredient would have meant failure.

When the Congress finally rolled around, we had no way of really knowing whether we had succeeded or failed. We had secured a fairly large hall, and were fearful that we would not have a full house. By the day of the main session, most of the leaders who were coming were already there. There were quite a few "big" names: Comella, Moseley, Popowitch, Fitch, Neff, etc. But on the whole we could not claim to have a big turn-out leadership-wise. Would this reflect the size of the over-all crowd? We could have to wait and see. In the meantime, several closed sessions "for leaders only" were held.

In the final days before the main session, Earl Neff, a Cleveland researcher of note, kept a steady stream of local press coverage going. Radio stations and major newspapers gave time to the Congress. (Regular progress reports on the Congress were broadcast on KABL, San Francisco, as the Congress was a national news event-Editor.)

I'm not going to make a suspense story out of this. Half an hour before the main session, every seat in the hall was filled, with many more standing or sitting in an adjoining lobby. Despite some problems of a minor nature with the air conditioning and microphones, everything ran smoothly. People in the back of the hall strained their ears to hear feature speakers Jim Moseley and Earl Neff; looked with interest at the displays and slides, photos and illustrations of various UFO groups and publications represented; and talked among themselves enthusiastically about UFOs.

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Concessions did a brisk business selling UFO magazines and photos, this being the only commercial venture of the whole affair. In short, this was a successful convention. Plans were immediately set into play for a bigger, even better Congress for 1965, again Cleveland....the new "capital" of the UFO world!

Inevitably, we must return to our original point, the concept of the Congress. I called this article simply "The Congress Concept". Perhaps it would have been more appropriate if I had called it "UFO Congresses: Historic Event or Horn-Blowing?". If you want my opinion, it's some of both, because to be a success it has got to be some of both! I think I would favor having a Congress, even if the concept meant nothing to me. But there are plenty of this kind of "congress" already, replete with faith-healing, peace rallies, little green men stories....the works. But there is no other serious convention of UFO investigators, and in my opinion UFOlogists must be brought together once in a while for exchange of ideas and information, for mutual understanding, for better press coverage, for increased public interest, and for just plain morale, something that is sorely lacking in most of UFOlogy today. The old "strength in numbers" adage holds as true to UFOlogy today as anything else. And to the cynic, all I can say is "why not?" Sure, the Congress is fun. It is a big get together of a lot of people with the same general beliefs, and a common dedication to a field much scorned by the great masses of people. Why shouldn't they make merry a little bit? If I have anything to say about it, the NEXT Congress will have a lot more of a festive atmosphere, at least at the public sessions. What is so terrible about that??? And to the "UFO fan" who would like the Congress to be just a lot of fun and games like the contactee conventions, may I remind him that there are lots of those already. Serious AND entertaining. That is out key. Hope I'll see you at the next Congress!

-Congress '65-

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-The Comella Touch-
by Allen Greenfield

This is the second item I have written on Tom Comella/Peter Kor (same guy, in case you are wondering) in recent weeks that could not be in any way construed as favorable to him or his views, so maybe I should make it clear at the outset that I'm not, so to speak, "spoiling for a fight." But I nevertheless do have a bone to pick.

It seems to me that Comella is about the closest thing UFOlogy has to an intellectual. With his high-sounding phrases and seemingly abstract ideas, he has apparently captured the imagination of some of UFOlogy's leading publishers, since they gave him ample space in their publications for him to rant and expound his saucer views under one or more of his various pen-names. That's fine with me, but for my OWN money, I just can't buy it.

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His basic theme, striped of all his multi-syllable words and cryptic comments ("...only a very, very few possess the SECRET...") is that if UFOs are real, it is in some non-physical way. Either he has, with all his talk, failed to put his views across to the reader, or, as seems more likely, his views are in reality so vague as to be without any real discussion value. Maybe what he says makes some sense in one way or another, but my only question is "what good is it?"

He seems to delight in thinking that many of his reader's are aroused by his 'stirring' articles; UFOlogy has gone to the dogs! Saucers are psychic phenomena!! Sorry to disappoint you Mr. Comella, but I think I speak for most of UFOlogy when I simply say, "Ho-humm".

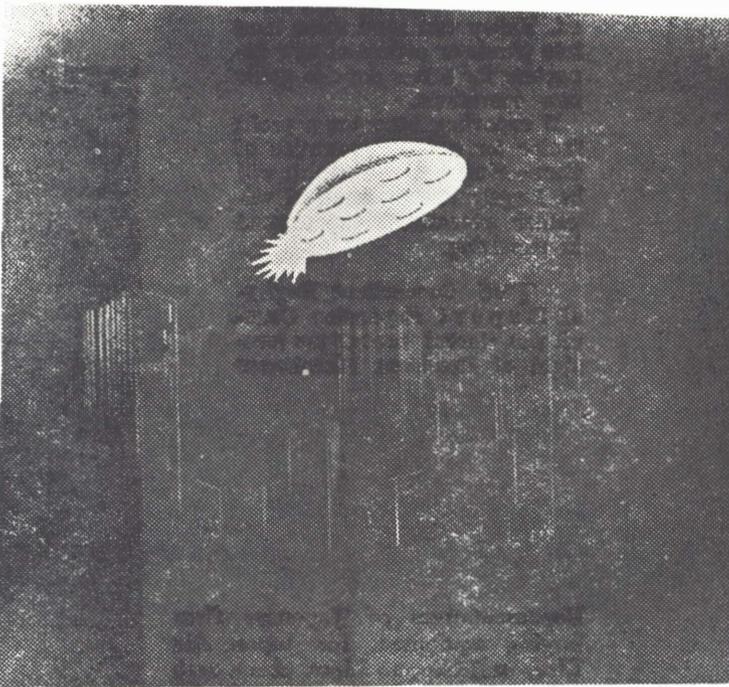
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More on Congress '65, "Those UFO Landings", "Radio: A New Tool for UFOlogy". Plus much, much more!

