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AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL LEADER CONDUCTS UFO SYMPOSIUM

A UFO symposium is being held in Adelaide, South Australia, conducted by the South Australian Opposition Leader, Steele Hall, who described it as "a serious study," according to the November 3, 1971, edition of *Australian News; Weekly Round-Up*, published by the Australian News and Information Bureau in New York City. Organizing the study is the South Australian division of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science (ANZAAS).

Hall, opening the symposium at the University of Adelaide, said it "would start other serious studies and discussion." Most of the 300 people attending are scientists, he added, and others from the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society.

Dr. R.J. Best, ANZAAS Chairman in South Australia, stated that the association "had looked very carefully at the subject before deciding to organize the symposium." Scientists, he added, "needed courage to get up and discuss" UFOs.

BRITISH TV CREW AND YUGOSLAVIAN PHOTOGRAPH UFOs

An English TV crew that filmed the flight of a UFO; a Yugoslavian who photographed an object; and UFOs that appeared to be drawing power from an electric power station, cause electro-magnetic (E-M) effects, and emit light beams and sounds are characteristics of reports from three states and two foreign countries since August.

At 11:54 a.m., an ATV (Associated Television) camera crew were filming a feature when they saw a "bright orange ball of light over Enstone, Oxfordshire," England, on October 26.

"It moved forward rapidly in an erratic manner and appeared to be wobbling or spinning," stated English investigator Julian J.A. Hennessey in a report to UFOR. "It stopped, remained stationary for 15-20 seconds before moving off at a high rate of speed leaving a dark contrail."

The UFO's flight was captured on color film as a brilliant yellow light source, which, according to a London Express Service dispatch, was seen by millions of TV viewers that evening.

Noel Smart was reportedly the cameraman who took the 60 seconds of film showing the object's "disjointed movements."

"It went so quickly that it was difficult to follow it," Smart remarked. "Frankly, it left us all baffled, but I don't think it could have been an airplane."

There were a number of F-111 aircraft seen in the area prior to the sighting. Hennessey believes the "report appears to be of a genuine UFO," but "the possibility that it was an F-111 on afterburners is not yet ruled out."

Hennessey and others plan a thorough investigation, the results of which UFOR will publish.

Yugoslavia "Invaded" by Strange Objects

Another UFO was reportedly photographed at Medulin, Yugoslavia, on the Adriatic coast, by a technical school teacher on the evening of September 29, according to the October 11, 1971, edition of the *San Jose (California) Mercury News*. The picture, reproduced in *Vesernje Novosti*, the country's largest newspaper, showed a white, round object "with a 'tail' shaped like a comma." It emitted a "light stronger than the moon."

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"BUILDING BLOCKS" OF LIFE FOUND IN SPACE

The presence of a chemical forerunner of chlorophyll and carbon monoxide in deep space add further evidence of the "building blocks" of extraterrestrial life. *The Washington Post* reported the finds in its October 26 and 27, 1971, editions.

Dr. Fred M. Johnson, of California State College, stated that the chemical magnesium tetrabenzoporphine is "remarkably similar" to chlorophyll.

"When you synthesize this molecule in the laboratory," he remarked, "you get the same green color that you see in chlorophyll."

The California scientist said he has been working for 18 years to label the nitrogen-bearing hydrocarbons in the hydrogen clouds in interstellar space. He said he "succeeded after analyzing the spectral lines" surrounding a star in the Orion constellation. Dr. Johnson added he believes the find "one of the first clues of the building blocks of life in the universe."

Interstellar Carbon Monoxide Also Discovered

"Carbon monoxide makes up at least 90 percent of the mass of the chemical molecules that we have found in interstellar space," stated Dr. Arno Penzias, of New Jersey's Bell Telephone Laboratories, at the fall meeting of the National Academy of Science on October 26. "Outside of hydrogen and water vapor, if we find it, carbon monoxide may be the most abundant molecule in space."

The toxic gas was first discovered in the Orion constellation.

"It enveloped everything in the region," said Dr. Penzias, "including the entire Orion nebula."

