

SOMETHING STRANGE DOWN THERE

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It was a cold arctic day as Dr. Rubens J. Villela strolled the deck of the ice-breaker in Admiralty Bay. The ship was one of the many cooperating in Operation Deep Freeze for the U.S. Navy. He was looking out over the vast desert of snow covering the 37 foot thick ice when suddenly the ice cracked and huge chunks flew up. "UFO", he yelled, as a large silvery disk sped out of the sea into the skies.

He ran to the bridge to report what he had seen, but it appeared only two men had seen the object, and they had only seen it in the air. His drama was stopped cold as he was asked to keep silent.

This is but one of the many sightings of UFOs under the oceans. The idea of this relation between UFOs and the oceans depths seems to be very logical; for where else could they have a base on earth? The oceans are our wilderness and to lose a ship into its unexplored depths would be very easy and also, at times, very desirable. This, however, was not the best sighting. The best sightings (although the object was never "seen") took place in 1964 by five ships off Puerto Rico.

The aircraft carrier Wasp and a number of destroyers and submarines were carrying out maneuvers for anti-submarine warfare in the routine manner. They hoped to get these maneuvers over with and get back to port. In the sonar room of one of the destroyers a lieutenant suddenly looked nervously at the other men in the room as he called into the flagship.

"Electronics reports that one of the subs has taken off after an unidentified object, depth of the object - 450 fathoms, speed approximately 200 knots," the commander reported.

"200 knots!" the officer roared in disbelief. He contacted other vessels of the operation and they all confirmed the speed and depth of the unidentified object. He immediately was deluged with reports of this action from all participating vessels and the search planes.

The object was soon lost, but it had been tracked at speeds faster than anything the U.S. or Russia had in either surface or subsurface craft. These reports, 13 in all, were sent to C.O. M. L. A. N. T. Headquarters who analyzed the account. Upon opening the reports, the officer in charge declared the incident impossible and demanded confirmation of the validity of these documents, which he soon received.

The facts of these cases and others formed one of the most reliable accounts in history. Soon to follow this report was one by both Captain Jacques Nicholas and Dr. Demitri Rebikoff. On July 5th they reported: "Beneath the various schools of fish at approximately the same speed as the Gulf stream (3.5 knots) there loomed a pear-shaped object. At first, from its size, we thought it to be some form of shark. However, its direction and speed were too constant. It may have been running on robot pilot. We received no signal from it, and therefore do not know what it was." The hydrospace research team afterwards refused to comment further, and after government interviews, refused to see the press.

The mystery of the seas in the past has beckoned to the searching ambitions of man. It has always held those who beheld its mysteries with any concern in a spellbound trance. There is evidence of UFO activity under the sea which should be investigated.

RECENT UFO REPORTS

May seems to have been a relatively quiet month for UFOs; only two reports have been turned into us. We would like to ask our subscribers to please send any reports and clippings found to UFO MAGAZINE. With your cooperation we could keep our magazine well up on all national and local sightings of interest to our readers. The person who sends in the most reports and/or clippings each month will receive free material in return.

The first sighting was made in Cleveland proper by a tool and die worker who wishes his name to remain confidential. He witnessed a half-moon shaped object which he said seemed almost transparent, as though it were made of some type of translucent polymer. The object moved from the south-west to the north and after about two minutes it disappeared at approximately 8:00 P.M., May 13. His one extraordinary comment on the sighting was that during the two minutes he saw the object, it changed colors from white to a deep purple in a spectrum manner.

The second sighting took place in Parma, Ohio on Thursday May, 18 at about 4 A.M. This object was seen by two witnesses who were driving home from their private business. The two men (both college graduates) had been well trained in the service (USAF) for aerial identification, but these seven objects were not known objects. Five objects not in formation came from the southeastern section of the sky until they were about directly overhead (they were only pinpoints of light) where they stopped, only to be joined by two other objects from the west. The seven objects then proceeded to the north-east where the formation disappeared from sight. The reliability of the witnesses could be questioned because they did not care to disclose their names to us regarding their incident.

As in the two sightings above, the witnesses would report their story to us but were not willing to fill out a report form. Reports do us little good if report forms are not filled out so as to give us a complete picture of what went on. If you ever see a UFO, write out your report in full and send it to us. If you wish, we will not publicize it, or we will not use your name if you so request. We need reports to carry on our investigations, and we need your help. We do not ask you for payless work as many do, we only ask you for a small amount of help and cooperation.

EDITORIAL

IN ORDER TO PROMOTE SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION OF UFO REPORTS IN THE OHIO-MIDWESTERN AREA WE ARE SPONSORING A CONCLAVE OF SERIOUS GROUPS AND INVESTIGATORS IN CLEVELAND THIS JULY. WE FEEL THAT TOO LITTLE AN AMOUNT OF WORK HAS BEEN DONE ON CIVILIAN UFO INVESTIGATION. WE HOPE THIS GATHERING WILL START A PROGRAM BENEFICIAL TOWARD THE EVENTUAL SOLUTION OF THE UFO ENIGMA.