"SAUCER ALBUM"

a collection of saucers as seen by the press.



A half-moon shaped UFO was seen flying low over northeast Baltimore, Md., on the night of Nov. 10, 1961. Residents reported it had white lights on the bottom resembling portholes and had a green light like a flare on the back. The Pentagon was questioned and said it had no aircraft in the area that could account for it.

Silly Saucer

Buddy Hubbard, the 18-year-old from Hamilton who spotted a flying saucer, deserves a heap of sympathy.

To begin with, there are just too many people who are positive that flying saucers don't exist. Young Hubbard can say all he wants that it hovered over his car, disappeared and returned again, but the antisaucerers are an unbudgable lot.

Then there is the Air Force. It is 100 per cent against these figments of the imagination which some people have described in great detail. Still, it keeps a unit at Wright-Patterson to investigate them.

Then there are those who are willing to spend taxpayers' money to install listening devices to pick up strange sounds from space. There are others, too, who like to search the skies for unidentified flying objects. More than likely, they don't put much stock in saucers either.

So the Hamilton saucer goes its way. Funny how people will look for saucers, listen for them and investigate them, but when one comes along, they won't take it seriously. Who said seeing is believing?

Springfield, Ohio
News-Sun
Oct. 25, 1964

Bright Object in Sky Spotted in E. Linn

LEBANON—At least five Lebanon residents are today reported to have seen an unidentified flying object in the sky East of Lebanon between 6 p.m. and midnight Monday.

The first person to sight the object was reportedly Mrs. Kay Simons, who was driving towards Berlin on the Berlin Road at about 5:30 p.m. She stopped her car and told Jesse G. Badger, Rt. 3, Box X1K, Lebanon, (Berlin Road) of the object.

Badger reported to the police department, and they referred his notice to the Linn County Sheriff's office.

This morning Badger said, "It started in the northwest, but when we went to bed about 11:30 p.m., it was at least 30 degrees to the south of us.

"Sometimes it would shine right through the clouds," Badger said, "when no other stars would be visible."

Badger said he was told that the object was either the Planet Saturn or Venus, "but it sure didn't look like it to me."

Shortly after Mrs. Simons told Badger of the object, Badger told his next door neighbor, Mrs. Donald Taylor. Mrs. Taylor said the object appeared to be east of their home, somewhere near Green Peter Dam. She said it traveled very slowly, and bobbed up and down.

"It sure was huge," she said, "but it got smaller as it got higher. It was long, and at one time it looked like there was a circle of light over the top of it. I looked with binoculars and saw a sort of red and green light coming from it."

Mrs. Taylor and her family stopped watching the object about 9:30 p.m.

Also reported to have seen the object were a route man, collecting for a Portland newspaper, and another man, whose name was not available this morning,

who was in the downtown Lebanon area.

The sheriff's office reports that they received two calls reporting the object sited in the Berlin-Lacomb area. Two deputies were sent to check on the story, and reported that they could find nothing unusual.

They said that all that they saw was an exceptionally bright star. They said the heavy overcast of the evening made it hard to determine how far away the star was. They made their check at about 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 3 1964
Democrat-Herald
Albany, Oregon
(Cir. D. 13,230)

KANSAS
Arkansas City Daily Traveler
Oct. 21, 1964

Object Is Reported In Sky

An object in the sky appearing early this morning was being discussed today at the police department, although no official report was forthcoming.

It was said an officer was stopped by a motorist on E. Chestnut Ave. and the driver told of a red ball in the sky east of the city. The officer drove east about two miles. The red ball was said to have moved northerly and then returned before disappearing.

UFO ANSWERS SOS SIGNAL IN CALIFORNIA!

November 2, 1964 - Pescadero, California--

Four Pescadero residents saw and signaled a UFO November 2 over this small California town. But when it responded and moved toward them, they panicked and fled! This story was told to sheriff's deputies by a Rudolph Huizen, 30, a caretaker at the Butano Girl Scout Camp.

He said at about 8:15 p.m. he heard a dog barking. A friend, Duane Meyers, a local nurseryman, and he went outside to investigate. In the northeast they saw a very bright light about the size of a half-dollar moving erratically. "It was way up in the sky", said Huizen. "Just for kicks I flashed my flashlight. And that son-of-a-gun came down!" "There was no sound noted, just a bright light.

"It came down and settled over the trees about a half a mile away and moved back and forth. When I flashed my flashlight at it again it lit up the sky like a full moon. It was about as big as a football."

Huizen and Myers ran into the house, fetched their wives and the four watched the object for a while, and signaled once more. Then it moved towards them. They fled into the house. "If you were standing in my shoes, you would have run too", said Huizen.

"Then it took off", said Huizen. "No jet or any plane could go that fast." The couples said the object dimmed before it took off.

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