Carbon monoxide clouds are also located in the Sagittarius constellation and surround an infrared star not far from Sagittarius, the New Jersey scientist added. He said the gas was so thick at the galactic center that "it was opaque."

Photographs Top Sightings (Continued from page 1)

There was another report that Astronomical Society of Sarajevo members sighted two unidentified objects during the day through a telescope. Both were white -- one triangular-shaped, the other an "irregular" shape. The Sarajevo flight control tower also picked up a conversation between two airline pilots discussing a sighting.

Ten days into the following month a UFO was seen near Malcolm, Nebraska.

Richard Johnson was working at a drive-in theater early on the morning of October 11, 1971, edition of the *Lincoln Journal*. The youths said "a bright light flashed on them." Frightened, they drove away, but the cigar-shaped object, with "blinding lights and windows," followed.

Johnson said he saw a white light "brighter than a star" that changed color to red, then back to white. Other witnesses -- Barb Lococo and her sister -- saw an orange object "about twice the size of a star" in the southwest.

(Editor's note: the objects seen by Johnson and the Lococo sisters may well have been planetary illusions, but the object observed by the youths remains unidentified).

UFOs Seem to Draw Power From Plant

Less than five days earlier, at 8:45 p.m., October 5, Mr. and Mrs. Ardith Wiser and their children, Peggy and Terry, saw three UFOs with red, white and blue lights

near Edgerton, Wisconsin, said the October 7, 1971, edition of the *Janesville, Wisconsin, Gazette*.

The objects, first seen to the northwest, were then observed over the Sheeps-head Power Plant where they seemed to be eliciting power from the plant, causing the plant lights and the lights in and around the Wiser home to dim. The family also heard a humming noise from the plant "like it was going to blow up."

Then the UFOs traveled to the adjoining transmission lines where, once again, they appeared to draw power before heading toward Edgerton, stated the *Beloit, Wisconsin, News*.

On August 20, "a reputable local businessman" reported seeing four to six objects approximately 20 degrees above the northwest horizon, according to the September 26, 1971, edition of the *Lansing, Michigan, Journal*. The UFOs had "thick centers that tapered out toward the edges" and "appeared to be as big or bigger than a dime held at arm's length." They changed directions rapidly, then disappeared.

SIGHTING CAPSULES

The following sighting reports have also come to UFOR's attention:

- October 14, 1971. Evening. Hanover, Massachusetts, area. Numerous witnesses reported a large, bright object with a blue glow that "seemed to have yellow-red flames shooting out the front." Others described it as yellow-orange with "pieces breaking off and burning up," stated the October 21, 1971, edition of the *Quincy, Massachusetts, Patriot Ledger*. (Probable explanation: meteorite).

- October 6, 1971. 6:45 p.m. Near Champaign, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. David R. James; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Molnar and their two children. Observers said they saw a disc-shaped, orange-red UFO "with a flare out like a jet burn" that appeared to pace their automobile. The witnesses sighted two other lights and all three were ascending, according to the November, 1971, edition of *Skylook* (Box 129, Stover, Missouri 65078).

- October 5, 1971. About 9 p.m. Jacksonville, Illinois. Residents saw objects with red, green and white flashing lights. (Editor's note: though the local airport authorities stated that no aircraft were scheduled to be in the area during the time of the sighting, the observation is still reminiscent of aircraft, or, possibly, a bright planet). The October 6, 1971, edition of the *Jacksonville Journal* reported the sighting.

- September 28, 1971. Approximately 8:30 p.m. Springfield, Illinois. Numerous witnesses, including police officers, reported seeing red, white, yellow and blue-green UFOs, stated the October 5, 1971, edition of the *Springfield Register*. One policeman said a "pulsating red light" stopped and changed direction to the northwest. (Possible explanation: aircraft and planetary illusions).

- September 26, 1971. San Antonio, Texas. A large, silvery object was seen over the city, the September 27, 1971, edition of the *San Antonio Light* stated. (Possible explanation: weather balloon).