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED TO YOU IN TIME TO MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THIS GATHERING. WE INVITE ALL SERIOUS INVESTIGATORS AND SAUCER GROUPS TO WRITE US NOW FOR DETAILS. FORMAL INVITATIONS AND INFORMATION REGARDING PLACE, ACCOMMODATIONS AND OTHER ASPECTS WILL BE MAILED TO A SELECT LIST AND WILL ALSO BE PUBLISHED IN OUR JUNE ISSUE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANY OF OUR READERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT EVENT.

HERE IS AN INCOMPLETE OUTLINE OF EVENTS:

(EVENING) JULY 21 -INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AND GENERAL SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER FOR THOSE INVESTIGATORS ATTENDING.

JULY 22-MORNING AND AFTERNOON-FORMAL CONFERENCES FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC LECTURE, 25¢ TO BE CHARGED AT THE DOOR.

It has been a few months since I assaulted you, our readers, with a piece of writing. However, I am going to try to make up for the time lost with what might well be called "A Look Inside!" I am "in" the field of Ufology, but I am not on the "inside" of that field. Whether the average UFO enthusiast realizes it or not, there is a kind of "top brass" of Ufologists. These are the elite, the "professional" or "semi-professional" investigators and/or publishers. They know about each other and, supposedly, everything else that goes on in the field. The tightest circle hits Cleveland, New York, Atlanta, and all the states in between.

My source of information is mainly my fiancée, Rick Hilberg. He is one of the "in crowd" and, therefore, knows quite a bit about the internal workings of this crowd. I am going to be as objective as possible and I am not exempting Rick (or myself) from criticism. This makes the whole picture clearer to you and and closer to the truth; and I have not seen a similar examination of this subject that truly tried to be objective. So, after so much space wasted on explanations, let's get on with it.

As all of you are aware, the aim of every serious Ufologist is to further research into the solution of the UFO enigma and to keep the public accurately informed and aware of such activities.

"Yes...Is that so?...Maybe." Do you know what scientific Ufology looks like from here? It's a mass of greedy, avaricious, egotistic propagandists who don't give a plug nickel about keeping the public accurately informed. There are a few - a precious few - who do have the interests of Ufology at heart and act accordingly.

Have you noticed that most saucerzines are mainly concerned with either answering or initiating attacks on other Ufologists or pushing some activity in which the publisher has a definite interest? Not all of this is bad nor is UFO MAGAZINE an exception, but may I remind people that the purpose of saucerzines is to give the interested public the truth and all available information?

"Yes...Is that so?...Maybe." What about the zines that are strictly out for the money? I know for a fact that one of the biggest is just starting to turn a sizeable profit and the publisher is planning everything to make a bigger sum. How about the zines that are not worth the pulp they are printed on? You know which kind I mean. Then there's the writers who like to "jazz up" a sighting so that it "sounds better." How much truth is there in that? It seems zines are almost more trouble than they're worth.

Now let's look at groups. The biggest, naturally, is NICAP from the capitol. Some say this is the only group recognized by the government and such organizations as NASA. Well, so what? At least that's a start. It is. But, what kind of start is it when a prominent representative of one of its largest chapters believes the UFOs are "soul entities?" What about a widely-known NICAP man who does a lot of investigating (he's full time) but has lately taken to such things as trying to call down the saucers in the rain with searchlights and a guy who produces weird aerial lights? NICAP, like everyone else, makes mistakes and sometimes compounds them, but the seeming stagnation of late is the biggest. So much for poor NICAP. Let's consider groups. For example, take one city with one big group run by a strong personality. So, that personality gets a little too involved in itself (common with this situation which is also extremely common) and a few (or more) of the members drop out of the club and try to form another which fails. So, some of the dissenters decide they can make it on their own but don't care for the current relations. These people go to the old personality club and offer to affiliate for mutual benefit and make (continued on page four)

decidedly friendly gestures. Then the personality and its club laugh them out-behind their backs producing a three-way split. The originals, the non-friendly dissenters and the friendly dissenters. As I mentioned this is not an uncommon chain of events. Multiply factions by cities and then add such other groups as contactees. What do you have? Quite a useless and totally unnecessary mess.

About the only thing that can be done is for the average Ufologist to get with it. The "Congress Concept" originally, I understand, was an attempt at self-cleansing but this is far from what has come from it. So, the population of the field must become discriminating and be able to spot rats and lies. The only way to get the bad berries out of the pie is to make it unprofitable for them to stay in. It's up to you -you are the one who is getting your pocketbook pinched and the woll pulled over your eyes. What are you going to do about it? Nothing? "Yes...Is that so?...Maybe." This is the most important scientific field known. Let's get it through-don't let it be set back by years. Apathy is no answer.

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