

# SOFT — WE ARE OBSERVED BY THE SPACEMEN

**NAIROBI.** — Visitors from outer space are probably observing and mapping the earth, says the vice-president of the Kenya Astronomical Association, Mr. G. Duncan Fletcher.

They have been giving their recent attention to East Africa, he says.

**MR. Fletcher** put forward this startling and eerie suggestion after a deluge of reports from scores of observers throughout East Africa, who claim to have seen "flying saucers."

These reports have flooded newspaper offices in the three East African territories of Uganda, Kenya, and Tanganyika.

More than one police patrol car, sent to investigate, reported following the course of 'mysterious bright objects' in the sky.

Mr. Fletcher says he thinks there is no question about the genuineness of reports on "flying saucers" which have been given by experienced observers in all parts of the world.

"Not all the American and British people who have seen these unidentified flying objects have been suffering from hallucinations," he declares.

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The most encouraging thing about reports of unidentified flying objects, Mr. Fletcher says, is that they seem to be friendly towards the people of this planet.

"From all the information which is available they are steadily mapping every part of our earth," he concludes.

He says there are countless reasons why there should be many more planets or bodies in the universe capable of supporting life.

## Strange life

"Probably this life would differ enormously from life as known on earth," he says. "It is possible that whereas we need oxygen and other

elements to support life on

elements to support life on this planet, entirely different elements may be supporting life on others.

"The forms of life could be completely different from any that we can imagine."

Whether the beings now visiting the earth from outer space are short or tall, have blood in their veins, or whether they have veins at all, will have to await their contact with human beings here, he says.

He thinks that outer-space men will one day decide to land their machines and attempt to communicate with earthmen.

It may be sheer coincidence, Mr. Fletcher says, but he points out that these other

beings seem to have been interested in activities on earth since the time of the first atomic explosion about seven years ago.

## **No risks**

"Their approach to us is, I suggest, similar to what our own approach would be if the boot were on the other foot," he says.

"The obvious thing is that we should map, photograph if possible, and carry out a thorough investigation before we wantonly risked life by hasty landings."

Mr. Fletcher does not pretend to know how the objects operate, what they contain or where they come from.