- September 24, 1971. About 1:30 a.m. Grand Rapids, Michigan. Officer Kenneth Jacobs and others. Jacobs said he saw a bright amber object "falling westward at a very slow rate," according to the September 24, 1971, edition of the *Grand Rapids Press*. (Possible explanation: the planet Mars).

- August 13, 1971. Approximately 9:20 p.m. Mobile, Alabama. Jim Johnston said he was returning home when he saw a small white object "only about 25-30 feet above the road." He said it was about 30 feet wide and 15 feet long and appeared to be a grayish color, said the *Mobile Press*, August 15, 1971.

EARLY STRANGE UFO IN THE PHILIPPINES

"To this incredible and frightening story, I have one living witness and two others who have crossed the great beyond, one... the father of one of our women ambassadors to Asia," begins the equally incredible account of a UFO sighting in the

Philippines on an unspecified date in 1923, according to the November 1, 1967, edition of the *Manila Daily Bulletin*.

At 1 a.m., two fishermen were preparing for the next day's catch on one of the Cuyo Islands, Palawan, when they observed a huge fire over uninhabited Bararing Island two miles away.

"Then two other fires sprang at the lower extremities of the island and later moved towards the fire at the top," the main, unnamed witness related. "As the three fires met, a great spark was produced, followed by a total blackout."

The puzzled workers resumed their task, but almost immediately saw another "big fire atop the island."

"It then began to move downward and into the sea until it reached the shores of Bisucay, another island about a mile away," the witness continued.

After following the island's coastline, the UFO crossed the channel and headed toward the witnesses.

Object Followed Observers

"It was then that I began to be afraid," the fisherman recounted. "My hair stood on end. My companion beckoned me to go home, but since the work was not yet finished, I insisted on staying on one condition: that we move toward the seashore instead of being caught in the sea."

The UFO followed "closely" as the two men left their boat and "beat a retreat." Then the main witness shone his five-battery flashlight on it and it "stopped to a dead halt."

"The object was about the size of a pot that could hold two gantas of rice and the fire that enveloped [it] was a dull orange," he stated, "just like the light coming from an ordinary 10-watt bulb. Inside this ball of fire was a second fire, greenish in color, and still inside was a third layer from which I could discern a big, round object with many holes."

Sitting on leaves, the witnesses had a strange feeling that "the fire was after our scalp."

"My companion ran away," the observer continued. "A man, no matter how brave, is afraid of things that are not explainable. I was that much [more] afraid... when the object moved forward and stopped about 20 meters from me."

The witness, who indicated he was almost petrified with fright, once again shone the flashlight on the object.

Skull Spouted Fire

"What I saw before as a round object was now clearly... a skull in all its ugliness and awesomeness," he said. "From the sockets of the eyes, the nose, the mouth, and the ears spouted fires... As I remember this ugly picture in my later years, I still tremble with fear and horror."

After moving up and down erratically, the object "made one long leap" toward the witness with a "strong and strange sound" like a chicken furiously and loudly flapping its wings. Then the fire began to grow and expand until it was about 20 meters high and five meters in diameter.

The witness ran toward the municipal building, picked up his thoroughly frightened companion, and alerted the guard, who refused to leave the building unattended.

"The next morning," the witness concluded his strange account, "I visited the place where this fire burned and to my utter surprise I found out that the green leaves from where the fire stood was all dried up and burned!"

FAWCETT REVEALS RASH OF OCCUPANT REPORTS FOR 1970-71

Worldwide reports of occupants seen in or around UFOs in 1970-71 have recently been compiled and released by George D. Fawcett (1908 Moore Ave., Greenville,

Tennessee 37743). During 1970, sightings occurred mostly in foreign countries -- Canada, Finland, Brazil and Malaysia. They included physiological effects to witnesses; occupants that directed "beams of light" at observers; an object that landed on the Atlantic Ocean; and UFOs that emitted sounds.

- January 1, 1970. 5 a.m. Cowichan, Canada. Mrs. Doreen Kendall and other nurses saw a hovering, bright, round UFO near the Cowichan District Hospital. It was approximately 50 feet in diameter. The witnesses saw two humanoids in "tight-fitting uniforms standing before an instrument panel inside a brightly-lit dome..." (Source: Victoria, British Columbia, *Times*, January 5, 1970).

- January 7, 1970. 4:45 p.m. Imjarvi, Finland. Aarno Heinoven and Esko Viljo. Witnesses saw a buzzing, hovering object close to the ground. A three-foot tall occupant in green coveralls emerged, then reentered the UFO, which "took off straight up." Both Heinoven and Viljo suffered physiological effects -- vomiting, circulation disorders, head- and eye-aches, swollen skin, etc. (Source: *Flying Saucer Review*, September-October, 1970).

- June 21, 1970. 11:40 a.m. Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. Mr. and Mrs. Aristeo Machado and Mr. Aguiar, a Brazilian government official. Observers saw a disc the size of an automobile land on the Atlantic Ocean. Inside a transparent dome were two small "beings" in overalls and helmets. (Source: *Fate*, September, 1971).

- August 10, 1970. Early evening. Hotevilla, New Mexico. Titus Lamson said he saw a "rainbow-colored," round object with a dome and an aerial on top head west over the small town. The UFO became brighter and Lamson saw "a man inside wearing a gray uniform." The object then descended close to the ground and disappeared over a ridge. (Source: the Albuquerque *Journal*, October 10, 1970).

- August 21, 1970. Evening. Witley Surrey, Malaysia. Mohamed Zulkifli, Abdul Rahim, David Tan, Sulaiman, S. Vickneswaran, and Mohamed Ali. Boys saw a UFO land near their school yard. Five small occupants directed "beams of light" that burned one of the witness' legs. Then the occupants reentered the saucer, which took off and disappeared. (Source: Hong Kong *Straits Times*, August 21-22, 1970).

- September 25, 1970. 8:20 p.m. Banff, Alberta, Canada. Don McTrow said he saw a green UFO with a dome and four windows, through which two humanoids appeared. The object emitted a "high-pitched sound." (Source: W.K. Allan, Calgary, Alberta, Canada).

The 1971 Encounters

The 1971 characteristics include occupants and UFOs that emitted beams of light toward witnesses; physiological effects to observers; frightened witnesses; and objects that responded to signals and emitted sounds.

- February 26, 1971. 10:30-11:30 p.m. Brooksville, Florida. Robert Milcher and a friend saw a UFO approximately 50 feet in diameter. One of the youngsters signalled with a flashlight and the object identically responded. Six to 10 occupants, surrounding a control panel, were seen through a lighted dome. They wore green coveralls "and waved at the eyewitnesses." The boys said they felt numbness and a stinging sensation in their wrists and arms. The object displayed red lights and a "searchlight-like" beam. As it disappeared, it emitted a sound "like a swarm of bees." One of the witnesses became "hysterical." (Source: correspondence with William H. LeFevre, Florida UFO Study Group, dated June 6, 1971).

- February, 1971. Swedish Laplands. About 40 reports of UFOs with four-foot high occupants came from Laplanders near the Arctic Circle. At times, according to reports, the occupants aimed "a strange, strong beam of light" at witnesses approaching the UFOs. (Sources: Eero Makinen, "Flying Saucers Invade Finland," *Argosy*, October, 1971, and *The Miami Herald*, February 17, 1971).

- April 6, 1971. After 10 p.m. Greenhill, Australia. A male witness reported a "small, saucer-shaped faced man" looking through his window. The witness was then "suddenly sucked out through the window by an unknown force and injured." He then

saw a bright red UFO emitting a smoke trail leave the area. (Source: International UFO Clipping Service, May, 1971).

• April 18, 1971. Dusk. Near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A couple saw an object with circular "windows" emitting reddish light and a concave top hovering below tree-top level. The object approached the witness' car, then stopped and hovered nearby. The woman said she saw two humanoids inside the UFO, but, before she could draw her friend's attention to them, the object disappeared behind a hill. (Source: *UFO Investigator*, May, 1971).

Occupants are seen in nearly one-third of all landing reports, Fawcett stated in his October press release. Other patterns include: in only a small percentage of the occupant sightings reported in the release were the UFOs actually touching the ground; the occupants were seen through "windows" or domes in the great majority of cases; the UFOs themselves averaged 30-50 feet in diameter; in most cases, the occupants were dressed in coveralls; most of the reports occurred at night; and the occupants averaged "around three to four feet tall."

MORE FACTS ON LONG BRANCH POLICE SIGHTING

More facts concerning the sighting by four police officers of the Long Branch, New Jersey, force and others at about 1 a.m., July 22, 1971 (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. I, No. 6, p. 3) have been uncovered in the October 31, 1971, edition of *The National Enquirer*.

Officers Dick Raupp and Ben Valentin were patrolling when they spotted some youngsters on the beach. The teen-agers said they were watching a UFO. The officers looked up.

"We... got the surprise of our lives," Raupp remarked. "There it was... It had flashing gold lights going on and off, on and off. I had to look twice because I never believed in this sort of thing."

Raupp added that the stationary object repeatedly changed shapes.

"First, it was cigar-shaped, then oval, then it became diamond-shaped," he said. "I'd never seen anything like it."

The policemen called their headquarters and "some of the officers came down to the beach and they became believers too."

"McGuire Air Force Base sent a jet to investigate and the Coast Guard sent a cutter to the area," Officer Raupp revealed. "But they didn't find anything, because by the time they got to the scene the UFO had shot upward and disappeared."

Sgt. Vincent Masieio and Patrolman William Hayes said the object "shot upward and vanished" at approximately 3 a.m. and they were "a little afraid" of its flashing lights.

"Man, it was really something, that crazy-looking, flashing thing in the sky," Raupp concluded. "I'm a firm believer in UFOs now."

Officer Valentin was likewise impressed.

"It was amazing," he said. "I didn't stop talking and thinking about it for weeks afterward. The lights, the changing shape -- it seemed to be something out of a science-fiction movie. I was a non-believer in UFOs, too. Not any more."

UFOs -- AN INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC PROBLEM

By Dr. James E. McDonald

[Part 5 of a series. Before his death earlier this year, Dr. McDonald was senior physicist, The Institute of Atmospheric Physics, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. Following are excerpts from a prepared statement of a talk given March 18, 1968, to the Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute (CASI) Astronautics Symposium, Montreal, Canada.]

At the outset, let me try to summarize concisely the main points of my position:

1) From my studies of the UFO problem, I conclude that... it appears to be a matter of extraordinarily great scientific interest.

2) Over 20 years of evidence... suggests that *machine-like objects*, products of some technology rather than atmospheric optical or electrical anomalies, have been repeatedly seen -- often by observers of very high credibility. I favor an extraterrestrial [ET] hypothesis for UFOs.

3) A search for patterns in these observations discloses one major feature -- the seemingly global scale on which the observations are coming in. Hence we appear to be confronting here an *international* scientific problem.

4) There has never been a scientific investigation of the UFOs that can be termed thorough-going...

5) I do not see convincing evidence of any U.S. cover-up conspiracy operating to conceal the true nature of the UFO problem; rather I see substantial and dismaying evidence pointing to failure to do more than superficial investigation, employing only very limited scientific talent, and exhibiting... strong negative bias toward "explaining away" the UFO problem on the part of the U.S. Air Force [AF]...

6) The present Condon Committee at the University of Colorado, sponsored by the AF, is charged with trying to clarify the nature of the UFOs. I must state that I have become quite disappointed with the lack of scientific vigor with which that group has prosecuted its study, and I am disturbed by the frequency with which its Director has publicly indicated that he had already taken a position (negative in tone) long before the working staff had assembled adequate data to justify taking any position. I must also express my inability to understand the Director's evident preoccupation with the cultist and crackpot type of UFO accounts which, in my experience, are quite easily filtered out and ignored. I have elaborated these criticisms in communications to Dr. Condon quite recently.

7) I would urge that scientific groups in countries other than the United States immediately undertake careful reviews of UFO reports from their own areas and systematic appraisals of a spectrum of conceivable hypotheses to account for the UFO phenomena. It seems quite possible that a group outside the United States, entirely free of the obstacles one encounters within the U.S. as a result of 20 years' officially negative attitude towards the UFO problem, might rapidly make very real progress towards clarifying the scientific issues at stake, given adequate scientific personnel and support...

Similarities Seen in Reports

One of the conclusions one must draw from studying UFO reports from all parts of the world is that there is an essential similarity in the types of unexplained phenomena reported from all parts of the globe. Discs and cigar-shaped objects dominate; night-time observations are most common; and highly unconventional performance characteristics are described by observers in widely varying geographical areas, and by observers of quite diverse cultural backgrounds (primitive groups as well as more advanced groups)...

One of the baffling features of UFO reports (easily scoffed out of court by the skeptic) is the remarkable variety of shapes, sizes, and maneuvers reported. No mere sampl[ing] can give any feeling for that puzzling range of UFO phenomenology. Nor can a mere [sampling] out of the thousands that now are on record in official or unofficial files convince a properly skeptical scientist that we are dealing here with ET surveillance... One must carefully examine not tens but hundreds of such reports before the weight of evidence is seen in some perspective. The difficulty has been that very few scientists have carried out such examination to date, and hence the low *a priori* probability of ET surveillance leads most scientists to discount such a possibility...

ET Hypothesis "Logically Sound"

I feel that all of the obviously competing alternative hypotheses [to ET surveillance] seem inadequate; by a process of *elimination* I come to the extraterrestrial hypothesis, as have others.

Although argument by elimination is logically sound, it is not the type of argumentation that scientists like to see used in a difficult problem. They much prefer positive arguments. The reason for this preference is simple enough: Success of argument by elimination demands that you have in your initial set of considered hypotheses all possible hypotheses, and one may not be so clever or so unbiased as to start from that point. With respect to UFOs, to put it in simple terms, one would prefer "solid evidence" -- in the form of a tail fin, a jettisoned motor, a crashed UFO, a lot of good photos, etc. Such positive evidence does not seem to exist, despite stories to the contrary. That there seem to be no crashed UFOs can be whimsically explained away by asserting that "they" seem to have attained Zero Defects. Droll, but scarcely overwhelming argumentation (even if it might prove essentially correct).

Hoaxes, illusions, hallucinations, frauds and fabrications must continually be considered, with frauds and fabrications by far the most troublesome from the viewpoint of report-evaluation. Suggestions that UFOs are advanced vehicles of a secret terrestrial technology seem absurd when one scrutinizes UFO reports and then examines the nature and state of advancement of global technologies. I omit further comment here because I feel sure that CASI members need no long arguments on that hypothesis...

Summary and Conclusion

Returning now to more positive considerations, let me stress that my own studies of the UFO problem have forced me to the conclusion that it is an *international scientific problem of potentially enormous importance*.

In my view, the hypothesis of an *ET origin* of UFOs appears (via argument by elimination of many alternative hypotheses) to be the most satisfactory hypothesis to account for the impressive body of observational evidence that has been accumulated over the past two decades of UFO sightings. Space has not permitted my confronting here the many obvious challenges that such a position properly evokes; I have confronted some of those elsewhere in cited references. Others are simply unanswerable in terms of presently available information. That's scarcely a new situation in the history of science.

If there is admitted to be even a very slim possibility that UFOs are ET surveillance devices of some type... then it should be obvious that a very energetic scientific investigation of that possibility ought to be launched. Instead, to date, world scientific opinion still leans predominantly in the direction that UFOs constitute a "nonsense problem," a bothersome host of reports of misidentified natural phenomena. However, one finds that the spokesmen who most strongly emphasize that view are (with almost no exceptions) quite uninformed as to the real nature of the UFO evidence. Ridicule and official mishandling of the problem have kept the true nature of the UFO evidence well out of sight...

UFOs are, in my opinion, the greatest international scientific problem of our times.

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